

January 2, 2025



Rev. Deacon Becki Casey

January 5, 2025 - Holy Eucharist

**January 12, 2025 - Morning Prayer
Norris John - Officiant**

**January 19, 2025 - Holy Eucharist
ANNUAL Meeting**

January 26, 2025 - Holy Eucharist

Readings for Sunday January 5, 2025

Jeremiah 31:7-14
Ephesians 1:3-6, 15-19a
Matthews 2:1-12
Psalm 84 or 84:1-8

Lay Servers - January 5, 2025

Vestry Person.....Joe Parker
Usher.....Beppy White
Acolyte.....Molly Sanford
Lector.....Dave Bagby
Intercessor.....Vickie Parker

LEM.....Joe Parker
Altar Care.....Jaynie Jackson
Fellowship.....Bess and Jim Landolt

WEEKLY at PIEDMONT CHURCH

Tuesday

7:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study in the Sun room

Wednesday

4 p.m. Bible Study with Norris John

5:30 p.m. Potluck Dinner

6:30 p.m. Choir Practice - Brad Jackson

Friday

9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer with Bill Birkhofer (Will resume Friday January 10, 2025)

JANUARY VESRY Meeting - Friday, January 10, 2025 at 3pm at the Parish house

Minister's Musings

Happy New Year and The Feast of the Holy Name

Luke 2:21 After eight days had passed, it was time to circumcise the child; and he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

Originally this feast on the eighth day of Christmas was known as The Feast of the Circumcision because it commemorated that day in Jesus' life. This Holy Day has been retitled The Feast of the Holy Name because the eighth day was also the day when babies were named. While this practice began as a Jewish tradition, Christianity has long embraced the eighth day as an infant's baptismal day in a ceremony which includes giving the baby a name.

The name "Jesus" means "Savior" or "Deliverer" in Hebrew. The title of "Christ" is his association with the godhead, his spiritual and messianic identity. But his name, is what distinguishes Jesus as a human person. In the flesh, Jesus would save and deliver his people. This deliverance would not take the political form they longed for but would address their physical restoration in a practical and immediate way as much as promising their eternal restoration in resurrected bodies when he comes again.

Many cultures throughout history have viewed names as significant because of their power to define a person's identity. Jesus' name is perhaps the greatest example of this. Not only did his name explain his work for people during his lifetime, but the authoritative power of his name also continues to be effective thousands of years later. During his time on earth, the power of Jesus' very name carried the authority for salvation, healing, forgiveness, destroying the works of evil, casting out demons, raising the dead, bringing peace, and overcoming obstacles. The impact of his resurrection made the power of Jesus' name effective for all time.

In the Western world we don't typically talk about miracles and exorcism, many people don't even believe in a world beyond what our eyes can see, and science explain. But Christianity is a religion of faith, trusting in a God who works in places we don't see with tools we cannot always understand. God is not Santa Claus, and priests are not magicians. We cannot control the power of God through the name of Jesus. We can, however, be assured that the power of Jesus' name is far more profound than we can begin to imagine. I wonder what might happen in and around us if we were more intentional in the ways we purposed to use the name of Jesus???

Philippians 2:9-11 Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

-Rev. Becki

Collect: Eternal Father, you gave to your incarnate Son the holy name of Jesus to be the sign of our salvation: Plant in every heart, we pray, the love of him who is the Savior of the world, our Lord Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*



Prayer List

We offer prayers for those who are dealing with health issues an other ongoing needs: **Mac** Barber, **Bernadette** Blanding, **Mike** Cashman, **David** Cronk, **Janice** Edwards, **Joanie** Edwards, **Alfred** Goossens, **Vera** Griffin, **Brad and Lydia** Hansen,

Ginger Hawkins, **Zoe** Hubbard, **Shelby Jean** Hull, **Kim**, **Aaron** Milligan, **Marilyn** Myers, **Carol** Nowak, **Carolyn** O'Brien, **Chris** Palumbo, **Robert**, **Michael** Rider, **Pat** Roberts, **Steve** Sanford, **Ann** Skidmore, **Sarah**, **Carolyn** Stanley, **Joe** Stanley and **Robert** Ulrich.

***If you wish to add or remove someone from the Parish Prayer list please send an email to Rev. Deacon Becki Casey @ beckisafeinhishands@gmail.com by Wednesday to ensure that it gets into the bulletin and weekly messenger**

Cycle of Prayer

Please join us in praying for our larger Church communities. This week in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we lift up The Church of Wales. In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for St. Martin's in Richmond.

Remembering President Carter

At the news of former president Carter's death, President Biden issued a National Day of Mourning for January 9th. He said, "I call on the American people to assemble on that day in their respective places of worship, there to pay homage to the memory of President James Earl Carter Jr.". If you would like to participate in prayer from Piedmont's sanctuary, it will be available for prayer on the 9th from 4pm through 6:30pm.

2025 Altar Flowers

There will be a sign up sheet for altar flowers for the upcoming year on the church bulletin board. The first Sunday pairing is January 12 and 19th.



Thank you to all that provided flowers for our altar this past year!

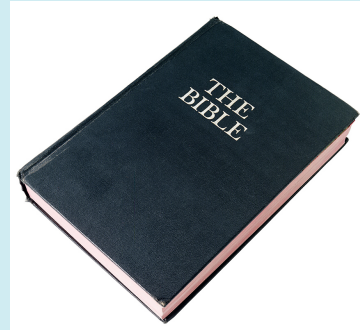
Sunday Worship Partners

According to The Episcopal Church, the laity (people in the pews) play the most significant role in the life of the church (not the clergy). The Book of Common Prayer says that the ministry of the laity is "to represent Christ and his Church; to bear witness to him wherever they may be; and, according to the gifts given them, to carry on Christ's work of reconciliation in the world; and to take their place in the life, worship, and governance of the Church" (BCP, p. 855). As we begin a new year, Piedmont would like to invite participation from

everyone in our Sunday worship. We can always use help with worship leading on Sunday mornings, including intercessors (those who lead The Prayers of the People), acolytes, (those who carry the cross and help light candles) Lay Eucharistic Ministers (those who help administer the chalice), lectors (those who read the lessons), ushers (those who greet people and help bring the gifts to the altar), altar care (those who care for the altar before and after services), and fellowship hosts (those who provide for coffee hour in the parish house). Please be in prayer with us for God to raise up the helpers we need to help lead this Body of believers into worship on Sundays. If you have any interest in filling these rolls or questions about what this entails, please let Becki know.

Understanding the Bible

Do you have questions about the Bible? What is it, what is in it, how can I understand better what we are reading on Sunday mornings, how should we understand such an ancient group of texts, and what does it have to do with my life? Beginning on January 10th, after Morning Prayer in the Parish Hall (at 10AM), we are starting a study group to consider these topics. We will be meeting a couple times each month and would love to gather a group of curious participants. All ages are welcome! Please let Becki know if you have any questions.



January 19, 2025 - 11 AM

Join us for our annual meeting immediately following our Sunday morning worship service. Budget review, welcoming of new vestry members and discussion.

HEBRON LUTHERAN CHURCH PRESENTS AN

ORGAN CONCERT

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 9, 2025 2:30 P.M.



Join us for a performance by Daniel Grotz playing the 1802 Tannenberg organ.

Supporting the restoration & preservation of Hebron Lutheran Church.

Don't miss this opportunity to listen to the beautiful organ sounds in its charming, historic setting.

Free concert - Donations accepted!
899 Blankenbaker Road Madison, VA



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WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/HEBRONLUTHERANVA OR SCAN THE QR CODE.



Day for ALL People 2025

Our annual lobby day, Day for All People (DFAP), is just around the corner! This year's DFAP will take place on January 15, 2025. The day begins with breakfast, a gathering to hear about our legislative priorities from staff, board members, and you. What I love about DFAP is meeting neighbors from across the state from diverse faith backgrounds who are concerned about justice in our legislative policies.

Meet with your legislators, attend workshops, and join people of faith and goodwill from across Virginia for a day dedicated to civic engagement. In partnership with our friends at the Virginia Interfaith Center for Public Policy (VICPP), we will advocate for legislative priorities to improve all Virginians' health and quality of life.

Register using this link! Early bird pricing is available for everyone who registers between now and December 31st.

We provide free transportation to Richmond for attendees living in the South West and Shenandoah Valley, Hampton Roads, and NOVA regions! When you sign up, you can register to ride the bus.

Please share this information with your faith communities and encourage them to join us! If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us. We are happy to assist you with registration and answer any questions.

We look forward to seeing you soon!

Joyfully,

Faith Harris

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Two ways to support our work

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Virginia Interfaith Power & Light is having a profound impact in communities and congregations across the state. But we can only continue to make a difference with your help. Join us!

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We need volunteers to help us win our water, energy, and resilience campaigns. Register to become a Climate Connector, Ambassador to the Trees, or Social Media Maven. Click the button below to get started.

It's great to be working with you!

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**In His Service,
Deacon Kathryn**

Outreach Distributions for 2024

At the December vestry meeting, upon review of our total outreach funds received, it was agreed that Piedmont Church would donate \$500 to each of the following: MESA, Madison Free Clinic, Boys and Girls Club of Madison and Madison Day.

Thank you for your generous donations last year!



Grief Support Group

Piedmont Episcopal Church, 214 Church St
Madison, VA

January 7, 2025

Place: Piedmont Fellowship House, next door to the church, living room, enter through the kitchen door in the carport

**Grace Episcopal Church, 97 Main St.
Stanardsville, VA 22973**

**Third Tuesday of each month at 6 pm
January 21, 2025**

Grief Support Group



No one should have to grieve alone.

Grace and Piedmont Episcopal Churches together with Gentiva Hospice are offering a support group that will provide spiritual and faith-based gatherings designed to accompany each person in their unique walk with grief from the loss of a loved one or any other of the losses that life immerses us in, loss of job, relationships, or way, the grief brought about from fear of the future, the news, or our culture.

Madeleine L'engle in talking about her own experience says, "Bereavement is not the truncation of...love, but one of its regular phases."

Join us as we learn to walk this new and difficult path together. We need one another.

Meetings:

Places: Piedmont Episcopal Church, www.piedmontepiscopalchurch.org

First Tuesday of each month at 6 PM, Enter the Fellowship House thru the carport, we will meet in in the living room,

Grace Episcopal Church, www.gracechurchstanardsville.org/general

Third Tuesday of the month at 6 PM, Come in the side door on Ford Avenue; we will meet in the Sunday School room to the left down the hall

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