



NOVEMBER 2018

# The Vine

Jesus said, "I am the vine; you are the branches..." John 15:5

## I'm All In!

The earliest proto-creed was simply, "Jesus is Lord." Lord, Master, Sovereign are the only translatable words from the Greek word "kyrie" (kurios). In other words, I'm all in! I'm fully committed! I'm prepared to give it my all! And many did. Eleven of the 12 Apostles died as martyrs. Many today die as martyrs. In fact more Christians have died as martyrs in the past hundred years than in the previous 1900 years combined. Though you will likely never have to die as a martyr, are you "All in"?



Many who call themselves Christians today are not "All in." They may rightly say, "Jesus is my Savior," but cannot truly say, "Jesus is my Lord." In his book *Misreading Scripture with Western Eyes*, Randolph Richards says:

"We sing the (beautiful) praise chorus, 'It's all about you, Jesus.' Who are we kidding? It's all about Jesus—as long as it's in a service I like, in a building I like, with people I like, with music I like, for a length of time I like. At some point in this generation, 'Take up your cross and follow me' changed into 'Come to Jesus and He'll make your life better.'"

What Richards so keenly notices about many American churchgoers is sadly their misreading of Scripture, a twisting of biblical servanthood and sacrifice into self-serving and self-gratification, in which Jesus is no longer Lord of all, but merely seen as a magic man to sprinkle His blessings upon me. The first century believers (and most believers around the

world today) would be totally bewildered and befuddled with this type of "Christianity."

Being an "all in" Christian is truly making Jesus Lord of all. As famed missionary to China Hudson Taylor once said, "Christ is either Lord of all or he is not Lord at all." Think of the Lordship of Jesus in terms of your house. Is Jesus Lord of your dining room? Your TV room? Your bedroom? Your treasure room? Making Jesus Lord is making him Lord of your time, your talent, and your treasure. The most telling sign of His Lordship has to do with your treasure. As Jesus said, "No servant can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money" (Luke 16:13). Your monthly financial statements are the clearest statement of who or what is your Lord.

If God (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit) is the owner of all and you are his steward (manager), and if Jesus is your Lord, then you will want a portion of the treasure He has entrusted to you, to support His Kingdom (worship, discipleship, missions). What portion? Though God owns it all, returning 10% to God is the biblical standard (Malachi 3:8-10 & Matthew 23:23). Not only is tithing an act of obedience to God, but it also funds the ministry of Christ's church. God's added promise to tithing to Him is abundant provision: "Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. And thereby put me to the test, says the Lord of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you a blessing until there is no more need." Are you "All in"?

### Our Path of Christian Maturity

Worship Grow Serve

### The Faith Flash

Are you receiving our email newsletter, *The Faith Flash*? *The Faith Flash* comes out weekly with timely information and reminders. Sign up today by going to our website ([www.faithanglicanchurch.org](http://www.faithanglicanchurch.org)), or calling the church office (755-4848).

## Youth News

Nov 4th after the 10:30 service, as a special thank you to all the support for the gaga ball construction, we will be having a *gaga ball day*, where we will teach everyone how to play gaga ball! Please join us for this event!



We have our Christmas Lock In a little early this year! On Nov 16th! You won't want to miss it! It will feature the fan favorite Christmas Present Shelf again! However, this time why

stop there?! We will add ANOTHER shelf full of presents! That's two! It will be from 7pm on the 16th until 7am on the 17th! We have so much in store for this event but here is what you need to bring:

- \$10 to \$15 cash
- Either a DIY ugly Christmas sweater or a store-bought one
- A joke gift from a store or from around your house for secret Santa

AND THAT IS IT! More details to come as we get closer!  
Chris Mark

## Thank You Faithful Servants

Many thanks to all those folks who came out for the parish work day. We were able to do many of those things that get put off such as changing out light bulbs, trimming up the trees for low hanging branches, upgrading the floor of the gaga pit, sorting out the hymnals and other books in the sanctuary and just doing some general pick up and clean up tasks. Again thank y'all very much!!  
Ron Kirby

## Food Pantry

If anyone would like to join in stocking the food pantry using 10 for 10 items or 10% of your grocery basket, there are lists of suggested items in the Narthex.

## Daylight Saving Time ENDS

On Saturday evening, November 3, move your clocks back one hour before going to bed. Enjoy your extra hour!



## BAPTISMAL DATES

Baptism is for those adults and older children who have made a commitment to Jesus Christ as their Savior and Lord. Baptism is also for infants and younger children of parents who intend to raise their children to serve Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord. Those who intend to be baptized need to attend worship regularly. If you or your child is ready for baptism, please plan to be baptized on one of the following dates: **November 4<sup>th</sup>** (All Saints' Sunday) or **January 13<sup>th</sup>** (Baptism of Our Lord). If you are interested please contact Fr. Herb (755-4848).

## Veteran's Recognition

On Sunday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, we will recognize our veterans during our morning worship services, thanking God for their sacrificial service.

## Usher Training ~ November 11

Church usher training will be conducted on November 11, 2018, after the 1st service at 9:20 - 9:40, and after the 2nd service at 12:20 - 12:40, in the Sanctuary. *The usher position is open to all men and women members of Faith.* A copy of the usher duties and responsibilities sheet guideline will be provided. Usher duties before the worship service, during the worship service, and after the worship will be reviewed and Q&A discussed.

## November Birthdays

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| Patsy Peyton     | 11/01 | William Hearne | 11/17 |
| Gordon Pike      | 11/07 | Omar Cauby     | 11/18 |
| Peter Claverie   | 11/08 | Noland Pipes   | 11/20 |
| Cornell Franklin | 11/15 | Tom Newton     | 11/29 |
| John Howard      | 11/15 |                |       |



## November Anniversaries

Cathy and Ken Webb 11/22

## Prayer Corner

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| Nancy Ebbing      | Robin McCray  |
| Mansell Lancaster | Andy Chadwick |
| Bill Walsh        | Eli Ritchie   |
| Sharon Ward       | Ann Ellard    |

## I'm All In!

I have been a member of Faith for several years. Christina and I drifted in prior to the transition to the Anglican Mission. My work has me traveling often which has made it easy for me to be interested but not committed. As I've received healing and matured from prior church experiences I feel a sense of newness in my spirit. I have enjoyed meeting and making new friends in the Body of Christ at Faith.

Fall is here, which for me is a time to move forward with new beginnings. Father Herb invited me to assist with the 2019 stewardship campaign. This is a new experience for me. Faith has a lot of positive ministries already in motion. I am asking for us to be committed together in our giving as we move forward to new beginnings in 2019.

**I'm All-in!**

James Zachary  
Stewardship Chairman

## All Saints' Sunday ~ November 4<sup>th</sup>

Since All Saints' Day is one of our seven principal feast days of the Church, we have transferred our celebration from November 1<sup>st</sup> to Sunday November 4<sup>th</sup> so everyone may participate. All Saints' Sunday is the celebration of all the saints (Christians) who have died in the Lord and now reside in heaven with our Lord, "the great cloud of witnesses" (Hebrews 12:1). Make a point of worshipping on this principal feast day!!!

## Bottles for Life (Life Choices)

Celebrate LIFE by participating in our Bottles for Life campaign! The empty baby bottles are picked up, taken home and filled up with change, cash or check, then returned to us! Help empower women to choose + cherish LIFE!



**Take a bottle(s) from the Narthex home with you. Please put the number of the bottle you take next to your name on the sheet provided in the Narthex.**

# THANKS for GIVING



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All articles for The Vine are due in the office the *second Monday* of the month, send to: [laqueta@faithanglicanchurch.org](mailto:laqueta@faithanglicanchurch.org)

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Service Times:  
**Sunday:**  
 Holy Eucharist ..... 8:10/10:30am  
 Sunday School ..... 9:30am

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Where? At Holy Cross Cathedral, Loganville, Georgia

Cost: \$119, includes dinner and lunch. Register at [ad-ots.org/twentyeighteen](http://ad-ots.org/twentyeighteen)

Keynote Speaker: The Rev. Dr. Winfield Bevins, Director of Church Planting at Asbury Theological Seminary in Wilmore, Kentucky. He is also the author of *Ever Ancient Ever New: The Allure of Liturgy for a New Generation*.

Workshops: Liturgy and Worship, Lectio Divina, Parish Finances, Church Planting, Ministry to Immigrants and Refugees, Psalm Chant, Classic Christian Thought for High Schoolers, Youth Ministry, Children’s Catechesis, Young Adults and Liturgy, Church Websites, Ministry of the Verger, Prayer Ministry, Mental Health, Church Communications, and Mission Trips.

**Thanksgiving Eve Service ~ November 21<sup>st</sup> @ 7 PM**

We all have so much to be thankful for! This Thanksgiving Eve, Wednesday, November 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 p.m., come celebrate the true meaning of our national holiday. Give thanks to Him from whom all blessings flow. We will offer special prayers of thanksgiving and have a simple Communion service. Are you celebrating Thanksgiving with your family? Bring them along to share in your thanks to God! Childcare is available.