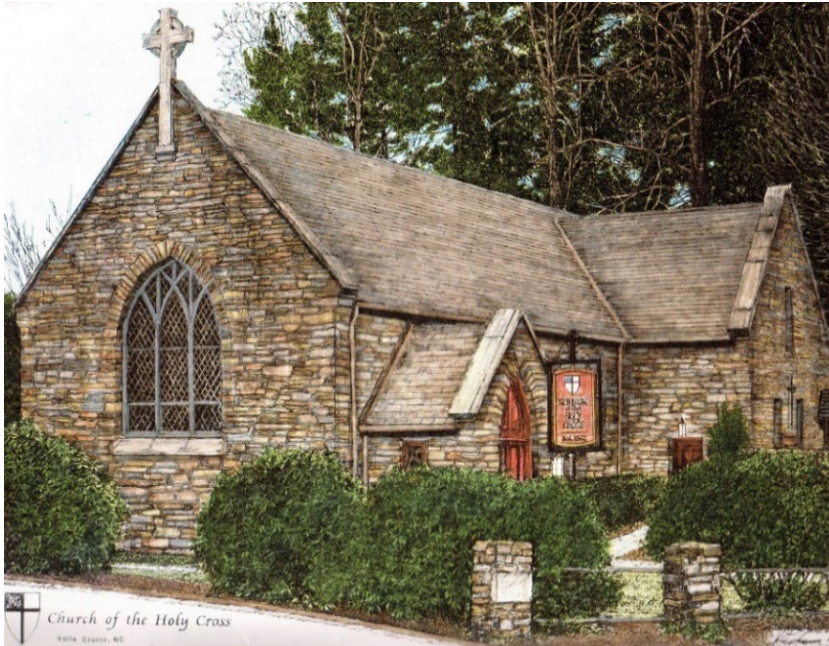


The Church of the Holy Cross Valle Crucis, North Carolina



The Episcopal Church in the Vale of the Cross Since 1842

The Last Sunday After Pentecost

The Feast of Christ the King!

November 24, 2024

Holy Eucharist, Rite II

11:00 AM

Welcome Home to Holy Cross!

It is our privilege to worship with you this morning! Please know that all baptized Christians regardless of Church denomination, and all who seek a deeper knowledge and love of God in Christ are most welcome to receive the bread and wine of the Holy Eucharist.

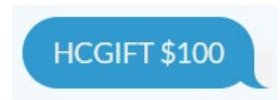
Children are most welcome and encouraged to participate in all services at Holy Cross. Rocking chairs have been provided for caregivers with infants.

If this is your first time at Holy Cross, please complete a *Visitor Card* and let us know about your visit, especially if you have a specific need or prayer request. Visitor Cards are found in the pew racks. If you would like additional information about our many ministries and activities, speak to one of our Ushers or Greeters, or stop by Skiles Hall during the fellowship hour that follows each service. We would be happy to speak with you in person.

If you would like to make a financial offering or contribution, you can do so by scanning this QR Code or via our website at www.holycrossvallecrucis.net



You can also give through online text by sending **HCGIFT** to **73256**, followed by the gift amount
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It is the custom in The Episcopal Church to prepare for worship by gathering in reverent silence and prayer, and during the worship service, stand for praise, sit for instruction, and, as you are able, kneel for prayer. Please respect the devotional needs of others by turning off cellular telephones and electronic devices, and by speaking with hushed voices.

Again, Welcome Home to Holy Cross! And may God's peace enfold you.

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Holy Eucharist, Rite II

The Word of God

Prelude: “Concerto in F” G.F. Handel

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The Processional Hymn: #494 “Crown Him with Many Crowns” *Diademata*

Opening Acclamation: EOW I 50

Priest: Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People: **Glory to God for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Collect for Purity: BCP 355

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

The Response: Hymn #7 “Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies” *Ratisbon*

**Christ, whose glory fills the skies,
Christ, the true, the only Light,
Sun of Righteousness, arise!
Triumph o’er the shades of night:
Dayspring from on high, be near;
Daystar, in my heart appear.**

The Collect of the Day:

The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People: **Amen.**

All are now seated for the readings from Scripture.

The Lesson from the New Testament:

Revelation 1:4b-8

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen.

“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

A time for silent reflection follows.

The Response: *(Prayed responsively by whole verse as noted in bold type)*

Psalm 93

- 1 The LORD is King;
he has put on splendid apparel; *
the LORD has put on his apparel
and girded himself with strength.
- 2 **He has made the whole world so sure *
that it cannot be moved;**
- 3 Ever since the world began, your throne has been established; *
you are from everlasting.
- 4 **The waters have lifted up, O LORD,
the waters have lifted up their voice; *
the waters have lifted up their pounding waves.**
- 5 Mightier than the sound of many waters,
mightier than the breakers of the sea, *
mightier is the LORD who dwells on high.
- 6 **Your testimonies are very sure, *
and holiness adorns your house, O LORD,
for ever and for evermore.**

A time for silent reflection follows.

The Children's Homily: "Christ is a Different Kind of King" Rev. Robert Hartmans

All children are most welcome to come forward for the children's homily.

After the story all are invited to rejoin their parents or to join Gabby Morgan for activities in Skiles Hall.

Children will return at the Passing of the Peace.

The Sequence Hymn: #458 (*vs. 1-2,7 only*) "My Song is Love Unknown" *Love Unknown*

The Holy Gospel:

John 18:33-37

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon:

The Rev. Robert G. Hartmans

A time of silence follows the Sermon. Please remain seated until the Altar Ministers stand.

The Prayers of the People:

Priest: Let us pray for each other, for those whose lives are linked with ours,
for those we love, and for those we love and see no more.

All stand or kneel for the prayers as they are able.

Leader: I invite your prayers and hopes for the mission of the church.
How do you ask God to direct the church?

The people are invited to offer prayers and hopes either in their heart or by saying out loud:

"My prayer is: _____. This is my prayer."

The people will respond:

People: This is our prayer.

Continued...

Leader: I invite your prayers for the world in which we live.
What would you like God to do in our world?

The people are invited to offer prayers and hopes either in their heart or by saying out loud:

“My prayer is: _____. This is my prayer.”

The people will respond:

People: This is our prayer.

Leader: I invite your prayers on behalf of those who suffer.
Who do you pray for?

The people are invited to offer prayers and hopes either in their heart or by saying out loud:

“My prayer is: _____. This is my prayer.”

The people will respond:

People: This is our prayer.

Leader: I invite you to pray with me as I name those who are in need of healing
in this community.

The people are invited to offer prayers and hopes either in their heart or by saying out loud:

“My prayer is: _____. This is my prayer.”

The people will respond:

People: This is our prayer.

Leader: I invite you to praise God for the blessings of your life.

The people are invited to offer thanksgivings either in their heart or by saying out loud:

“My thanksgiving is: _____. This is my thanksgiving.”

The people will respond:

People: This is our thanksgiving.

Leader: We pray for the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

We pray for the peace of Jerusalem and for an end to the war and human suffering throughout the Middle East, Lebanon, Gaza, and the Ukraine.

We pray for those who travel this week.

We pray for those who have died in your faith and fear, and for those who have died outside the faith, especially Anna Jane Ruffin.

The people are invited to offer names either in their heart or out loud.

Priest: Most loving God, whose will it is for us to give thanks for all things, to fear nothing but the loss of you, and to cast our care on you who care for us: Preserve us from faithless fears and worldly anxieties, that no clouds of this mortal life may hide from us the light of that love which is immortal, which you have manifested to us in Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God now and for ever.

People: Amen.

All stand.

The Peace:

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

All greet one another in the Name of the Lord.

The Welcome:

The Rev. Robert G. Hartmans

Concerning The Holy Communion

A reminder that all present are welcome to the Communion regardless of Christian denomination.

We consider it an honor and privilege to commune with all present as one united body of Christ.

To receive the bread, extend your hands towards the priest. To receive the wine, guide the bottom of the chalice with both hands. To receive the bread and wine together via intinction, place your right hand over your left shoulder. To receive a blessing instead of the bread and wine, cross your arms across your chest.

If you have a gluten allergy, simply inform the priest when you come to the rail.

The Holy Communion

The Offertory Anthem:

“Cantate Domino”

Pitoni

Presentation Hymn: #380 vs. 3 “The Doxology”

Old 100th

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise Him all creatures here below.

Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts.

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving
Eucharistic Prayer B

BCP 367

The Sursum Corda:

The musical notation consists of four staves, each starting with a treble clef and a common time signature. The first staff is labeled 'Celebrant' and the second is labeled 'People'. The lyrics are as follows:

Celebrant: The Lord be with you. People: And al - so with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts. People: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; for by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

The Sanctus:

WLP #785

**Santo, santo, santo, mi corazón te adora!
Mi corazón te sabe decir: santo eres Señor.
Holy, holy, holy, my heart, my heart adores you!
My heart is glad to say the words: you are holy, Lord.**

(All may kneel or stand as they are able.)

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

***Priest and People:* We remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit (†) upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified (†) by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Brother Skiles, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. *Continued...*

By (†) him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

People: AMEN.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

The Lord's Prayer: ***Traditional Version*** **BCP 364**

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,**

**as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread: (The Fraction)

The Priest breaks the consecrated bread.

A period of silence is kept.

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

The Invitation:

The Priest invites the people to Communion.

Please come to the Altar to receive Communion. At the Altar Rail move toward either wall so that those in the center will kneel last. Please wait to be dismissed; those in the center depart first.

Hymns during the Communion:

#328 “Draw Nigh and Take”

#495 “Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus!”

An extended time for silent prayer and reflection precedes and follows each communion hymn.

When all have communed, the following hymn is sung.

Kneeling Hymn: #654

“Day by Day”

Sumner

An additional time for silent prayer and reflection precedes the following prayer.

The Post-communion Prayer:

BCP 365

**Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us
as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.**

**Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

All stand.

The Blessing:

The Priest offers a blessing concluding with,

And the Blessing of Almighty God: (†) the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
be among you this day and remain with you always.

People: **Amen.**

The Processional Hymn: #435

“At the Name of Jesus”

King’s Weston

The Dismissal:

Priest: Alleluia, alleluia! Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

Postlude: “Concerto in G”

J.S. Bach

We are delighted to Welcome Home to Holy Cross, Dr. Joby Bell.

Thank you for sharing your musical gifts with us today!

We also thank those who served this morning

<i>Greeters/Oblationers:</i>	Jim & Darby Logan
<i>Ushers:</i>	Jim & Darby Logan
<i>Lector:</i>	Katerina Whitley
<i>Prayers of the People:</i>	Katerina Whitley
<i>Chalice:</i>	Kim Gauss
<i>Acolyte:</i>	Karla Prudhomme
<i>Healing Minister:</i>	The Rev. Dr. Scott Oxford
<i>Linen Fairies:</i>	Ann Gerber

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**The flowers on the Altar today are given
to the greater Glory of God
in thanksgiving for those who have been Good Samaritans
here and those coming from afar
as we are experiencing the pains of rebirth after Hurricane Helene
and in loving memory of John Earl Cooper III**

TODAY, SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2024

The Last Sunday After Pentecost

The Feast of Christ the King!

9:00 am	Valle Crucis United Methodist Church Service
10:00 am	Joint Christian Formation (<i>Upper Skiles</i>)
11:00 am	Holy Eucharist, Rite II, at Holy Cross (<i>with music and hymnody</i>) (<i>This service is Live-Streamed via our YouTube Channel</i>)
12:30 pm	Parish Annual Meeting in Skiles Hall

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2024
Parish Annual Meeting

Holy Cross will host our Annual Meeting after the 11am service on Sunday November 24. We are in the midst of a delicate and transitional moment in the life of the parish, your voice and participation are very important. The meeting will last until 2:30pm. There will be food and child care. Our format will be a town hall style conversation. We will hear from our Senior Warden as to the Rector search, from our Treasurer in terms of finances, and we will elect new leadership for the 2027 Vestry Class.

The **Slate of Vestry Nominees for the Class of 2027** (with pictures and biographical information) is now posted in Skiles Hall. The Nominees (listed in alphabetical order) are:

- **Radie Armstrong**
- **Derek Eggers**
- **Sis Kinney**
- **Catherine Morton**

At the meeting, you will be asked to engage with the following questions in small groups around your respective tables:

- *What are the two biggest challenges facing Holy Cross as you understand them? What is the cause of these challenges, what impact will the challenges have on the future health of Holy Cross?*
- *What would you tell a friend about Holy Cross to invite them to our community? What about Holy Cross keeps you engaged at Holy Cross? What are the strengths that make Holy Cross your church home?*

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2024
4th Annual ECW Pre-Thanksgiving Bake Sale

Do you have family coming in for the holidays but don't have time to bake? Holy Cross ECW will be in Skiles Hall after the 11:00 am service today selling cakes, pies, and other goodies to help you prepare for your Thanksgiving holiday. All proceeds will go towards gift cards for needy families this Christmas.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2024
Baird's Creek Presbyterian Church
Thanksgiving Service – 7:00 pm

Rev. Robert will help lead the inter denominational Thanksgiving service at 7:00 pm this Sunday November 24 at Baird's Creek Presbyterian Church. All are most welcome. Robert will lead a carpool from Holy Cross at 6:30pm. If you plan to attend, the offertory requested is canned food for the Hunger and Health Coalition.

IT'S ANGEL TREE TIME!!

This year our community needs us more than ever! There are several children at Valle Crucis school and several residents of The Life Care Center in Banner Elk for whom Holy Cross Church is their only Santa Claus. We also are helping our Valle Crucis Teachers with gift cards this year as well. Thank you all in advance for your generosity!

Please follow this link for this year's "Virtual Angel Tree" registry and sign-up for gift donations: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508084FADAC23A2FB6-holy1#/>

Here is how the Angel Tree gift donations will work this year:

- Sign-up for gift(s) donations via Sign-Up Genius
- Bring your wrapped and tagged gift(s) to Skiles Hall. A Christmas tree will be in place after November 23rd.
 - Please begin bringing wrapped and tagged gifts starting **TODAY**, Sunday November 24th.
 - All gifts and teacher gift cards need to be delivered to Skiles Hall no later than Sunday December 8th.
 - For those buying gifts Life Care Persons please add a few nice toiletries (lotions, creams, body washes, etc.)
 - If you need help shopping, please let Tracey Heiss or Susan Howard know. You can reach us on our cell phones (see numbers below). Since our local Walmart is not open, and if you do not want to shop online, we want to offer our help with personal shopping if needed.
 - Tracey cell: 703-919-9767
 - Susan cell: 828-260-4740

THANK YOU so much for your help!

Donations for Christmas Flowers and Greenery

The Altar Guild relies upon donations in order to decorate the Church for Christmas.
Please give generously using the envelopes provided.

REMEMBER: Completed forms **must be submitted by 4:00 pm Sunday, December 15, 2024** in order to be included in all Christmas Service Leaflets.

Thank you!

NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2024

The First Sunday of Advent

- 9:00 am** Valle Crucis United Methodist Church Service
10:00 am **Parish Breakfast** in Skiles Hall
11:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II, at Holy Cross (*with music and hymnody*)
(*This service is Live-Streamed via our YouTube Channel*)
12:30 pm Fellowship time in Skiles Hall

CHILI AND JELLY SALE

Mark your calendar! Following the 11:00 services **on Sunday, December 1st and 8th**, limited quarts of Jeff Williams's world famous traditional chili (with meat) and white bean chicken chili will be for sale in Skiles Hall (\$20/qt). Also offered for sale are a wonderful assortment of mouthwatering jellies, jams, pickles, and relishes, all prepared by loving hands. All proceeds will go to the Mission and Outreach Commission.

Tuesdays at 9:00 AM

**Daily Office prayers, Scripture, and centering prayer
in the Church Chancel**

2025 CALENDARS AVAILABLE

A limited supply of 2025 Churchman's Ordo Calendars are available for purchase for \$5 in the Parish Office. This calendar offers a full listing of the traditional feasts and devotional days which are frequently celebrated throughout the Anglican Communion.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2024
Annual Advent Retreat
Friday, December 6 – 10am - 2pm

In times of confusion, turmoil, and feelings of abandonment, we turn to hope. Twenty-one centuries ago, similar despair darkened the world. Hope arrived in the reality of God's Incarnation. Advent is a time of recollection: What does the Incarnation mean to us? Come, let us think on this together on December 6, from 10:00 to 2:00, Skiles Hall. Everyone is welcome.

Please contact the Valle Crucis Conference Center to register for this workshop, or follow this link to sign up: <https://www.jotform.com/form/242845483773165>.

BOOK GROUP SEEKING NEW MEMBERS

Bookies, a book group organized 20-plus years ago, would love to have new members. The group will be meeting at Joyce Zellner's "Party Barn" on December 9th to go over the book list for 2025. Call or email Judy Bondi for more information about Bookies, to RSVP for the pot-luck lunch, and/or for directions to Joyce's house.

The Parish Prayer List: November 24, 2024

Please keep the following in your prayers this week:

For Healing: Our injured and disabled military personnel, our veterans, all civilians harmed in conflict, and for Dayton C., Laura B., Wendell S., Noyes L., Marilyn W., Gerry P., Rebecca M., Sam Y., Bill B., Roberta T., Gail T., Julia M., Walter B., Randy M., Shane B., Claire M., Sara P., Tav G., Bill M., Andrea M., Charles III, Mack G., Janis B., Steve S., Nick H., Pat & Linda H., Kate M., John N., Floyd T., Ray L., Leslie S., Hope L., David S., Terry & Jean M., Suzie L., Pam C., Mary M., Cornelia S., Ann G., Mary Jane M., Dave & Pat P., Jan H., Kelly C., Jesse H., Joe U., Rosalie G., _____.

For those in Harm's Way: All who serve with the armed forces at home & abroad, all who serve in the Peace Corps, and all health & relief workers throughout the world.

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