

**January 30, 2025**



**Rev. Becki Casey**

**February 2, 2025 - 11 a.m. Worship Service**



THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF VIRGINIA

God willing  
The Rt. Rev. E. Mark Stevenson  
Bishop of Virginia  
will ordain

**Rebecca Deann Casey**  
*and*  
**Caroline Greer Mitchell**

to the Sacred Order of Priests

**Saturday February 1 | 10:30 a.m.**  
St. Andrew's Episcopal Church | Arlington, VA

*Livestream available via parish website*

The Bishop and the Standing Committee request the honor  
of your presence.

*The liturgical color of the day is white.*

Love Jesus. Embody justice. Be disciples.

### Online Ordination

Many of you have asked if there is a link to watch the ordination service online. St. Andrews will be livestreaming the event [here](#) beginning at 10:30AM on Saturday, February 1st.

### Rev. Becki Casey's Ordination Luncheon

Please join us this Sunday for worship service at 11 am. Immediately following our service, please join us in the parish house for our a celebratory luncheon for Rev. Becki!

## Readings for Sunday, February 2, 2025

Malachi 3:1-4  
Hebrews 2:14-18  
Luke 2:22-40  
Psalm 24:7-10

## Lay Servers - February 2, 2025

Vestry Person.....Joe Parker  
Usher.....Colt Puryear  
Acolyte.....Karen Czar  
Lector.....Jaynie Jackson  
Intercessor.....Bill Burkhofer  
LEM.....Joe Parker  
Altar Care.....Susan Good/Katie Puryear  
Fellowship.....Rev. Becki's Luncheon

## 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**

**9:45 a.m. Understanding the Bible - Rev. Becki (No Bible study, January 31st)**

## Minister's Musings

### Candlemas

Are you excited about the return of longer days and the hope of spring warmth? You are in good company! This week is the midway point of winter,

hallway between the shortest day of the year and the spring equinox. Modern Americans celebrate Groundhog Day on this Sunday in anticipation for the end of winter. As far back as the fourth century, Christians looked forward to this time of year in expectation of the increase of light by celebrating Candlemas.

If you do not come from a High Church or Catholic background, it is possible that you have never heard of Candlemas. It falls on same day as The Presentation of Our Lord. Like the Feast of the Presentation, Candlemas celebrates Christ being recognized in the temple as the light to the gentiles. Rather than just naming the day as special, Candlemas makes a celebration of The Light.

For most of Christian history, churches were lit with candles. During the long, dark, days of winter, candles held special significance. As fire, rather than electric light, they elicit the feeling of warmth. Candlelight flickers and dances with life in a way that seems especially meaningful when the outside world sleeps. During the time when people relied on the light of candles to illumine otherwise unusable spaces, candles held special affinity. On Candlemas, Christians would gather all the candles that would be used throughout the year and the priest would bless them. Parishioners and acolytes would each hold a lit candle and process from the church singing the Nunc Dimittis, Simeone's Song, heralding Jesus as the Light to the nations.

In Matthew chapter five, Jesus calls US the Light of the World. The gift of light is not for us to hide or hoard, but to be shared freely with everyone. As we consider what that means and how we are being called into participation with God's story, lighting a candle may provide us with visual inspiration. We may live in dark times, but we carry God's light within us. May we be bold in lighting up the world with the good news of Christ's love.

-Rev Becki



We offer prayers for those who are dealing with health issues and other ongoing needs: **Mac** Barber, **Bernadette** Blanding, **Mike** Cashman, **David** Cronk, **Janice** Edwards, **Joanie** Edwards, **Jill F.**, **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, **Sylvia** Vior.

**\*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](mailto: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 Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia. In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for Christ Church in Brandy Station.

Pub Theology Presents:

An opportunity to examine scripture, theology and personal reflections on

## **OBEDIENCE**

Thursdays, February 6, 13, and 27 at 6:30 p.m.  
Los Robles Restaurant, Main Street, Stanardsville  
"The road to the promised land runs past Sinai."

Feel free to bring a friend, come early for dinner and have a beer.

Grief Support Group meets Tuesday, February 4, 2025 at 6pm, Piedmont Church. Meeting held at the parish house, 214 Church St. (Please enter through the side door by the carport.) All are welcome.



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