THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2021 10:00 AM

FROM THE RECTOR

Whoever you may be and where you may find yourself experiencing life's journey, do know that you are always welcome at St. Thomas Church.

ST. THOMAS IS OPEN FOR IN-PERSON SERVICE

Due to CDC and Diocesan recommendations, we can only accommodate 150 people in the church. All others will be directed to Anderson Hall. There will be a sign-in sheet. Masks are MANDATORY for all in attendance. Seating will be spaced. Please check the signs on each pew before you enter. Hand sanitizer will be available. The ventilation system has been changed to let in outside air.

We request that all in attendance be **VACCINATED**. Unvaccinated individuals are requested to watch the service via **LIVE STREAM**.

"WELCOME TO THE MOTHER CHURCH"

"Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise. Give thanks unto Him and bless His name" Psalm 100:4

A NOTE FROM THE RECTOR

Greetings My Dearest Sisters and Brothers,

Grace and Peace to you from God on this Second Sunday in Advent and Men's Day. The theme is "A Man for All Seasons". Our Homilist today is the **Rev, Dr.Thomas Snowden**.

On behalf of the Clergy, Wardens, Vestry and People of God, welcome to the historic African Episcopal Church of St. Thomas, founded in 1792 as the first black Episcopal Church in the U.S.A. The first rector of this historic parish, The Rev. Fr. Absalom Jones was also the first black Episcopal priest in the nation.

Our parish boldly proclaims the reconciling Gospel of Jesus Christ. We are an active, mission-minded and growing church family. Whoever you are and wherever you may find yourself on your spiritual journey of faith, you are always welcomed at St. Thomas' Church, where we are joyfully and enthusiastically committed to Jesus' message of love, hope, prayer, acceptance and faith. Today, as you worship in this place, may you experience and feel the presence of the Lord, and may you leave feeling renewed, refreshed and revived. Again, welcome!

The Very Rev. Canon Martini Shaw, 17th Rector and Dean of the Schuylkill Deanery



THE AFRICAN EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS MEN'S MINISTRY AND FELLOWSHIP



MEN'S DAY CELEBRATION SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2021 THE REV. DR. THOMAS G. SNOWDEN- HOMILIST

*Please make a special Men's Day Donation based on your comfort level of \$25, \$50, \$75, or \$100.

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A PASTORAL NOTE

Grace and Peace to you.

I pray that this communication finds you well. Recent news reporting re: COVID19 has caused me great concern, especially for our dear brothers and sisters who have not been fully vaccinated against COVID19. If you are unvaccinated, I ask you to prayerfully consider being vaccinated ASAP. Please spread the word regarding the importance of being fully vaccinated.

Please receive this note as a symbol of my deep concern and love. And let us continue to pray for those infected with and affected by the virus.



CONGRATULATIONS!

to our own **Donald Hunt Sr.** on his retirement from The Tribune as a sports writer, for 43 years. The link to the article in The Tribune can be found <u>here</u>.

Thank you for all you have done for the community.

THE HISTORY OF THE ADVENT WREATH AND CANDLES

The word "Advent" is derived from the Latin word "adventus", meaning "coming," which is a translation of the Greek word parousia.

Most know Advent today as a time of anticipation and expectation of the birth of Christ.

Advent lasts for four Sundays leading up to Christmas. The Advent season not only symbolizes the waiting for Christ's birth but also for his final return.

The Advent wreath was created out of evergreens, symbolizing everlasting life in the midst of winter and death as the evergreen is continuously green. The circle reminds us of God's unending love and the eternal life He makes possible.

THE ADVENT WREATH

is a symbol of the season, with a candle lit each of the four Sundays leading up to, and on Christmas Day. The light of the flickering candle flames reminds us who Jesus is: "In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind". The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." (John 1:4-5).

THE FIRST CANDLE

that we light on Sunday, which is purple, symbolizes hope. It is sometimes called the "Prophecy Candle" in remembrance of the prophets, especially Isaiah, who foretold the birth of Christ. It represents the expectation felt in anticipation of the coming Messiah. Additional decorations, like holly and berries, are sometimes added. Their red color points ahead to Jesus' sacrifice and death on the cross, shedding his blood for our sins.

The most common Advent candle tradition, however, involves four candles around the wreath. A new candle is lit on each of the four Sundays before Christmas.

Each candle represents something different, although traditions vary. Often, the first, second, and fourth candles are purple; the third candle is rose-colored. A fifth white candle is placed in the middle of the wreath and is lit on Christmas Day to celebrate Jesus' birth.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR

WORSHIP LIVE STREAM on the St. Thomas website, on Facebook or Youtube.com every Sunday morning at 10:00 AM.



CONGRATULATIONS!

to Richard Koilor and Jasmine Smith on their marriage on Saturday, December 4, 2021.

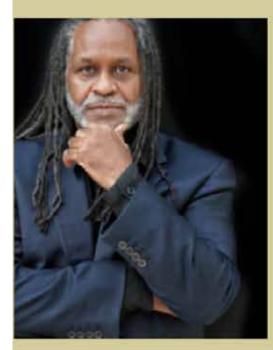
The Church of the Advocate Invites You to A Concert of Remembrance

Gratitude and Renewal



A Community Concert Saturday, December 4th 2PM

Join Us for Music and Food Masks Required Free Will Offering



Aaron Graves Musical Director

Featuring Monnette Sudler Ruth Naomi Floyd Valerie Gay



J. Michael Harrison, MC Host of "The Bridge" WRTI

Supported by Rick and Rita Josiassen



CONGRATULATIONS!

This July, **Tynecia Wilson won the 2021 Miss Caribbean U.S.** after only three days to prepare. This pageant competition was founded by the Miss Caribbean U.S. Beauty Pageant, INC. (a local non-profit organization that uplifts the Caribbean community). After 21 years of this pageant tradition, Tynecia becomes the first Miss USA to win the title of Miss Caribbean U.S. while competing against 6 other Caribbean island representatives. Tynecia hopes to continue her pageantry, and one day compete for Miss America."

THE PANDEMIC HAS EMPOWERED THE CHURCH TO RE-IMAGINE

Please join our rector in RE-IMAGINING.

We will **Re-imagine** new ways to view our relationship with Jesus Christ.

We will **Re-imagine** new ways to proclaim the Gospel.

We will **Re-imagine** new ways to feed and nurture others.

We will **Re-imagine** new ways to evangelize and grow the church.

We will **Re-imagine** new ways to serve our seniors and youth.

We will **Re-imagine** new ways of community outreach and service.

We will **Re-Imagine** new ways to engage in social justice and politics.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

is now being scheduled. If you or someone you know wish to be baptized, please go to our website <u>www.aecst.org</u>, go to "About The AECST". Use the drop down to click on <u>Holy Baptism</u>. All the information about baptism and the <u>electronic online Application Form</u> can be found there.

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Have you been confirmed yet? The bishop will be making his visitation to St. Thomas in 2022. We are in the process of forming the Confirmation Class of 2022. Please contact **Gladyce DuBrey** in the Parish Office to add your name.



ATTENTION ALL MEN:

Please be a part of our Chorus for Men's Day on **December 5th**. Rehearsal: Saturday, **December 4th**, at **10:00 AM**.



PLEASE DO NOT PARK on the Carport ramp! This is a fire code violation.

Thank you!

SPEARHEAD EMAILS

If you are not receiving the Spearhead emails, or have someone else you wish to receive, please visit <u>http://eepurl.com/djyGiD</u> to subscribe. Your information will NEVER be shared or sold and you can UNsubscribe at anytime by following the instructions provided at the bottom of every email message.

THE CIRCLE OF PRAYER MINISTRY

Please join us for the Circle of Prayer Ministry Call on **Monday, December 6, 2021**.

Thank you Swanie Goldsmith, Karen Vaugh, Jenelle Wilson Johnson, Wanda Tarawaly, Elizabeth Derr, Daphne Gilstrap, and the members, and all others who continue to participate and support our weekly Circle of Prayer call.

> We look forward to our next prayer session We start promptly at **6:30 AM.**

We encourage you to reach out to us at <u>circleofprayer@aecst.org</u> to submit prayer requests or if you are interested in leading the Intercessory Prayer, offer a prayer(s) or provide a meditation in song.

The teleconference call number is: **605-313-6361**. The access code is **268105**. **Prayer is the Answer!**



Please note time change!

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE Friday, December 24th 5:00 P.M.

ST. THOMAS CIRCLE OF PRAYER MINISTRY

PLEASE JOIN US WEEKLY FOR MONDAY MORNING PRAYER CALL

AT 6:30 AM THE TELECONFERENCE NUMBER IS: (605) 313-6361 Code: 268 105

YOU ARE WELCOME TO SEND AN INTERCESSORY PRAYER REQUEST TO: CIRCLEOFPRAYER@AECST.ORG

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THE VERY REV. CANON MARTINI SHAW RECTOR



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ALTAR FLOWERS

We **DO NOT** place flowers on the altar during Advent, except for Rose **Sunday, Dec. 12th**.

TO ORDER ROSE SUNDAY FLOWERS,

please send in information with payment to the church c/o Clare Mae Daniels or Alfreda Brockman at: St. Thomas Church, 6361 Lancaster Ave., Phila. PA 19151

I would like to place flowers on: the High Altar \$55.00. the Absalom Jones Altar \$50.00. the Columbarium \$40.00.

(Please PRINT)

a) In Memory of _____

b) In Thanksgiving for _____

Given by _____ Envelope # _____ Amount \$____



Your gift of Christmas poinsettias and altar arrangements will help beautify the church for the holidays, and will be a beautiful tribute to your loved ones, or a token of Thanksgiving for a blessing received. Please (Print) send to Alfreda Brockman or Clare Mae Daniels c/o St. Thomas Church, 6361 Lancaster Ave., Phila. Pa 19151 and include the information below.

DEADLINE : MONDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2021

Christmas Flower Donations Please Print All Names. 5 names per plant.

I would like to place flowers on: the High Altar @ \$125.00. the Absalom Jones Altar @ \$85.00. the Columbarium @ \$45.00. Purchase a Poinsettia @ \$25.00.

A) In memory of _____

B) In Thanksgiving for _____

Given I	oy _
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Envelope # _____ Amount \$_____

I would like to donate towards the Christmas greenery (Any amount) \$_____

CHRISTMAS TREE ADOPTION

Our Christmas Tree is up for adoption. Donation is \$40.00. List up to 10 loved ones. Please fill out the form below and return to Alfreda Brockman, Clare Mae Daniels St. Thomas Church, 6361 Lancaster Ave., Phila. PA 19151. Please do not place in the collection plate. DEADLINE: MONDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2021

Please circle one: In memory of or In Thanksgiving for. (PLEASE PRINT)

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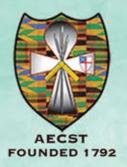
Amount \$_____

I would like to donate towards the Christmas greenery.

(Any amount) \$_____

THANK YOU!

To my church family, your prayers and well wishes humble my heart during my recovery. Thank you one and all for thinking of me during this time. **Edita Gauthney**



The African Episcopal Church of St. Thomas Church School is

Calling ALL AECST Students K-12, Parents and Teachers

BACK!

WELCOME TO A NEW AND EXCITING YEAR OF ADVENTURE IN OUR CHRISTIAN JOURNEY - LEARNING AND LIVING THROUGH CHRIST

KNOW JESUS. CHANGE THE WORLD!

JOIN US

THE AECST CHURCH SCHOOL EVERY SUNDAY AT NOON

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED. Please register using our AECST Church School Registration Link https://forms.gle/nat7CGEYd7WNcS6X8 Once you register, you will receive the Zoom link to attend. All parents and church school aged children are encouraged to attend. If you need more information please contact Dottie Archey at 215-474-2815 or you can send an email to churchschool@aecst.org for more information.

WELCOME BACK VIRTUAL CHURCH SCHOOL!

Church school will meet by ZOOM Sundays, at noon. You can still register your child using AECST Church School **Registration Link.**

Once you register, you will receive the Zoom link to attend Church School. All parents and church school aged children are encouraged to attend. If you need more information please contact Dottie Archey at 215-474-2815 or you can send an email to <u>churchschool@aecst.org</u> for more information.

YOUR OPINION MATTERS!

Hello! We want to provide the best possible Church School experience for the children of AECST. We desire to continue building a foundation of faith in our young people that they can take wherever God leads them.

AECST Church School would like to determine where best to direct our energy.

Please complete the short survey below to assist in this endeavor. Your feedback is very helpful to the ongoing Church School program at AECST. We want you and your child/ children to love and cherish the program that is offered. <u>Please click here for the survey.</u>



Wednesday, December 8, 2021, 7 - 8 PM

A Discussion About Children (5 - 11 Years Old) Moderated By Mayla Henderson-Jackson

Facts and Misconceptions

COVID Vaccine for Children:

Register

NOW!

COVID-19

Vaccine

Panelists: Lynn Starr, M.D. Rochelle Teachey, M.D. And Darryle Tillman, Pharm.D

Register in advance for this meeting: https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/ tZYufu-rpzIuGtzI0F1yAY4WjwX6LWHU6W5S

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

> Dottie Archey Church School Superintendent

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Food, photo booths, and dancing will make this a night to remember. Come dressed to impress.



The African Episcopal Church of St. Thomas Philadelphia

RSVP to bivey@diopa.org



DAILY RECOMMENDED BIBLE READINGS Readings For The Second Sunday of Advent December 5th Men's Day

First Reading: <u>Malachi 3:1-4</u> The Song of Zechariah <u>(Luke 1:68-79)</u> Second Reading: <u>Philippians 1:3-11</u> The Holy Gospel: <u>Luke 3:1-6</u>

Week of 12/6/2021

Monday - <u>Luke 21:20-28</u> Tuesday - <u>Luke 21:29-38</u> Wednesday - <u>John 7:53-8:11</u> Thursday - <u>Luke 22:1-13</u> Friday - <u>Luke 22:14-30</u> Saturday - <u>Luke 22:31-38</u>

The Third Sunday of Advent December 12th First Reading: Zephaniah 3:14-20 The First Song of Isaiah - Isaiah 12:2-6 Second Reading: Philippians 4:4-7 The Holy Gospel: Luke 3:7-18

UPCOMING SUNDAYS IN DECEMBER

December 5th The Second Sunday in Advent Men's Day - Theme "A Man for All Seasons"

December 12th The Third Sunday in Advent (Rose Sunday)

December 19th The Fourth Sunday in Advent Church School Christmas Presentation

December 26th

Virtual Prayers Online Only - No In-Person Worship Please join us on our website <u>aecst.org</u> or Facebook.



AECST BIBLE STUDY Tuesdays at 7:00 PM via Zoom. if you are interested in joining a lively, interactive Bible Study group, contact Fr. Jay via email at associatepriest@aecst.org to be included on our membership list.

You will receive the link and our weekly leson plan to prepare in advance for the week's meeting.

THE ST. THOMAS GOSPEL CHOIR WANTS YOU!

For the 14th year our St. Thomas Gospel Choir has been asked to join the Philly Pops Christmas Spectacular at The Kimmel Center for 8 shows and all are invited to join in! Rehearsal dates are: Wednesday, November 10, 17 and 24. For further information please call 484-816-STGC (7842)

For tickets call: **215-893-1999** and use the code "Chorus" for the discount by phone or online only at phillypops.org. (This code can also be used for ANY future concerts presented by the POPS.)

Concerts featuring: Scarlett Strallen, Vocalist Hugh Panara, Vocalist Charlie Albright, Guest Artist The Philly POPS Festival Chorus The Philadelphia Boys Choir and The African Episcopal Church of St. Thomas Gospel Choir

Concert Dates and Times

Friday, Dec. 3rd - Sold Out Saturday, Dec. 4th - 3pm Wednesday, Dec. 8th -8pm Friday, Dec. 10th -3pm Saturday, Dec. 11th -3pm Wednesday, Dec. 15th - 8pm Friday, Dec. 17th - 3pm Saturday, Dec. 18th -3pm

DO YOU PLAY A MUSICAL INSTRUMENT?

Have you ever thought about using that talent to glorify God in worship? Please prayerfully consider joining our St. Thomas Jazz Ensemble. The Ensemble will offer musical selections for Christmas Eve Mass.

If interested, please contact Gladyce in the Parish Office ASAP to get details on upcoming scheduled rehearsals.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS WHO ARE:

IN THE HOSPITAL

Leotta Griffith, Dorothy Smith, Kenneth Dow

RECOVERING AT HOME

Harold Yates, Alice Bowman-Cropper, Inez Turner.

PLEASE KEEP IN PRAYER

Suzanne Closson, Shirley Caldwell, Adinah Edwards, Shirley Winkfield, Robert Brown, Stephanie Williamson, Linda Holmes, Ridart "Butch"Farmer, Georgia Sawyer, Joan Hall, Rosalind Roberts Smalls, Dr. Thomas Snowden, Leatrice Snowden, Isadora "Gwen" Francis, Francina Norris.

WE PRAY FOR

those who are Incarcerated and their families, as well as those affected by their actions.

OUR CONDOLENCES

to the family of **Bernadine Abad**. A Memorial service will be held at St. Thomas for her on Monday, December 6th at 10:00AM. Please pray for the family.

ST. THOMAS COLUMBARIUM INURNMENT

If you have a loved one who has passed away in the last year and would like to schedule a St. Thomas Columbarium Inurnment, please contact the church office at 215-473-3065.

STEWARDSHIP NEWS

FROM THE RECTOR

You should have received your Third Quarter Statement of the Stewardship year. I am urging everyone to please assure that your 2021 Pledge is current. If you have questions, please contact the Fiscal Administrator, Jeanette Jeffrey in the Fiscal Office from 9:30AM-2:00PM Monday -Thursday. Thanking you in advance for the many ways that you share your Time, Talents and Treasures toward the ministries of St. Thomas Church.

I ask that you, using the chart below to assist you, prayerfully fill out your 2022 Faithful Giving Card. Please place it in the offering plate, postal mail, or electronically use our Faithful Giving. <u>Pledge Form</u> on our website.

Again, thanks so much for your continued support to the ministries of our amazing parish.

"To whom much is given, much is required". Luke 12:48

Faithfully, The Very Rev. Canon Martini Shaw, 17th Rector and Dean of the Schuylkill Deanery

A CHART TO ASSIST US WITH OUR FAITHFUL GIVING Holy Scripture commends a minimum tithe of (10% of our earnings)

Where are you on your spiritual journey? Annual Faithful Giving

Yearly Income	2%	5%	10%
\$10,000.00	\$200.00	\$500.00	\$1,000.00
\$15,000.00	\$300.00	\$750.00	\$1,500.00
\$20,000.00	\$400.00	\$1,000.00	\$2,000.00
\$25,000.00	\$500.00	\$1,250.00	\$2,500.00
\$30,000.00	\$600.00	\$1,500.00	\$3,000.00
\$40,000.00	\$800.00	\$2,000.00	\$4,000.00
\$50,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$2,500.00	\$5,000.00
\$60,000.00	\$1,200.00	\$3,000.00	\$6,000.00
\$70,000.00	\$1,400.00	\$3,500.00	\$7,000.00
\$80,000.00	\$1,600.00	\$4,000.00	\$8,000.00
\$90,000.00	\$1,800.00	\$4,500.00	\$9,000.00
\$100,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$10,000.00
\$110,000.00	\$2,200.00	\$5,500.00	\$11,000.00
\$120,000.00	\$2,400.00	\$6,000.00	\$12,000.00
\$150,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$7,000.00	\$15,000.00
\$175,000.00	\$3,500.00	\$8,750.00	\$17,500.00
\$200,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$20,000.00

CAPITAL BUILDING IMPROVEMENT CAMPAIGN

Thank you to all who have contributed to the fund. Everyone is asked to please make a minimum sacrificial gift of \$40 per month. Please use the envelope from your packet or place Building Fund in the Memo section of your check or click the Donation Button or Capital Improvement **Donation Button** on our website.

THE 2022 OFFERING ENVELOPES

are now ready for you to pick up in Anderson Hall. If you're unable to pick them up on Sundays after church you may do so Monday through Friday from 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM. If you have a parishioner who lives near you who can't get to church, perhaps you can pick theirs up as well.

You can now complete your pledge card by mail or on our website via the online <u>Pledge Form</u> If you have decided to use the Givi App or <u>Online Giving</u> <u>Donations</u>, please email me at <u>stewardship@aecst.org</u> with your name and envelope number.

If you have moved and have not sent your new address to the church office at 215-473-3065 or email, please do so ASAP. The church has received many returned mailings because of bad addresses. We would appreciate your new address, phone number and email address. Thanks so much for your help with this.

Thank you very much.

Judy Tillman, Stewardship Committee

WAYS TO CONTINUE TO BE FAITHFUL TO GOD AND THE CHURCH THROUGH STEWARDSHIP

"To whom much is given, much is required." Luke 12:48

- Mail in your check or money order to the church. Please use the following address: The Historic African Episcopal Church of St. Thomas c/o Fiscal Administrator.
 6361 Lancaster Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19151
- 2) Use the Givi app. If you don't already use the app and don't have an account, it's easy to obtain. Please click the links below for the type of device you own to download the givi app (givi IOS App) for your Apple (iPhone, iPad, or iPod touch) or (givi Android App) for your Android device.

If you have any questions, please speak with **Deadra Cannon**, 215-844-6115.

- 3) Bring your check directly to the Parish Office during regular business hours. After business hours, drop your envelope in the door mail slot located on the front patio of the Absalom Jones House.
- 4) Church Website: http://www.aecst.org/donations.htm.

Simply select the button/s on the page that represents where you'd like your payment to be applied, i.e. your pledge, the AJ House, Easter, etc.

NOTE: please remember to enter your envelope number in the Customer ID field, if you are a member of St. Thomas when filling out your online giving information.

2022 FAITHFUL GIVING CARDS

If you have not submitted your Faithful Giving Card, please place your card in the offering plate today.

Thank you!

To the following people who have submitted their 2022 Faithful Giving Cards.

Clergy, Vestry, Auxiliary Vestry Leadership

Fr. Martini Shaw Fr. Gerald Collins **Ronnie Collins** Deadra Cannon Albert Dandridge, Esq. **Clare Mae Daniels** Johanna Daye Barry and Deborah Camp-Frye Deborah Harrison D. Lynn Joell Kelvin & Pamela Johnson Brenda Johnson Best Frank Johnson **Richard Jones Cynthia Muse** Jonathan Muse Darryle & Judith Tillman Judith Simkins Booth

Thank you!

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Joyce Adams Ted Bythewood Shirley Caldwell Patricia Akins Constance Anderson Cornelia Camp Jeanne Arnold **Kevin Carter** Cedric Babb **Phyllis Cater** Paul Bach & Julie Lynada Coleburn Bryant **Terry Corson** Hergenrather Gwendolyn Cottman Walter & Patricia Bantom Terri Barber Carl & Mary Dean Brenda Battle Elizabeth Derr Catherine Bell Dr. Rollo Dilworth Susan Ben Patrick and Musu Doe Deborah Billups Dr. Barbara Douglass **Deborah Booker-Matthews** William & Quincina Guy Booth Edmonds I. Page Bowser Lynette Edwards Theresa Bramwell **Rashid Faisal Conchetta Brewer** Larry & Deidre Farmby Lorita Brockington Loretta Fergueson J.R. & Alfreda Brockman Wendella Fox & Herb Wetzel Isadora (Gwen) Francis Jean Brogden Carmen Brown Norman & Nikki Franke **Edita Gauthney** Robert and Jayne Brown **Elaine Gillison** Marilyn Brown Phyllis S. Brown Barbara Glenn William H. Brown, III Swanie Goldsmith Sandra Bryant-Milller **Christopher Golson** Carmella Bullock **Eugene & Marie Golson** Sharon Cotton Bullock **Clarice Grant** William Burke **Arlene Gray**

Thank you!

To the following people who have submitted their 2022 Faithful Giving Cards.

Austin Green Carole Williams Green Michelle Green Thomasina Hack Joan P. Hall Stephen Hannum Sharon Lawrence Harper **Roosevelt & Gail Harris** Joyce Harrison **Richard & Gwenda Hart Gregory Hayes** Maurice Hays Rene Hayes **Denise McDaniel Henderson** Quentin Heyward Linda Holmes Patricia Holmes Fleta Howell Robert Hugh Dr. Diana H. Hutchins Kim Hyde Diann Jacox Bobby Johnson Jenelle Wilson Johnson Sheryl Johnson Bettie Jones Kelly & Tracy Jones Sheila Jones Robert & Joyce Jones

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Thank you!

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