St. A Pews News

Keeping you up to date with what's going on at "The A"!

OCTOBER 2025

Scripture of the Month

⁸ "The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love."

Psalm 145:8



A Word from the Rector

This verse is like a heartbeat running through Scripture. It appears in Exodus, is sung by the psalmist, the prophets repeat it, and the early church lived by it. Why? Because it tells us something essential about who God is.

We are often tempted to imagine God as quick to anger and slow to forgive. Our own impatience, irritability, and short tempers can lead us to believe that God must be the same. Yet the psalmist insists otherwise. God's default posture is grace. God leans toward mercy. God abounds, not just dabbles, in steadfast love.

This has everything to do with how we live. If God is slow to anger, perhaps we can take a breath before lashing out. If God abounds in steadfast love, maybe we can risk loving others with a little more abundance, too. And if God is gracious and merciful, then we can stop trying to earn God's favor and instead live in gratitude for the favor already given.

Psalm 145 invites us to rest in the character of God, to let God's steadfast love shape the way we treat one another, and to trust that mercy has the final word. As we walk through the ups and downs of daily life, let this verse be a refrain you carry with you: the Lord is gracious, merciful, slow to anger, and overflowing with love. That's the God we worship—and that's the God who holds us fast.

UPCOMING CHURCH EVENTS

OCTOBER 1, 2025

Evening Prayer 5:30 pm (Continues every Wednesday)

OCTOBER 10, 2025

Feed My Sheep food distribution 9 am-11 am

OCTOBER 24, 2025

Feed My Sheep food distribution

9 am-11 am

OCTOBER: Date TBD

Stay tuned for Details

NOVEMBER 2, 2025

All Saints Sunday

(Installation of Pew Plaques)

What's Coming Up



Please join us this month for "Fellowship & Fun" featuring a game of Family Feud Saint A!! Other group, board, and card games will be available depending on the audience present. So bring a snack to share and prepare to relax and have fun. If you're not into games......that's okay; come out anyway for the fellowship!!!

2026 Stewardship

The launch of our 2026 Giving Campaign is upon us. In other words, it's "Kick n' Chicken" time!! Our theme this year is *Tell Out My Soul*. Throughout our pledge campaign this year, you will hear stories of how we walk in love with each other. We will gather all pledges on November 30, 2025.

Prayer List, Celebrations, Etc.

Please pray for our sick and shut-in.

Shirley Beckley, Leonard Cahoon, Sonya Grant, Fr. Frazier Green, Geraldine Kennedy, LoDoris Leavell, Gladys Lyde, Cassandra Oliver, Rudine Oliver, Luther Peltzer, Charles Scott, Lovenia Shepherd, Fr. David Sommerville, Louis Tucker, and Clyde Williams

October Birthdays

Clyde Williams - 11, Jerrell Wright - 16, Bootsie Scott - 16, Sonya Grant - 22, Tawana Johnson - 23, Flora Moody - 24, Toyna Poole - 24, Brelend Smith - 25, Naomi Floy - 25, Julius Smith Sr. - 25



Financial Status

This is a summary of the financial report presented at the September Vestry meeting.

Balance brought forward (July): **\$69,441.82**; Total Income (July): **\$7,661.76**; Balance brought forward (Aug.): **\$61,665.87**; Total Income (Aug.): **\$8,016.00**.

Total Expenditures(July): **\$15,229.11**; Ending July Balance: **\$61,874.47**; Total

Expenditures(Aug.): **\$14,638.57**; Ending July Balance: **\$55,043.30**