



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

JANUARY 11, 2026

WELCOME TO ST. MARY OF THE HILLS

We are so glad that you are here to share in worship of the Living God and in this community with one another.

Restrooms are in the hallway beyond the Foyer. A nursery is available for children and is 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 – Fr. Andrew kicks off a new series this morning, entitled, “Why We Do What We Do”, an introduction to some of the unique language and practices of the Anglican tradition. We'll begin today with Baptism. Join us each Sunday morning at 9:00AM in the Barrett Room (second floor, above the Parish Hall). All are welcome!

Lessons and Carols — TODAY at 3:00PM – Join us on Sunday afternoon, January 11, for Lessons and Carols for Christmas and Epiphany. We'll read the ancient scriptures that tell the story of our anticipation and waiting all the way through to the birth of our Lord and the wise sages journey to offer their gifts.

Coffee Minute Hosts – Please join us in the Parish Hall following our 10:10AM Holy Eucharist or in the Foyer following the 8:00AM Holy Eucharist. You can host too! Partner with a friend to host and help cultivate a space of hospitality and welcome for all. A sign-up sheet is posted in the Parish Hall for the early months of 2026.

Tell Out My Soul – Annual Giving 2026 – It's a new year! Have you submitted a pledge card with your intention for giving in the year ahead? Pledge cards for 2026 are available in the Foyer and in the Parish Hall, as well as on our parish website. Submitting a pledge allows our Vestry and Staff to better plan and make decisions about our common mission and ministry.

Worship During the Week –

- Morning Prayer returns this week on Monday, January 5, and is offered each weekday morning at 8:30AM.
- Holy Eucharist is offered each Wednesday at 12:00PM in the Church. Prayers for Healing, along with Laying on of Hands and Anointing is offered on the third Wednesday of each month.

Upcoming Feast Days –

- The Confession of St. Peter (Transferred) – Monday, January 19, Holy Eucharist at 9:00AM
- The Conversion of St. Paul (Transferred) – Monday, January 26, Holy Eucharist at 9:00AM
- The Presentation of our Lord Jesus Christ – Monday, February 2 – Holy Eucharist at 9:00AM

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity – Each year, between the feasts of the Confession of St. Peter and the Conversion of St. Paul, the Church engages in a Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. During these days, we commit to praying for one another, across our denominational divides, and to working together for greater unity in our fractured world. Resources to aid your prayers are available via the World Council of Churches website - <https://www.oikoumene.org/>.

The Listening Post at App State - The Listening Post, a campus ministry sponsored by Presbyterian Episcopal Campus Ministry, is seeking volunteers for the Spring Semester. Listeners are adults who will enjoy listening more than talking with college students (as well as others). Volunteers ask leading questions and then listen with an open mind and heart without trying to “fix it.” Listeners to serve 1.5-to-2-hour shifts on Tuesdays and/or Thursdays at the Plemmons Student Union or the Leon Levine Health Science Building, or from 11:30AM until 1:00PM on Wednesdays at Park Place Café in Trivette Hall. Contact Fr. Andrew to learn more or to be connected with the Listening Post Coordinator to volunteer.

PARISH PRAYER LIST

For the Church: Sean our Presiding Bishop, José our Bishop, Andrew, Sam and Gary our clergy, for our Vestry and staff, and for all the people of this parish.

In our Parish Prayer Cycle, we remember this week:

1/11 Marks & Mimi Arnold
1/12 Mike & Lucy Austell
1/13 John & Ann Baggett
1/14 David & Barbara Ballesty
1/15 A.J. & Jane Barghothi
1/16 Bob & Charlene Barham
1/17 Tom & Tina Barrett

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: All members of the Order of the Daughters of the King & the Episcopal Church Women

For our nation and those in positions of public trust: Donald, our President, Josh, our Governor, all those who hold elected office

For all who suffer from war throughout the world and especially for the people of Ukraine and Russia, the Korean peninsula, Yemen, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Ethiopia, the Sudan, Myanmar, Venezuela, Israel and Gaza.

For those affected by natural disaster and especially for the people of Cuba & Jamaica in the aftermath of Hurricane Melissa.

For healing: Torre; Susie; Katherine; Valerie P.; Pete P.; Olivia; Luba; Lynn S.; Mike & Sarah; David; Dale; Bill & Jorgann; Jeff Hedden; Ann Greene; Bob; Clare; Evie; John H. Pat B.; Lucy A.; Myra; Chris M.; Mary M.; Larry, Joan Anderson, Tony; Margaret; Denny; Lambert; Cullie; Patti; Cammie; Mary Pearce; Jennifer; David; Susan B., Maureen, Jonathan; Kari; Leigh; John; Louis F.; Lauren F.; Jamie S.; Eddie; Lew; Mike W; Mark; Violet Horton

****Please note that the names on this list will remain for four weeks,
unless the office is notified that the person(s) needs to remain on the list for a longer period of time.****

For those with other concerns: The Matthews Family; Josh; Corinne; Joe Dulaney; Sylvia; Zane

For those who travel: Booker Purcell; Darlene Van Dyke; The Snow Family, The Matthews Family, Amanda

For safe pregnancy and delivery: Sydney, Caitlyn, Katherine, Anna, Hanna, Jennifer, Corinne, Dani, Jessica

For those celebrating a birthday :

1/13 Betty Howe, Beau Wilson
1/16 Bunky Davant, Mike Tinka

For those who have died: David; Athelene; Mike Tomberlin