The Navigator

November 2026



St. Brendan's Episcopal Church

Juneau, Alaska

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Hello Everyone,



"Fall Back" – Daylight Savings Time – Set your clock back one hour Saturday night, 10/31/2026

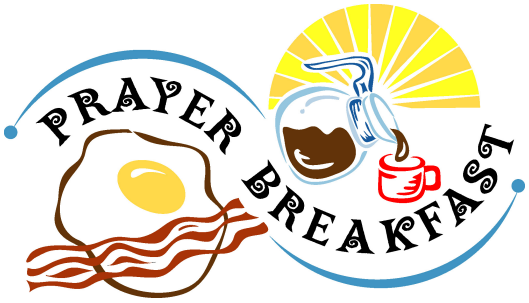
Sunday, November 1 ~ Potluck after the service!!!
And
Ingathering of Pledge Cards

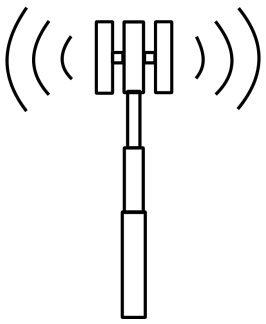




November Vestry Meeting will be November 12, 6:30 p.m.

Prayer Breakfast
November 15
8:30 a.m.





Cell Tower Update ~ Senior Warden, Rob Smith and I have recently been exchanging emails and phone calls with the Diocese, the Chancellor of the Diocese, and the consultant with Select Site Acquisition, LLC. We have been focusing on clarifying the language and putting the finishing touches on the lease agreement. Let me know if you would like to see a copy of the agreement.

Pet Blessing ~ 2026

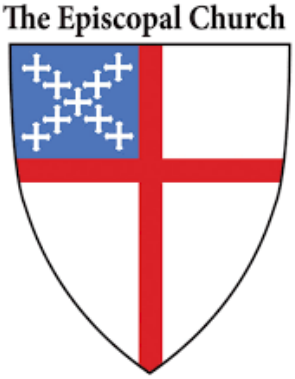










The Episcopal Church by the Numbers: Analysis of the 2025 Parochial Report Data

The Parochial Report is the oldest, most continuous gathering of data by The Episcopal Church. The data is published on the General Convention Office website, along with an analysis. The 2025 report reflects data gathered from 91.9% of Episcopal parishes and missions. Of the 6,673 parishes and Missions, 6,131 submitted a parochial report.

Highlights: *(the below is from a more comprehensive report on the* General Convention Office *website DG Hall.)* generalconvention.org/parochial-report-results/

<u>Service Attendance</u> ~ 407,001 Average Sunday Attendance in-person
116,936 Average Sunday Attendance online
37 Median Average Sunday Attendance in-person
3 Median Average Sunday Attendance online

<u>Services</u> ~ 527,940 Eucharist Services
259,753 Daily Office (Morning/Evening Prayer/Compline)
961,932 Christmas Attendance
973,068 Easter Attendance

<u>The People</u> ~ 425,065 Total Members
98 Median Members
Median Average Age is 60 Years Old

<u>Clergy & Staff</u> ~ 37, 716 Total (Clergy & Staff)
10,058 Total Clergy ~ 10% full time, 9% part time, 7% non-stipendiary
27,658 Total Lay Staff ~ 11% full time, 42% part time, 21% unpaid non-stipendiary
1,882 Total Parishes with a Deacon

<u>Worship Leaders</u> ~ Leader of Primary Worship Services
Full Time Priest - 49.1%
Part Time Priest - 29.7%
Short Term Supply – 6.7%
Long Term Supply – 8.3%
Lay Person – 4.9%
Deacon – 1.4%

Since 2015, membership has declined from nearly 2 million to 1.4 million reported for both 2024 and 2025. This trend has persisted for decades, the analysis states.

Since 2015, average Sunday in-person attendance has declined from nearly 600,000 to 407,000 reported for 2025. After dipping to 300,000 in 2021 during the COVID-19 pandemic, attendance has rebounded to the previous point of decline.

Similar to 2024, total expenses and income are nearly equal ($2.7 billion), with donations made through offering plates and pledges continuing to account for about 54% of total income received. The median average pledge amount in 2025 was $3,193.

All the best,
Dan

DATES TO REMEMBER

Sunday, November 1 – All Saints Day / Stewardship Ingathering

Monday, November 2 – Polling place set-up in Adams Hall

Tuesday, November 3 – Federal Election / Polling place in Adams Hall

November 7 - Caring Canteen Food Truck

November 11 – Veteran's Day

November 14 – Dr. Walter Soboleff Day

November 24 – Caring Canteen Food Truck

November 26 – Thanksgiving Day

November 28 - Navigator submissions due

November 29 – December 5 – Family Promise

December 5 – Holiday Market

PRAYER FOR THOSE WHO INFLUENCE PUBLIC OPINION

Almighty God, you proclaim your truth in every age by many voices:
Direct, in our time, we pray, those who speak where many listen and write what many read;
that they may do their part in making the heart of this people wise, is mind sound, and its will righteous;
to the honor Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.
BCP p. 827

PRAYER FOR AN ELECTION

Almighty God, to whom we must account for all our powers and privileges:
Guide the people of the United States in the election of officials and representatives;
that, by faithful administration and wise laws, the rights of all may be protected,
and our nation be enabled to fulfill your purpose;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.
BCP p. 822

VOTING FAITHFULLY – GUIDANCE FROM OUR PRESIDING BISHOP



Greetings to all my friends in the Episcopal Church and beyond. My name is Presiding Bishop Sean Rowe.

You don't have to be paying very close attention to know that the mid-term elections are approaching in the United States, and I want to personally ask you to do three things.

- The first, for every American citizen age 18 and over, is to be sure you register to vote.
- The second, if you are certain you are already registered, is to make your plan to vote, and to vote. Look at your calendar today. Figure out where you will be on Tuesday November, 3rd, and identify a time to vote, either on that day or earlier, as your polling places permit.

- The third request I have for you is to help your neighbors register and make their plan to vote.

As Christians, we recognize election engagement as a tangible way to love our neighbors. Our mandate to care for God's world and people compels us morally and spiritually to vote, and to help ensure voting access for others.

Election engagement also means we need to stay informed. Critically evaluate information before we share or act on it. Engage in respectful political dialogue, even though we disagree.

For more information and resources, you may go to The Episcopal Church website and click on or scroll down to Election Engagement.

God bless you and keep you, and we'll see you at the polls.

THANKSGIVING DAY BASKETS DONATIONS



This is our November Outreach Project. Again this year, St. Brendan's (along with others) has been asked to participate in the Thanksgiving Day Basket event organized by Love Inc. and St. Vincent de Paul.

Last year more than 300 Thanksgiving Baskets were delivered to those in need in our community.

A basket will be at the back of the church labeled *"Thanksgiving Day Basket Donations"* for collecting non-perishable items for this cause. **Collections to end by November 15.**

Non-perishable items

Boxed stuffing mix	Canned green beans or corn
Instant mashed potatoes	Turkey gravy mix
Canned or fresh yams	Canned jellied cranberry sauce

Please talk to Ingrid, Carla, or Carol if you think you have something to add to the Market.



CARING CANTEEN FOOD TRUCK UPDATE!



St. Brendan's continues to work with several other churches on Mendenhall Loop Road to provide hot meals (in to-go containers) to those in need around the Chinook apartment area off Cinema Drive. Meals are served at Aldersgate Methodist Church each Tuesday from 6-7pm.

We served approx. 100 meals on October 20th - roast pork, rice, roasted carrots, and homemade cookies!! We will serve again on November 17th and November 24th.

This is a great way to join efforts with other churches to make a difference in our community. If you have questions about this Outreach or would like to get involved, please see me.

Blessings,
Carla

FOOD DRIVE NEWS!

We continue collecting nonperishable food for the Southeast Alaska Food Bank on an ongoing basis. St. Brendan's has been a member agency in partnership with the Food Bank for many years, and we are proud of the contributions we continue to make to their agency.



Food can be dropped off at St. Brendan's on any Sunday. We have "milk crates" set up in the Nursery where food is collected. (Please ask for help bringing items inside if you need assistance). You can also call me and I can come pick up your donations. Donations can also be made via check and put in the offering plate. Please be sure to make the notation "food pantry" or "food bank" on the memo line.

We are making a difference, this is a great way for us to stay involved, we are getting food to a major player in our community, and then they in turn make it available to those in need.

Thank you for helping feed those in need in our community!
Carla

OCTOBER OUTREACH RECAP



Hats, Gloves, and Socks for Glory Hall was October's Outreach Project. Just in the nick of time for our colder weather. We thank everyone for their wonderful warm donations for Glory Hall. These items will be blessed on November 1st and then delivered in the days shortly after.

CREATION CARE: FEWER GLACIERS, MORE FLOODS

A new study by Oliver Milman shows that the US west has lost nearly 300 glaciers since the 1960's. In more pressing news, the US southwest is bracing for more storms after days of rain and flooding. – from The Guardian, October 26, 2026

CREATION CARE

CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY
JUNEAU, ALASKA

WEEKDAY WORSHIP AT HOLY TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

- **Centering Prayer** - Sundays 4:00pm at the church, Wednesdays 7:00pm on zoom
- **Noonday Prayer** - Mondays - Saturdays 12:00pm at the church and on YouTube
- **Healing Eucharist** - Wednesdays following Noonday Prayer
- **Compline** - Thursdays 8:00pm at the church and on YouTube

Notes from the Office

The next Vestry Meeting will be November 12, 2026, 6:30 p.m. in Adams Hall. Contact any vestry member (see page 15) if you have any questions or concerns for the Vestry.

Prayers of the People
Please help me keep the list of people we pray for up to date. Unless otherwise told a person is on the list for four weeks. My master list has and indefinite and specified column. Please let me know if you see a name that no longer needs to be on the list.

Email Dan at:
sbrendans1985@gmail.com
for approved minutes and financials from any vestry meeting
Lori posts the financials on the bulletin board in the entry after each vestry meeting

Scheduling a meeting?
Please let Dan know…

Loose Offering

1st Sunday of the month:
Rector's Discretionary Fund
2nd Sunday of the month:
Glory Hall
3rd Sunday of the month:
General Fund
4th Sunday of the month:
Vestry Discretionary Fund
5th Sunday of the month:
Family Promise

Please note:
The official email address for St. Brendan's is:

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or
stbrendansjuneau@gmail.com

Dan Hall, Office/Building Manager
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Serving Schedule ~ November 1 – November 29, 2026

	Nov. 1	Nov. 8	Nov. 15	Nov. 22	Nov. 29
Altar	Dave Muldoon	Lori Seymour	Brita Rice	Tonya Muldoon	Dan Hall
1st Reading	Elena Levi	Ken Vaughan	Sean Murphree	Dave Muldoon	Jo Schoeppe
Psalm	Sean Murphree	Stephanie Hall	Brita Rice	Elena Levi	Rob Smith
2nd Reading	Brita Rice	Elena Levi	Jo Schoeppe	Sean Murphree	Stephanie Hall
Gospel	Dave Muldoon	Jo Schoeppe	Dan Hall	Michael Rowcroft	Dave Muldoon
Prayers of the People	Jo Schoeppe	Dave Muldoon	Stephanie Hall	Brita Rice	Elena Levi
Chalice Bearer	Jo Schoeppe & Rob Smith	Dan Hall & Dave Muldoon	Jo Schoeppe & Dave Muldoon	Jo Schoeppe & Dave Muldoon	Jo Schoeppe & Rob Smith
Worship Leader	Dave Muldoon	Jo Schoeppe	Dan Hall	Michael Rowcroft	Dave Muldoon
Godly Play	Godly Play	Godly Play	Godly Play	Godly Play	Godly Play
Coffee Hour	All Saints Potluck	Paulina & Andrew	?	Bailey	?
Ushers	Jeff & Carol Fujioka	Dave Muldoon	Alec Muldoon	Ingrid Zaruba	Jeff & Carol Fujioka

November
Building Use 2026

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
1	2 **Polling Place setup**	3 **Polling Place 6 am-8 pm**	4	5	6 **Pentecostal 7 pm-Midnight**	7
8 **Pentecostal 2 – 5 pm**	9	10	11	**12** **Vestry Mtg. 6:30 p.m.**	13 **Pentecostal 7 pm-Midnight**	14 **Pentecostal 10 - noon Juneau Lyric Opera Auditions 1-4 pm**
15 **Pentecostal 2 – 5 pm**	16	17 **Caring Canteen**	18	19	20 **Pentecostal 7 pm-Midnight**	21
22 **Pentecostal 2 – 5 pm**	23	24 **Caring Canteen**	25 **Thanksgiving Eve at Aldersgate 5:30 pm**	26	27 **Pentecostal 7 pm-Midnight**	28
29 **Pentecostal 2 – 5 pm** ***Family Promise Meals**	30 **Holiday Market setup 10 am-3 pm**					

***St. Brendan's will be providing dinner for Family Promise families on Sunday – 11/29, Monday – 11/30, Wednesday – 12/2 and food for breakfast, lunch, and dinner on Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday.**

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Vestry ~ 2026
(leadership positions are held until the Annual Meeting in 2026)

Senior Warden: Rob Smith (2024-2026)
Junior Wardens: Chuck Adams (2026-2028) &
Jeff Fujioka (2026-2027)
Vestry Clerk: Dan Hall (2026-2028)
Dave Muldoon (2024-2026)
Brita Rice (2025-2027)
Treasurer: Lori Seymour (Ex-officio)

Prayer for the Parish

Disturb us, Lord, when
We are too pleased with ourselves,
When our dreams have come true
Because we dreamed too little,
When we arrived safely
Because we sailed too close to the shore.

Disturb us, Lord, when
With the abundance of things we possess
We have lost our thirst
For the waters of life;
Having fallen in love with life,
We have ceased to dream of eternity
And in our efforts to build a new earth,
We have allowed our vision
Of the new Heaven to dim.

Disturb us, Lord, to dare more boldly,
To venture on wilder seas
Where storms will show Your mastery'
Where losing sight of land,
We shall find the stars.

We ask you to push back
The horizons of our hopes'
And push back the future
In strength, courage, hope, and love.

This we ask in the name of our Captain,
Who is Jesus Christ.
(attributed to Sir Francis Drake, 1577)

