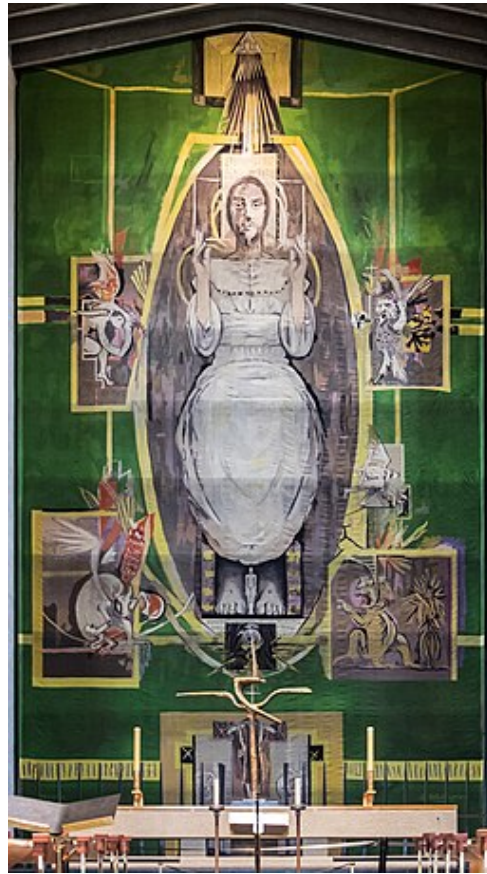


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THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF
ST THOMAS THE APOSTLE



November 21 & 28, 2020

Our Mission Statement

Helping Hands - Healing Hearts

Welcome All

Our Vision Statement

*To be an engaging, passionate, spiritually healthy
community, open to all God's people*

The Reverend Christopher Blake Thomas



November 17, 2021

Dear Doubters of Great Faith,

On Saturday, November 20, 2021, at 11 am, in Pegasus Plaza (1500 Main) in downtown Dallas, a significant singular moment in the life of our city will finally be acknowledged. A man will be “re-membered,” a marker placed, after he was so tragically and horrifically “dis-membered.”

One Mr. Allen Brooks, sometime 59-year-old handyman who’s only proven crime was the pigment in his skin, was lynched, strung up from a light pole, his garments stripped as souvenirs, his only remaining likeness being postcards printed up to glorify the sadistic event, for the purpose of making a clear statement about the eventual outcome of such crime of color.

Moments in time are important. They don’t go away. You are important. I am important. Mr. Allen Brooks is important.

“But Father, that was then, and this is now. Our city has moved on from such heinous acts. Color is no crime today.”

In a city that so readily recognizes the value of industry and economy over people, those of color have (and continue to be) pushed to and beyond the margins. Recognizing Mr. Brooks’ moment recognizes each and every one of the marginalized. “Re-membering” Mr. Brooks, putting Mr. Brooks back together, as it were, starts the process of bringing all those shards of injustice back into a whole. Giving Mr. Brooks the identity he deserves, as a beautiful child of the most high God, begins the restoration process for all those who have been stripped of identity, of humanity.

It is not so unlike another lynching that we “re-member,” week in and week out, the one we call Jesus, whose only crime was siding with the marginalized, healing on the Sabbath, feeding the hungry, physically and spiritually. Those things threatened authority. We “re-flesh” Jesus each time we come together and proclaim his goodness, his divinity AND his humanity. We restore his identity, and if we are completely honest, in the process, we are restoring our own...

Identity and humanity.

We will do this for Mr. Brooks this Saturday at 11 am in Pegasus Plaza. We will do this for Jesus this Sunday at 8, 9, and 10:30 am at the corner of Inwood Road and Mockingbird Lane. We will do this for ourselves, we will do this for each other, and we will do this for a better, stronger, beloved community.

Please join me!

Yours in “re-membering,”
Fr. Christopher+

(Please read Sharon Grigsby’s article “Huge Step for Dallas,” in the Dallas Morning News for full details. It is a must!)



THE ANGEL TREE IS BACK!



Our partnership with Community Partners of Dallas is back in full swing and in person! The “wish cards” have been lovingly attached to a tree in the vestibule between the Narthex and the fountain garden. Choose one or more of the cards and head out to your favorite stores to purchase what the child is wishing for.

The gifts should be **UNWRAPPED** with the wish card attached and returned to the designated location in the Parish Hall **NO LATER THAN Sunday, December 5th** so that the gifts can be delivered to the collection point by their deadline. **THANK YOU!**



S.O.S.
We need you!



We are looking for people who would be willing to help, on an as needed basis, with some of the administrative tasks.

- Proofers for the Sunday Leaflet. We always need fresh eyes to double check copy. You could do this from home - we would email you a draft of the leaflet prior to printing on Friday.
- People to cover some admin tasks during vacation times - answering phones, distributing mail, receiving deliveries and visitors.

If you would like to be part of our Pal Friday Call List, please email pam@thedoubter.org. Giving of your time and talent for ministering to St. Thomas the Apostle is so appreciated!

Put on your walking shoes!



★ ***ST. THOMAS' YOUNG
ADULTS INVITE YOU
CAROLING ON DEC. 3RD***

★ We will gather at Chris Reed's home at 4140 Newton Ave. #14, Dallas, TX 75219 at 6:00pm for refreshments before we take to the streets at approximately 7:00pm.

★ Doubters and friends of all ages are welcome!



★ If you'd like to volunteer to bring a festive treat, or if you have any questions, contact Chris at creed@weaverjohnston.com or Allen at allen@thedoubter.org.

Gateway of Grace

mobilizing the church | reaching refugees |
changing lives



Preparations are well underway for our Annual Thanksgiving Day Dinner with Refugees planned for Thanksgiving Day, November 25th from 11:00 - 1:00.

Gateway of Grace Ministries' partners are signing up to help in various ways. Among our biggest needs are: transportation, gift cards and volunteers for food preparation & serving. We believe that every act of service, no matter where, will be a witness of Christ's love for refugees. Thanksgiving provides the perfect introduction and a great opportunity to build relationships through welcoming refugees to share this uniquely American tradition.

Our full list of needs are outlined below, where you can sign-up for specific items you would like to provide or areas of service where you would like to volunteer. Please note that if you wish to donate rotisserie chickens, we ask that you make a financial donation. Other items from the list can be brought to the location either on Tuesday, November 23rd between 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm, Wednesday, November 24th, Thanksgiving eve from 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm or Thanksgiving Day, November 25th, between 9:00 am - 10:00 am.

If you choose to make a monetary donation towards purchasing gift cards or items listed below, please mail your check to Gateway of Grace, P.O. Box 224582, Dallas, TX 75222, or donate online by designating specific items at www.gatewayofgrace.org. Donations and gift cards should be received by Gateway of Grace by November 23rd.

Join us in Celebrating God's abundance and those who are new to our community!

Here is the link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0e49afac2da46-lets1>

Thank you in advance for your support.

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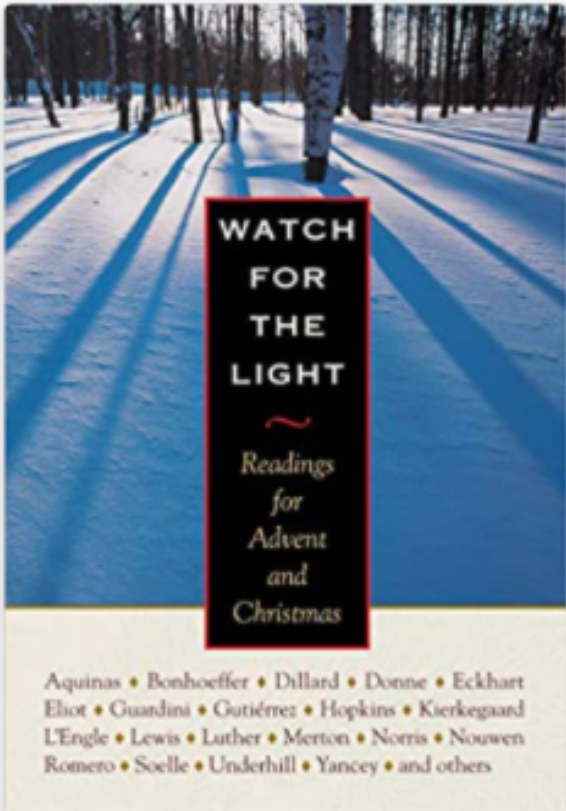
*November 21, 2019
St. Thomas' Coffee/Social
Hour,
Parish Hall.
Immediately following the
10:30 a.m. service.*



Honduras Threads will have a Pop-Up shop in the Parish Hall during the coffee hour. This is a perfect opportunity to do a little gift shopping while socializing. And you'll be supporting a good cause. Check out their site @ <https://hondurasthreads.org/pages/our-story>



Advent Book Study



Watch for the Light: Preparing to Welcome Christ into the World

Each year, we begin the Christian calendar with the celebration of Advent as we recall and prepare again for the coming of Emmanuel, God with Us. Despite how similar and familiar the Advent and Christmas season feels, each year we approach it as different and changed people from the experiences gleaned from the year before. This year, we invite you to join our Spiritual Formation class as we read together the book of daily Advent and Christmas focused devotions, *Watch for the Light: Readings for Advent and Christmas* (the book can be purchased at: www.amazon.com/Watch-Light-Readings-Advent-Christmas/dp/087486917X/ref=sr_1_1?crid=2O4SE5AVJE185&dchild=1&keywords=watch+for+the+light+readings+for+advent+and+christmas&qid=1634657545&qsid=144-6564208-6229959&srefix=Watch+for+the+Light%2Caps%2C188&sr=8-1&sres=087486917X%2CB01JQEJ9QQ%2C178498289X%2C162698123X%2C0143133780%2C149641909X%2C0874869269%2C1973345544%2C1426790171%2C0664234291%2C1647221579%2C0736980601%2C1433556693%2C0664262279%2C1683594223%2C1683837983&srpt=ABIS_BOOK).

The class will start **Wednesday, December 1 at 6pm** in the South Classroom and via Zoom and continue each Wednesday through January 5 at 6pm for roughly an hour and fifteen minutes. The readings in the book start on November 24 and continue through January 7. Please reach out to Chris Reed (creed@weaverjohnston.com) if you have any difficulty getting the book before November 24. While we encourage everyone to read the daily readings, each class will focus on one of the readings for the past week and will incorporate reflections from the visual arts and music on the mystery of the Season. Each class will also start with a brief period of fellowship over holiday goodies and conclude with a brief Advent-themed Complaine. Please join us as we prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ into our midst and its call for us to be Christ for the world.

Parish Schedule

Week of November 21st

21 Sunday		The Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
	8:00 am	Rite One Eucharist/Nave
	9:00 am	Rite Two Eucharist/Zoom
	10:30 am	Rite Two Eucharist/Nave
	11:30 am	**Also Live-streamed on Facebook** Coffee and Social time/ PH
22 Monday		Office Open
23 Tuesday		
24 Wednesday		
	Noon	Rite Two Eucharist/Nave
	7:00 pm	CoDA/ZOOM
25 Thursday		Office Closed
26 Friday		Office Closed
27 Saturday		
	8:00 am	Step Up/SR **Serving Altar Guild Members** T. Chaney & TBD
Room Codes:		SR - South Room; NR - North Room; CG - Community Garden; PH - Parish Hall; CR - Office Conference Room; K - Kitchen; N - Nave; IG - Interior Garden; M-Music Room

Liturgical Assignments & Lectionary

Sunday, November 21, 2021

- Counters:** Michael Legacy & Kathy Carson
- LEMs:** Sub-Dcn: 2nd LEM: N/A Ext: D. Calhoun & A. Junek
- Lectors:** 9:00 am Zoom Service
L. VanBuskirk
10:30 In-Person Service
1st: M. Legacy 2nd: R. Lacy
POP: Congregation Volunteer
- Ushers/Greeters:** J. DeuPree, R. Hering, V. Holleman
- Acolytes:** Crucifer: J. Crucifer Torches: J. Knight & C. Reed
- Sound:** F. Ellis

Lectionary

First Reading

2 Samuel 23:1-7

Psalm

132:1:13

Second Reading

Revelation 1:4b-8

Gospel

John 18:33-37

Parish Schedule

Week of November 28th

28 Sunday		The First Sunday of Advent: Christ the King
	8:00 am	Rite One Eucharist/Nave
	9:00 am	Rite Two Eucharist/Zoom
	10:30 am	Rite Two Eucharist/Nave
	11:30 am	**Also Live-streamed on Facebook** Coffee and Social time/ PH
29 Monday		Office Closed
30 Tuesday		St. Andrew the Apostle
1 Wednesday		December
	Noon	Rite Two Eucharist/Nave
	6:00 pm	Advent Book Study/SR & Zoom
	7:00 pm	CoDA/ZOOM
2 Thursday		
3 Friday		
	Noon	Hand Bells/M
	1:00 pm	Choir/M or N
4 Saturday		
	8:00 am	Step Up/SR
	9:00 am	Garden Workday/CG
		Serving Altar Guild Members B. Day & R. Hering
Room Codes:		SR - South Room; NR - North Room; CG - Community Garden; PH - Parish Hall; CR - Office Conference Room; K - Kitchen; N - Nave; IG - Interior Garden; M-Music Room

Sunday, November 28, 2021

Counters: M. Followill & D. Hess

LEMs: Sub-Dcn: 2nd LEM: N/A Ext: C. Mullins

Lectors: 9:00 am Zoom Service
R. Woodward
10:30 In-Person Service
1st: K. Carson 2nd: L. Pearson
POP: Congregation Volunteer

Ushers/Greeters: J. Lambert, A. Montague, C. Reed

Acolytes: Crucifer: S. Toon Torches: D. Hess & M. Legacy

Sound: R. Hering

Lectionary

First Reading

Jeremiah 33:14-16

Psalm

25:1-9

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

Gospel

Luke 21:25-36

PRAYER LIST

Healing in the Lives of: Ben Gloria Ann Patricia Ginger
Annie Sandy Merjen Jack Harold Kelly
David Rusty Chase Maxine Anne Diana Sherry Peter

In Thanksgiving For: Annie Jones

God's Grace for: Children of Belize Anne

Guidance: Gwen

In Prison: Allen Orlando Steven Aaron Brandon Hank
GR Stephanie Frank

Serving in the Armed Forces: Alex Aaron Connor Joyce
Collin Tyler Jesse

Seeking Employment: Bryan Maurice Brook Robin Vicki
Trey Gabby Gabriel Gail Oliver Aarib

Holy Death: Glen Sybil

Rest of the Soul: Sara Reba Helen Jeffrey Yvonne

In the Diocese: November 21st:
Episcopal Relief and Development
Disaster Relief Commission
November 28th:
Anglicans for Life
Counseling Centers

November Birthdays



Ginger Reeder
Nov. 3rd



Harold Spiegel
Nov. 4th



Amelia Robert
Nov. 16th



Daniel Hall
Nov. 20th



Ruth Woodward
Nov. 21st



Stephen Waller
Nov. 25th



Roy Guerrero
Nov. 24th



Mark Woods
Nov. 25th



Andy Rohrbacher
Nov. 26th



Dan Calhoun
Nov. 28th

December Birthdays



Fr. Christopher
Dec. 5th



Barbara Foster
Dec. 6th



Pamala Gilliland
Dec. 9th



Sandee Lowe
Dec. 11th



Chris Schilling
Dec. 17th



Jim O'Neal
Dec. 18th



Bob Walker
Dec. 22nd



John Lambert
Dec. 31st



Kabir Master
Dec. 31st

Parish Office hours are 10:00 AM until 4:00 PM

Tuesdays through Fridays

214-352-0410

Emergency contact: Rev Christopher Blake Thomas 214-352-0410 ext 6

(Please leave message with name, call back number, and brief explanation of urgency. Fr. Christopher will receive an urgent message to call back as soon as possible.)

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Rusty Rippamonti

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Randy Hering

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Clerk