



From the Rafters

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Our Mission

We are a people rooted in worship, branching out into the world.

Dear Church of the Resurrection Family,

Advent is one of my very favorite seasons of the church year. Although it may seem hectic, it is a time to breathe, to let God in, and to be thankful for all our blessings. I pray that you will enjoy this Advent season with traditions, intentions of spending time with God, and participate in all the activities of our church:



December 1st – Youth group begins a special Advent Sunday School lesson and will have an Advent Party that evening.

December 8th – Annual Meeting. In this issue of the Rafters, you will find more information about our vestry nominees. Please check your email for the proposed budget and by-law changes. We will also celebrate members of our parish who have served this year!

December 15th – Poinsettia delivery to homebound parishioners. Please let us know if you can help deliver.

December 22nd – Lessons and Carols at both services. After the 10:30 service we will green the church, and a light lunch will be provided.

Christmas Eve service will be at 5:30 and the Christmas Day service at 10:30.

There are many other events during the weeks, all included in this issue!

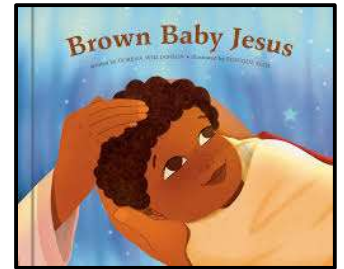
May we find hope, peace, joy and love this Advent season.

Love, Mary Balfour+

Becoming Beloved Community

Book of the Month:

Many of us grew up hearing Luke's narrative of Jesus' birth and, as naïve children, imagined a baby Jesus with white skin. As we learned from James Romaine's presentations on religious art of the Renaissance, most early works of art depicted Jesus with light skin, drawing on an ethnocentric perspective and false assumptions about race and human worth. Though we've gained greater understanding about the likely circumstances of Jesus' birth, there is still much we don't know and likely never will know. But it's essential that we incorporate our new learning into the old stories, recognizing that Jesus did not look very much like us (white people) at all. This beautiful retelling of the nativity story by Dorena Williamson seeks to do just that. *Brown Baby Jesus* weaves the birth narrative into the larger picture of Jesus' ancestry, connecting him to many nations and peoples, past, present and future. We see Jesus as the great deliverer of all people and celebrate the promise of his message, "By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace." Luke 1:78-79.



Brown Baby Jesus is available for borrowing, along with many other titles, from our Becoming Beloved Community Library in the Gathering Space!

Counting YOUR Blessings!



It is easy for most of us to identify a blessing. Some of the blessings that come to us are big, life changing, and some of them are small, soul changing. I'm grateful to you for acknowledging each type of blessing you have received by dropping coins and bills in your United Thank Offering Blue Box. Together through this daily practice of expressing gratitude, we collected \$333.14 to be sent to the United Thank Offering (UTO). Pretty amazing for our first in-gathering! The UTO is a part of the Episcopal Church and is a grant program which awarded one million dollars to 20 recipients across the United States and the world in 2023. These funds came from Blue Boxes just like the one you used, so your blessings really will become someone else's blessings. It has been several years since the Church of the Resurrection has been active in the UTO. Thank you for helping to "resurrect" the program in our parish. New boxes will be available in January, and until then, you can always use a jelly jar for those coins! I appreciate your participation in this program for 2024. Please continue to recognize your blessings everyday with coins, and especially with prayers of thanksgiving.

--Susu Wallace



Dear Church of the Resurrection Family,

Thank you so much for celebrating my 20 years working here at the church.

I appreciate the nice church service and reception following on Sunday, October

27 celebrating me. Thanks to all the people that put the celebration together. Thanks for the wonderful staff that I work with. Time flies. Here's to a few more years in the making.

Blessings,

Denise A. Brown

Meet our Vestry Nominees!

Michele Anderson



I have lived in Greenwood most of my life. I was raised Catholic and grew up attending Our Lady Of Lourdes Catholic Church. I am married to Andy Anderson. We have 2

sons, Wells and Ryan, who are members of Resurrection. I graduated from the University of South Carolina. Upon graduation, I moved back to Greenwood. I am a social worker at NHC Healthcare. I currently serve on the Fellowship Committee. I would be honored to serve on the Vestry.

Tom Cobb

Raised in Hodges, SC, I have lived in Greenwood for most of my life except for a few years in Abbeville, SC where I worked for the automotive division of



Milliken and Company for 33 years. I started attending the Church of the Resurrection in the mid 1990's and was confirmed on September 15, 1996 by the then Bishop of Upstate South Carolina, Dorsey Henderson. The biggest attraction for me for the Episcopal Church is the liturgy and the openness to all who want to attend.

Church for me in my early years was the Hodges United Methodist Church where I was baptized as an infant. I am a graduate of Greenwood High School and Lander College where my focus was chemistry and math. I also later completed a second major in computer science at Lander in the early 1980's.

I have previously served one term on the vestry some years ago and have just finished a 3 year term on the Board for the Resurrection Foundation. It is an honor to be asked to serve the church as a vestry member once again and looking forward to the challenges that that might entail.

Ryan Floyd



I have been a member of Resurrection for fourteen years. I serve as a lector at the 10:30 service, and I am a member of the Building and Grounds Committee. I enjoy being part of the Men’s Group and recall with fondness my years as the parish’s gumbo chef at the Mardi Gras fundraiser.

I was born in Metairie, LA, and was baptized and raised in the Baptist Church. After marrying my wife, I first visited an Episcopal Church near where we lived in Birmingham, AL. I was drawn to its liturgy, music and openness and was confirmed at St. Thomas Episcopal Church in 2004. My wife and I were active members of St. Thomas until we moved to Greenwood in 2010.

I am a graduate of Samford University (B.S. in Secondary Education) and the University of Alabama (M.S. and Ph.D. in History). I am a history professor and chair of the History and Philosophy Department at Lander University. I love fly-fishing, wood-working, hiking and racquetball, as well as my wife, Elizabeth, and our three children, Delaney, Riley and Michael. I would be honored to serve on your vestry.

Sarah Hasting

I have been a member of Resurrection for over 40 years. My parents, Joe and Noonie Fennell, made it their mission to have my brother and I



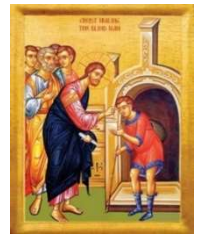
involved with the church as a foundation for us growing up. My earliest memories of Resurrection was obviously attending Sunday School, children’s choir (in the blue robes), VBS with the Lutheran Church, confirmation, acolyting and enjoying the EYC. In my early adult years, my husband John and I were married in this church (back when we had red carpet) and all 3 of our daughters, Samantha, Carolyn and Margaret Ann, were baptized here. Most recently Samantha was

confirmed here. I have had the privilege to be on the altar guild, to teach children’s Sunday School and to help in the nursery over the years. Most recently, I have been co-leading the new youth Sunday School class on Sunday mornings and serving as an acolyte leader. COR is a special place filled with discipleship and love for everyone.

Outside of church I keep busy as the Director of the Bayberry Retirement Inn and enjoying the teenage years with our daughters. 1 Peter 4:10

Upcoming Events and Opportunities for Ministry

Our monthly service of Holy Eucharist and Healing will be held on Wednesday, December 4, at 12 noon.



Our monthly service of Holy Eucharist at Wesley Commons will be on Tuesday, December 10, at 11:00 am. You are welcome to attend even if you don’t live there!



Annual Parish Meeting

Sunday, December 8th after the 10:30 Service

We’ll be thanking all who have served our parish in 2024 and voting for new vestry members. We’ll also review a few changes to our by-laws and our budget for 2024.

Please join us to celebrate our parish and all the many ways it serves God’s people.

ALL LADIES OF THE
CHURCH ARE INVITED TO

The Daughters of the King Annual Ornament Exchange

December 10th from 6-8 p.m.
at the home of Cecily Hughes
606 Watford Avenue
Please bring a wrapped ornament
and appetizer to share.
RSVP to Denise Brown at the
Church



Our CO3R
Tutoring Program
needs five
volunteer tutors.

Please contact Elizabeth Floyd (205-807-7293) if you can
give an hour once or twice a week to help a child with
homework.

Tutoring takes place at our church from 4:30 to 5:30 on
Mondays and Wednesdays.

We invite volunteers of most any age!

SAINT NICHOLAS NIGHT



AT RESURRECTION

WEDNESDAY | 4 | DECEMBER

Emmaus Hall
6:00 pm

DINNER, GAMES & CRAFTS
FOR ALL AGES!



Can you deliver poinsettias to our
homebound church members?

Pick up will be at both services on
December 15th.

Please contact Karen Whitfield if you
can deliver.
kbw0317@yahoo.com.



Advent Giving

Please give generously to the
Dolly Parton Imagination Library

The Imagination Library mails a free book to each child in the
program for each month of their life from birth to age 5. Its
goal is to instill a love of reading and to improve literacy
among all children in every community. Your money will help
cover the cost of purchasing and mailing the books, and you
may give in honor or memory of a loved one.

Place your check in the offering plate or mail it to the parish
office. Please indicate on your check that it is intended for the
Imagination Library.





Could you assist in the care of our youngest members?

We need nursery volunteers!

Serve once a quarter during the 10:30 worship service

Contact Elizabeth Floyd
(205) 807-7293



Advent & Christmas Services

Sunday, December 22
Lessons & Carols
(both services)
Greening of the Nave
(following 10:30 service)

Christmas Eve - 5:30 pm
Christmas Day - 10:30 am

Altar Arrangements:

December 1 & 8 – The greenery is given to the glory of God and in memory of Simons Ravenel Lucas, Anna Natalie Bettis Lucas, Elizabeth Simons Lucas Burns, Howard L. Burns, James C. and Maude Burns, Simone Lucas Chase, Mary Elizabeth and James Padgett, Jane Jeter, Virginia Self, and William Aubrea McDaniel, Jr. by Anna and James Padgett.

December 15– The greenery is given to the glory of God and in memory of Larry Carson’s mother, “Bill” Carson. Happy Birthday Mom. December 12, 1916 by Libby and Larry Carson.

December 22 – The Christmas trees are giving to the Glory of God and in thanksgiving for our greatest gift, the Christ-child born to save the world; and in loving memory of Joe Fennell, given by the Fennell and Hasting families. Wreaths and poinsettias provided by parishioner’s donations to the Christmas decorating fund.

December 29 – The altar arrangements are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Bill Perry, my husband and my parents, Elma Louise and Stanley Putman by Lorah Perry.

The Presence Candle for the month of December is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Albert Faden by Dean Faden.

Parish Connections:

Music	Donna Brooks 992-3738 dbrooksgwd@gmail.com
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CO3R Tutoring	Elizabeth Floyd 223-5426 elizabeth@episcopalgreenwood.org
Online Directory	Jo Ann Brewer 941-7199 joannbrewersc@gmail.com
Youth Group	Mary Balfour Dunlap 615-900-6191

December 2024 Ministry Schedule

If you cannot fill the position assigned, please make arrangements for your replacement,
and let the Parish Office know of the change. Thank you!

	December 1 The First Sunday of Advent	December 8 The Second Sunday of Advent	December 15 The Third Sunday of Advent	December 22 The Fourth Sunday of Advent	December 29 The First Sunday after Christmas Day
Vestry of the Month	Jean Shirley and Eddie Barber				
Altar Guild	Beverly Wilson (Chair)				
Readings	Jeremiah 33: 14-16 Psalm 25: 1-9 1 Thessalonians 3: 9-13 Luke 21: 25-36	Baruch 5: 1-9 Canticle 4 Philippians 1: 3-11 Luke 3: 1-6	Zephaniah 3: 14-20 Canticle 9 Philippians 4: 4-7 Luke 3: 7-18	Micah 5: 2-5a Canticle 15 Hebrews 10: 5-10 Luke 1: 39-55	Isaiah 61:10 – 62:3 Psalm 147 Galatians 3: 23-25; 4: 4-7 John 1: 1-18
8:30 Holy Eucharist, Rite I					
1st Lesson and Psalm	Stephen Tucker	Josie Ryan	Dean Faden	Stephen Tucker	Dick Daffin
2nd Lesson and Prayers	Dick Daffin	Mary Van Ellenberg	Deryl McGuire	Mary Bright	Chuck McDonnell
Eucharistic Minister	Dick Daffin	Mary Bright	Tom Rohrer	Gerald Normandt	Chuck McDonnell
Usher	Walker Moore	Phil Ellenberg	Stephen Tucker	Deryl McGuire	Walker Moore
10:30 Holy Eucharist, Rite II					
1st Lesson	Helen Nazzaro	Ryan Floyd	Andrew Hodges	Celie Mescall	Eddie Barber
2nd Lesson and Prayers	Summer Booker	Mary Charles Haigler	Lucas McMillan	Shana Southard-Dobbs	Lori Stone
Eucharistic Ministers	Laura Beth Brooks Karen Whitefield	Norm Fawcett Frank Wideman	Beverly Wilson Eddie Barber	Trisha Craven Laura Beth Brooks	Cindy Hughes Adrian Little
Crucifer	Samantha Hasting	Will McMillan	Samantha Hasting	Michael Floyd	TBA
Book Bearer	Carolyn Hasting	Henry McMillan	Carolyn Hasting	Riley Floyd	TBA
Torchbearers	Margaret Ann Hasting Henry McMillan	TBA	Margaret Ann Hasting TBA	TBA	TBA
Acolyte Leader	Sarah Hasting	Adrian Little	Sarah Hasting	Jennifer Little	Adrian Little
Ushers	Tom Cobb Dan Hobbs	Al Merrill Rebecca Merrill	Ross Ann Steifle Dan Hobbs	Diana Carver Gracey Montag	John Cobb Abney Wallace
Nursery	Kim Russell	Hope Scurry Mary Bright	Allison Wooten Delaney Floyd	Mary Bright	None
Hospitality	Marilyn Bennett Billy DuPre	Adele Moreau	Kim and John Russell	Beverly and Barry Wilson	Marilyn Bennett Billy DuPre
Blessing Box	Sheri Ward	Sheri Ward	Sheri Ward	Sheri Ward	Sheri Ward
Flower Guild	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Flower Delivery	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Laundry Love	Beverly Wilson	Adele Moreau	Susie Hinkle	Sandy Gresham	N/A

RESURRECTION CELEBRATES WITH YOU

BIRTHDAYS		ANNIVERSARIES	
1 – Eric Gonzales	16 – Elizabeth Padgett	16 – Joanne & Tom Hochheimer	
1 – Anna Bettis Padgett	17 – Murray Dunlap	16 – Ginger & Charlie Long	
4 – Virginia Glenn Donaghy	17 – Karen Whitfield	17 – Mary Charles & Jason Haigler	
6 – Meisha Cobb	19 – Ashley Woodiwiss	18 – Mary & Jim Bright	
6 – Susie Hinkel	20 – Mary Joe Ferguson	20 – Edie & Emmett Brooks	
6 – Emma Jones	22 – Frank Wideman	22 – Robin & Jeffrey Lanford	
7 – Katherine McDevitt	23 – Jim Nazzaro	27 – Hope & John Scurry	
10 – Michael Floyd	26 – Abney Wallace	27 – Leslie & Chuck McDonnell	
10 – Riley Floyd	27 – Sandy Gresham	28 – Rita & Peter Marshall	
10 – Lee Roper	28 – Janet Munns	28 – Summer & Archie Booker	
13 – John Tennis	30 – Buster Brooks	29 – Marilyn & Jim Gobble	
14 – Miles Berry	30 – Martha Champaigne	30 – Judy & John Park	
14 – Kevin Whitehead	31 – Dolores Kampert	30 – Shana Southard & Ben Dobbs	
15 – Laura Shealy	31 – Laurie Thompson		

Your prayers are asked for these members of our parish and members of our immediate families: Bill Arnold, Dan Bacon, Bruce Craven, Paul Criswell, David Dougherty, Steve Driskell, Joe Ferguson, Anne Marie Glawe, Jim Gobble, David Higgins, Nan Hines, Bev and David Joosten, Diane Lawson, Bill Lewis, Mirta Lindsey, Rebecca Long, Rita Marshall, Marion Mescall, Mary Jane Mobley, Helen Nazzaro, Erich Normandía, Bette and Burl Ricker, Domer Ridings, Eddie Sanders, Mary Jo Tolbert, Shirley Walker, Jimmy Arthur (Shannon Jones’ father), Bryan Biggart (Karen Whitfield’s son), Linda Criswell (Paul Criswell’s sister), Chris Eaddy (Karen Bright’s nephew), David Hammett (Connie Hammett’s brother), Vanita Hunt (Dawn Puderbaugh-Hodges’ mother), Cheri Hutchison (Jo Ann and Bob Brewer’s daughter), Tammy Kelly (Michael Whitfield’s niece), Jeanette Little (Adrian Little’s mom), Tommy Morgan (Robin Lanford’s brother), JoAnn Lindsey Myers (Mirta Lindsey’s daughter), Carol Ann Pry (Susie Hinkel’s niece), Jerry Ross (Ross Ann Steifle’s uncle), Mason Shirley, Stacey Spillum (Jo Ann Brewer’s niece), Cathy Strong (Lorah Perry’s stepdaughter), David Walker (Hope Scurry’s brother) and Faith Wheeler (sister of Sarah McKinney and Steve Brodie).

And for these persons: Durst Confer, Nannette Earnest (Karen Bright’s cousin), Sam Livingston (Karen and Michael Whitfield’s friend), Nancy May (Cindy Hughes’ friend), Desmond Melville (Dean Faden’s friend) and Jenny Perkey (Cindy Hughes’ friend).

Please send additions/deletions to the prayer list or family news and prayer concerns to Denise at denise@episcopalgreenwood.org or call 223-5426.

	Pledges (Actual)	Pledges (Budgeted)	Unpledged/Plate (Actual)	Unpledged/Plate (Budgeted)	Expenses (Actual)	Expenses (Budgeted)
Month as of 11/20/24	\$24,168	\$36,188	\$2,759	\$1,460	\$16,642	\$36,803
Year as of 11/20/24	\$405,904	\$398,064	\$23,319	\$15,890	\$390,373	\$410,802



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