

ST. MARY OF THE HILLS EPISCOPAL CHURCH
BLOWING ROCK, NORTH CAROLINA

NOVEMBER 22, 2026

WELCOME TO ST. MARY OF THE HILLS

We are glad that you are here to share in worship of the Living God and be in this community with one another.
Restrooms are in the hallway beyond the Foyer. A nursery is available for children, located in the hallway beyond the Parish Hall. Coffee and Refreshments are served following each service, in Foyer following 8:00AM and in the Parish Hall following 10:10AM.
More information about our parish is available online at www.stmaryofthehills.org.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rector's Forum—No forum today, Nov. 22. The forum will resume next week, Nov. 29 at 9:00 a.m. in the Barrett Room.

Youth Sunday School--Calling all students grades K-12! Join your friends in the St. John Room on Sundays from 9-10 a.m. for ***Little Lambs Sunday School***, a fun time of play, fellowship, wonder, and reflection.

Thanksgiving Day Eucharist—All are welcome to join us on Thursday, Nov. 26, at 9:00 a.m. for Thanksgiving Eucharist.

Thanksgiving Office Closure—The parish office will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 26 and Friday, Nov. 27, for the holiday.

Father Andrew Thanksgiving Travel—Father Andrew will be out of the office Saturday, Nov. 21-Saturday, Nov. 28 for Thanksgiving. If you have an emergency, you may still contact him by phone or email. Mother Torrence will also be available.

Western Youth Network Angel Tree—The Western Youth Network has 15 children, mostly middle-schoolers, in need of gifts. A wish list is provided for each one. Please consider helping to make their Christmas a little brighter by bringing a wrapped gift to the foyer before December 5. The suggested gift amount is $150-$200. Please see Michelle Curry for more details or if you would like her to do your shopping.

Coffee Minute Volunteers Needed—Please volunteer to help with Coffee Minute! It can be as simple as setting out some popcorn, cookies, chips, or cheese and crackers. Bill will set up the table and make coffee and tea, so hosting needn't be stressful! The sign-up sheet is in the Parish Hall. Thank you!

Altar Flower Donations--Thank you to our recent flower donors for helping to make our altar beautiful. If you'd like to donate flowers in honor or memory of a loved one, see the sign-up sheet in the Parish Hall. Suggested donation or $80-$100.

Mother Torrence Office Hours--9:30 to 4:00 on Wednesdays, and by appointment. (804) 436-7591 or mailto:torrence.harman@aol.com.

Bible Study at the South End of Main Street --The study meets Friday mornings from 9:00-10:30 on zoom. For more information, please contact owene_courtney @yahoo.com.

Save the Dates!
Monday, November 30: Eucharist for Saint Andrew the Apostle, 9:00 a.m.
Sunday, December 6: Advent Lessons and Carols, 3:00 p.m.
Saturday, December 12: Mary Quiet Day with Owene Courtney and Torrence Harman, 9 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Thursday, December 24: Christmas Eve Services, 5:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m.
Friday, December 25: Christmas Day Eucharist, 11:00 a.m.

Regular Worship During the Week –

- Morning Prayer is offered M-F at 8:30 AM. Lasting 15-20 minutes, the service includes scripture, silence, and intercessions.
- Holy Eucharist is offered each Wednesday at 12:00PM in the Church. Prayers for Healing, along with Laying on of Hands and Anointing, are offered on the third Wednesday of each month.

PARISH PRAYER LIST

For the Church: Sarah, Archbishop of Canterbury; Sean, our Presiding Bishop; for our diocese and the bishop search committee; for Andrew, Sam, and Torrence, our clergy; for Michelle, our postulant; for our Vestry and staff; and for all the people of this parish.

In our Parish Prayer Cycle, we remember this week:

11/22 Ralph and Francine Roberson
11/23 Billie Rogers
11/24 Bill and Jorgann Rogers
11/25 Diane Rose
11/26 Dale Marie Sandusky family
11/27 Bryan and Marie Saterbo
11/28 Otis and Jean Sawyer

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Christ Church, Sparta; Church of the Savior, Newland; Chapel of Christ the King, Craggy Correctional Center, Asheville; and all other prison ministries.

For our nation and those in positions of public trust: Donald, our President; Josh, our Governor; and all who hold elected office. For all who have offered themselves for public election and service.

For all who suffer from war and violence throughout the world, especially for the Middle East, for Iran and the U.S., Israel, Lebanon, and Gaza, for Ukraine and Russia. For the peace of the world. We pray for the cessation of war.

For healing: Angela, Angus M, Ann, Bill R, Bob A, Bobbie, Bunky D, Carmen, Charlie S, Chris B, Chris C, Chris M, Christina, Donna, Emily, Evie, Jeremiah, Jerry, Jim C, John W, Joshua, Katy, Kenny O, Kerry, KW, Leo, Lloyd, Lucy, Mandy L, Margaret, Marie, Martha A, Martha T, Mary Ellen, Mary M, Michael, Mike M, Myra, Neal H, Nick, Pat F, Pete, Sarah M, Sharon, Siri, Susan P, Todd, the Turner family, Valerie, Vincent, Vinny, Violet.

For those suffering from any natural disaster.

**Please note that the names on this list will remain for four weeks, unless the office is notified that the person needs to remain on the list longer.*

For safe pregnancy and delivery: Camille, Emily, Kelley, Caitlyn, Katherine, Jennifer, Corinne, Megan, Nicola, Sara, Sara H

For those with other concerns: Bobbie, Cindia T, Corinne, Jeff B, Josh, Joshua, Lamar, Lynn. Strength for the Nault family, the Turner family, the Mixter family, the Ruggieri family.

In Joyful Thanksgiving For: the birth of Mila Branstrom (10/31/2026), grandchild of Nioucha Branstrom, and Tilden Kit Redford (10/31/2026), granddaughter of Rick and Beth Lawler.

For those celebrating a birthday

For those celebrating an anniversary

11/24 Ray and Heather Cameron

For those who are traveling: Alex, Bre, and Family; Devyn, Dani, and Drew; the Heges

For those who have died: Anna C, Beau B, David K, Dayton C, Fred P, Gail P, Gary M, Joe Dulaney, John, Jonathan J, LaBibi G, Patrick T, Ralph, Randy P, Sadie and Lil' Bit T, Sarah, Terry L, Thomas Buxton.