



**AECST**  
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**SUNDAY,  
NOVEMBER 7, 2021**

**10:00 AM**  
IN-PERSON WORSHIP

**OBSERVANCE OF  
The Feast  
of All Saints / All Souls**

**- In Celebration of  
The 75th Anniversary Of  
The Links, Incorporated**

**- Worshipping with us:  
The National President  
of The Links, Incorporated  
Kimberly Jeffries Leonard, Ph.D.  
and other guests**

**Our Live Stream Link is found on our  
Website, FaceBook, or YouTube Channel.**

THE AFRICAN EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS • FIRST BLACK EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN THE USA  
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**THE TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
AND THE FEAST OF ALL SAINTS / ALL SOULS**

**Sunday, November 7, 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.

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**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\*\*](#).

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The Church and Administrative Offices  
will be **CLOSED** on  
**Thursday, November 11th**  
in observance of Veterans Day.  
Thank you to all our Veterans

## 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.

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## **THE LINKS, INCORPORATED**

Today, we welcome members of The Links, Incorporated, especially Kimberly Jeffries Leonard, PhD., National President, The Links, Incorporated; Ethel Isaacs Williams, J.D., National Vice President, The Links, Incorporated; Shuana Tucker-Sims, Ph.D., Eastern Area Director, The Links, Incorporated; Gina Golson Nunery, President, Philadelphia Chapter, The Links, Incorporated and others worshiping with us today in celebration of their 75th Anniversary.

Their founding members: Margaret Rosell Hawkins and Sarah Strickland Scott were both members of St. Thomas Church.

*Also today members of the Daughters of the King will receive Corporate Communion.*

## **HISTORY OF THE LINKS, INCORPORATED THE PHILADELPHIA CHAPTER**

On November 9, 1946, Margaret Rosell Hawkins and Sarah Strickland Scott, two young Philadelphia matrons invited seven of their friends to join them in organizing a new type of inter-city club. These two women envisioned an organization that would respond to the needs and aspirations of Black women in ways that existing clubs did not. It was their intent that the club would have a three fold aim - civic, educational, and cultural. Based on these aims, the club would implement programs, which it's founders hoped would foster cultural appreciation through the arts: develop richer inter-city group relations: and help women who participated to understand and accept their social and civic responsibilities.

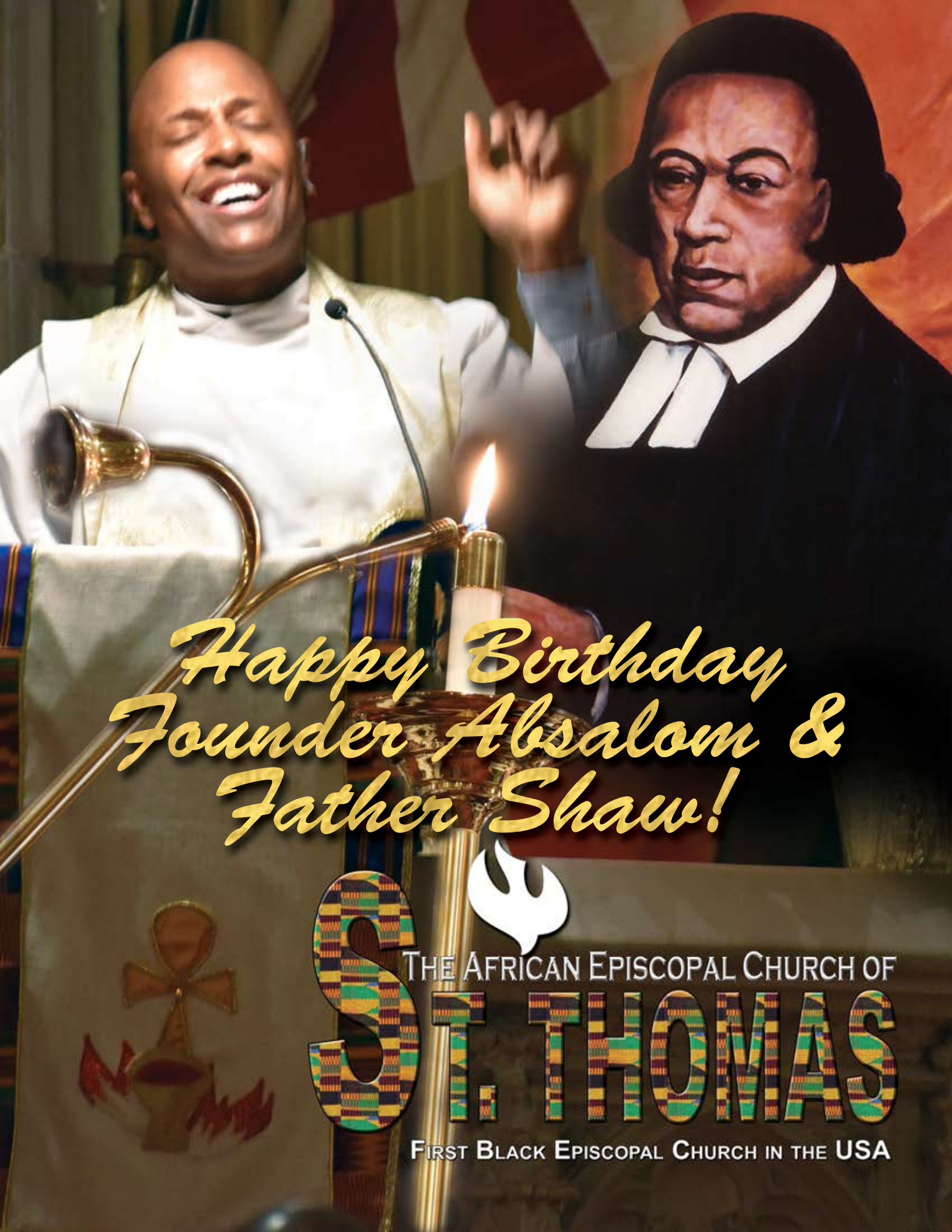
Through exceptional program and services, the Philadelphia Chapter is proud to be in the forefront of civic outreach in the Philadelphia region.

Co- Founders Margaret Rosell Hawkins and Sarah Strickland Scott along with Charter Member Frances Atkinson were members of the African Episcopal Church of St. Thomas. Margaret Hawkins painted the beautiful watercolor “Stations of the Cross” featured in the sanctuary.

The founding chapter continues the legacy of co-founders Hawkins and Scott through exemplary community service and outreach. The Philadelphia Chapter recognizes it’s unique position within the Links organization and it’s role in providing outstanding community service and leadership. Through exceptional program and services, the Philadelphia Chapter is proud to be in the forefront of civic outreach in the Philadelphia region.

Today, The Links, Incorporated is an international, not -for-profit corporation. The membership consists of 16,000 professional women of African decent in 292 chapters located in 41 states, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of the Bahamas, and the United Kingdom. It is one of the nation’s oldest and largest volunteer service organizations of extraordinary women committed to enriching, sustaining and enduring the culture and economic survival of African Americans and other persons of African ancestry.

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*Happy Birthday  
Founder Absalom &  
Father Shaw!*



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# *Thank You Veterans!*

## **Honoring all who served...**

**You are invited to join us on  
Sunday, November 14, 2021, at 10:00 AM  
as we honor and celebrate those who served  
or are serving in our military.**



**The Historic St. Thomas Scout Troop #133 will be participating in the Service.**

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## **ALL SAINTS / ALL SOULS**

### **The Candle Memorials on the Altars are lit in Memory of the following loved ones:**

**Adjahoe, Alfred**, Naomi Adjahoe, Alberta Brockman, Rudolph J. Brockman, Learline Wallace, given by J.R. & Alfreda Brockman

**Ambrose, Bernice**, Edith Jones, Lucinda Harper, Reverend Sadie Mitchell, Ruth Chandler, Vivian Ray, given by The Sisterhood Guild

**Ball, Laura** given by Jann Minor

**Billups, Barbara**, Hallie Billups, John Billups, Jr., Christopher Billups, Isaac Robert Billups, Melvin Billups, given by Deborah Billups

**Bramwell, Geraldine**, Theopholus Bramwell, Vivian Motley, Lydia Ravernell, Hattie McDonald, Sandra McCrae, Randall Moore, Randall Moore, Sr., Grace Moore, Audrey Rouse, given by Theresa Bramwell

**Broadhead, Dr. John H. and Fleta M.**; Dr. Elliott D. Waters, Sr., and Fleta B. Waters; John B. Waters, Elliott D. Waters, Jr., given by Fleta W. Howell

**Blissett, Erma C.**, Elaine Brown, Shirley Brown, LaNell Burke, given by Jurdina S. Koilor

**Cumber, Dolly**, Nellie M. Tapper, Leonard W. Tapper III, Leonard W. Tapper, Jr., given by Lynda Tapper Smith

**Daniels, Grace H.**, Otis L. Daniels, William "Bo" Daniels, Julius C. Daniels, Lydia R. Daniels, Elizabeth "Tootie" Stanley, Otis R. Daniels, Sr., Otis R. Daniels, Jr., Dorothy Wilson, given by Cathy Stafford

**Gauthney, Ruth**, Phoebe Pugh Stevens, Matt Gauthney, Donald Stevens given by Stephen Pugh

**Grant, Rev. & Mrs. James E.**, given by Clarice Grant and Family

**Green. Mr. & Mrs. James A.**; James A. Green, Jr., given by Donna Atchison and Iris Pointer Carr

**Hayes, Ruth**, given by Gregory and Rene Hayes

**Hayes, Ruth**, given by Maurice Hayes

**Hughey Rosa Lea**, Ronnie Hill, Pearl Hill, Geneva Jamison, Sarah Tyner, James Hughey, Terry Hill, given by Ronnie H. Collins

**Johnson, Ellen W.**, given by Sheryl, Sharon, and Shawne Johnson

**Jones, Robert & Edith**, given by Pamela & Kelvin Johnson

To honor the souls of our dearly departed members of the Daughters of the King: **1947-1957, 1958-1968, 1969-1979, 1980-1990, 1991-2001, 2002-2012, 2013-2021**, given by the St. Thomas Chapter, Daughters of the King



**Muse, Edward L.**, Justine Muse, Ruth Fields Robinson, Peale Dillard Robinson, Joan Logan Gordon, given by Cynthia Muse

**Norris, Bernice**, Francis Norris, Kathleen Anderson, King Norris, Keith Rich, Minnie Jones, Raymond Norris, given by Francina R. Norris

**Perry, Connie & Bill**, given by Joan Hall

**Ragland, Frances**, Roderick Ragland, Cheryl Rich, Toby Rich, Chambers Family given by Karen Ragland

**Rice, Jesse & Mary**, Lula Carter, Florence Smith, Christine Johnson, Rev. Rondo Nael, Rev. Julius Jackson, Rev. Curtis Sisco, Jr., departed U.B.E. Members, given by Clarence Rice

**Shaw, Sr., Kenneth & Camille**, Kenneth Shaw, Jr., Stephen Shaw, Angylet & Girdie Kimble, given by Sherilynn & Reggie Kimble

**Singletery, Margaret**, Theresa Singletery, Winton Singletery, Thelbert Graham, Deborah Graham, Ethel Mae Chafin, given by Arlene Singletery

**Sudler, Cordelia K.**, Harvey J. Sudler. Sr., Harvey J. Sudler, Jr., Ruth V. Tucker, William Tucker, Jr., Elfreida M. Thurston, Dwight Thurston, Salivia T. Wilkins, given by Art & Michele Sudler

**Tarawaly, Banja S.**, Marvin & Emma Parks, Charles Parks, Amanda Bell, James H. Jackson, Allene Jackson, Grandison Jackson, Warren Harding Sr., Rovina Robinson and all the deceased members of the Daughters of The King, given by Wanda Tarawaly

**Watson, Sr., Edward O.**, Clara May Watson, William Leecan, Edward O. Watson, Jr., Martha Pressley, given by Clare Mae Daniels

**Walker, Wesley & Vera**, Robert & Gloria Moore, Robert & Flora Ellison, Ernest Ellison, given by Patricia Walker Ellison

**Williams, Mr. & Mrs. Rufus** and Imelda, Mr. & Mrs. Orlando and Shirley Cummings given by Seth Williams

**Wilson, Edgar & Eileen**, Eugenia Simon, Wayne Samuel, Cyril Alexander, Curtis Wilson, Debra Greaves, Vernon Glean, Melville Wilson, Vernon Cyrus, Alban Cyrus, given by Jenelle Wilson Johnson

**Wilson Howard & Armita Moore**, Alton L. & Ovie DuBrey, Alton M. DuBrey William & Clara Moore Spraggins, Edward DuBrey, Gary DuBrey, Margaret Ward Johnson, Alma Walker, Harvey & Mildred Pat Bradley, Mildred Ann Washington, Lunnie Mae Williams, Carrie Mae Golden, Mary Earthese Bradley, Dorothy Shipman, Paula Glover, Mildred R. Washington, given by Gladyce DuBrey and family and Frank Thorne

**Young, Donald**, given by Alice Young

## **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.

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### **PLEASE JOIN US FOR**

**[WORSHIP LIVE STREAM](#)** on the St. Thomas website, on  
**[Facebook](#)** or **[Youtube.com](#)** every Sunday morning  
at 10:00 AM.

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### **THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM**

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

## **GREAT NEWS FROM THE ST. THOMAS HEALTH MINISTRY**

### **Boosters - Boosters - Boosters**

St. Thomas will offer Booster COVID19 Vaccines for individuals who received their first two on **Saturday, November 20, 2021, 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM.** Boosters will be offered by our partnership with Penn Medicine. Please bring your vaccine cards with you. Both Pre-Registrations and Walk-Ins will be offered. Questions may be directed to Phyllis Cater at [\*\*pbccater@comcast.net\*\*](mailto:pbccater@comcast.net)

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### **THE CIRCLE OF PRAYER MINISTRY**

Please join us for the Circle of Prayer Ministry Call on **Monday, November 8, 2021.**

Thank you Swanie Goldsmith, Wanda Tarawaly, Binky Seay, Carolyn Summers, Cathy Stafford, 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 which starts promptly at **6:30 AM.**

We encourage you to reach out to us at [\*\*circleofprayer@aecst.org\*\*](mailto:circleofprayer@aecst.org) 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 eleconference call number is: **605-313-6361.**  
The access code is **268105.** **Prayer is the Answer!**

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**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](mailto:CIRCLEOFPRAYER@AECST.ORG)**

**PHYLLIS B. CATER \* DAPHNE GILSTRAP  
FACILITATORS**

**THE VERY REV. CANON MARTINI SHAW  
RECTOR**



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## **ALTAR FLOWERS**

Flowers on the High Altar are in Loving Memory of Harry R. Seay and Andre R. Seay given by Binky Seay and family;  
Also in Memory of Margaret Rosell Hawkins and Sarah Strickland Scott, given by The Philadelphia Chapter of The Links, Incorporated;

Also in Loving Memory and for the Birthday of **Beatrice Tomlinson** given by Nikki & Norman Franke;

Also in Thanksgiving for **Joseph Stevenson's** 90th Birthday, given by Lisa Woodley and Irving Stevenson

Flowers on the Absalom Jones Altar are in Thanksgiving for **Kia, Nina, Madison, Roderick and Winston**, given by Karen Ragland.

Flowers on the Columbarium are in Memory of **Dolly Cumber, Leonard Tapper, III, Nellie Tapper & Leonard Tapper, Jr.** given by Lynda Tapper Smith

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## **TO ORDER FLOWERS,**

please send in information with payment to the church c/o Clara 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

I would like to place flowers on the Absalom Jones Altar \$50.00

I would like to place flowers on the Columbarium- \$40.00

**(Please PRINT)**

a) In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

b) In Thanksgiving for \_\_\_\_\_

Given by \_\_\_\_\_ Envelope # \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_



## **PEW PLAQUE DEDICATION:**

Today we dedicate four Pew Plaques, a Plaque on the Legacy Walkway, as well as, plaques that were virtually dedicated in 2020, to loved ones who have died.

### **PLAQUES DEDICATED IN 2020 TO:**

Edith & Robert Jones  
Tanya B. Johnson  
Lucinda G. Stridiron Harper  
Emory J. Thomas, Jr.

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Plaque Dedicated for the Legacy Walkway  
from Bobby Johnson

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### **PLAQUES DEDICATED TODAY:**

In Memory of  
**ELIZABETH J. ANDERSON**  
Wife of Jesse F. Anderson, Sr. 14th Rector  
Mother of Jesse F. Anderson, Jr.  
16th Rector of The  
African Episcopal Church of Saint Thomas

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**RANDOLPH BLAKENEY, II**

A Leader  
A Laborer

Lived out his purpose at the church he loved  
Forever in our hearts  
Dr. Tiffany Ricks Blakeney, Esq.  
Lumaria Ricks Blakeney

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This plaque is dedicated to the Memory of:  
Margaret Rosell Hawkins and  
Sarah Strickland Scott  
Co-Founders of The Links, Incorporated  
Given by: The Philadelphia (PA) Chapter of  
The Links, Incorporated

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In Loving Memory of  
Iris and Robert Roberts  
Given by Their Daughter  
Dorothy Roberts



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The African Episcopal Church  
of  
St. Thomas  
Church School  
is

**BACK!**

Calling ALL AECST  
Students K-12, Parents and Teachers

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](mailto:churchschool@aecst.org) for more information.





**ATTENTION ALL PARENTS  
OF CHILDREN**  
**Sunday, November 14, 2021**  
(immediately following church Service)



Please join Fr. Shaw and Dottie Archey  
on a tour of our newly renovated  
educational space for our youth.

A gift bag will be distributed to each family in attendance.



## **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 [churchschool@aecst.org](mailto:churchschool@aecst.org) for more information.

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### **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION SURVEY FOR AECST CHURCH SCHOOL**

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.

[Please click here for the survey](#). Thank you.

Dorothy Archey, Superintendent, Educational Staff:

Quincina Edmonds

Regina Meacham Devereaux

Mueni Mwanzia

Rashanda Stiff

Mayla Jackson

Alana Farooq

Bobby Tillman

Pamela Johnson

Arlene Gray

Erica Hill-Yates

Caryn Rivers

Wendella Fox

Clara Mae Daniels

## **DOK ANNUAL THANKSGIVING COLLECTIONS 2021**

Dear Church Family,

This year, The Order of the Daughters of the King - St. Thomas Chapter will again be collecting donations for families through our Annual Thanksgiving Service project. Daughters will be collecting outside of the Church after services beginning **Sunday, October 10th through Sunday November 21st.**

If you wish to donate via check, make the check out to AECST; in memo please note: ThksProjDOK.

And if you aware of a household(s) associated with St. Thomas Church and in need of a Thanksgiving contribution, please contact:

Ms. Thomasina Hack @ 215-901-2773 or email:

Sharon Bullock at [scmci@aol.com](mailto:scmci@aol.com)

**The deadline to submit names is Sunday, November 14, 2021.**

May you be a blessed and a blessing to others.

The Order of the Daughters of the King  
of the African Episcopal Church of Saint Thomas.

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### **SPEARHEAD EMAILS**

If you are not receiving the Spearhead emails, or have someone else you wish to receive, please visit <http://eepurl.com/djyGiD> 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.

## DAILY RECOMMENDED BIBLE READINGS

**Readings For**  
The Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost  
The Feast of All Saints / All Souls  
Novembert 7th

First Reading: [Isaiah 25: 6-9](#)

[Psalm 24](#)

Second Reading: [Revelation 21: 1-6a](#)

The Holy Gospel: [John 11: 32-44](#)

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### **Week of 11/1/2021**

Monday - [Luke 14: 12-24](#)

Tuesday - [Luke 14: 25-35](#)

Wednesday - [Luke 15: 1-10](#)

Thursday - [Luke 15: 1-2, 11-32](#)

Friday - [Luke 16: 1-9](#)

Saturday - [Luke 16: 10-17, 18](#)

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**Readings For**  
The Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost  
First Reading: [Daniel 12:1-3](#)  
[Psalm 16](#)  
Second Reading: [Hebrews 10: 11-15, 15-18, 19-25](#)  
The Holy Gospel: [Mark 13: 1-8](#)

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## **UPCOMING SUNDAYS IN NOVEMBER**

### **November 7th**

Celebration of the Feast of All Saints / Souls  
The celebration of the 75th Anniversary of the Links  
Daughters of the King (DOK) - Corporate Communion

### **November 14th**

The Observance of Veterans Day  
Church School Open House after service

### **November 21st**

A Day of Thanksgiving Testimonials

### **November 28th**

The First Sunday in Advent

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### **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](mailto:associatepriest@aecst.org)

to be included on our membership list.  
You will receive the link and our weekly lesson 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](http://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

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### **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**

Alice Cropper, Inez Turner, Kenneth Dow

**RECOVERING AT HOME**

Harold Yates

**PLEASE KEEP IN PRAYER**

Suzanne Closson, Shirley Caldwell, Carl Dean,  
Adinah Edwards, Francina Norris, 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.

**WE PRAY FOR**

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

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**OUR CONDOLENCES TO**

Gail Harris and family on the death of her brother in law  
**Herschel Davis**. May his soul rest in peace and rise in glory.  
Please pray for the family.

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**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.

## **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.

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## **IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM STEWARDSHIP**

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.

If you have moved and have not sent your new address to the church office, call 215-473-3065 or [email](#) us 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.

You can now complete your pledge card by mail or on our website via the online [Pledge Form](#). For the members who weren't in church your pledge cards will be mailed in October.

If you have decided to use the Givi App or [Online Giving Donations](#), please email me at [stewardship@aecst.org](mailto:stewardship@aecst.org) with your name and envelope number.

Thank you very much.

Judy Tillman, Stewardship Committee

## **WELCOME GREETINGS FROM THE RECTOR**

Greetings My Dearest Sisters and Brothers,  
Grace and Peace to you.

Let me first express enormous gratitude to you for your commitment and dedication to stewardship. Because of your continued and amazing support during the past Pandemic year, we have been able to accomplish so much around our church in upgrades and beautification, both inside and outside.

As we look forward to coming out of the Pandemic, we can now further focus our attention and energies on Re-Imagining ministry. This will require your continued and increased support.

I ask that you, using the chart below to assist you, prayerfully filling out your 2022 Faithful Giving Card. Please place it in the offering plate, postal mail, or electronically on our Faithful Giving [Pledge Form](#).

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

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

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

1) 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.

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

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