

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



ST. MATTHEW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
The Episcopal Diocese of Maryland
8A.M. ♦ DECEMBER 1, 2024

**St. Matthew's
Episcopal Church
Christmas Poinsettia Memorial
Flowers**

Please indicate below the number of plants you would like to order and the names of those family members and loved ones in whose memory they will be placed and return it to the church (P.O. Box 303, Oakland, MD 21550) with your check by Monday, December 16th.

Ordering _____ Plants @ \$20.00 each.

In Memory Of:

**Given By:
(as you wish it to appear in the bulletin)**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD AT 8

Be thankful, be silent, be reverent, for this is the House of God.

Before the service, speak to the Lord.

During the service, let the Lord speak to you.

After the service, speak to one another.

The people standing

Celebrant I see you.

People **We are here.**

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

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

People **Amen.**

Celebrant Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

Celebrant Lord, have mercy upon us.

People **Christ, have mercy upon us.**

Celebrant Lord, have mercy upon us.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 25:1-9 *AD TE, DOMINE, LEVAVI*

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;
my God, I put my trust in you; *
let me not be humiliated,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.

Let none who look to you be put to shame; *
let the treacherous be disappointed in
their schemes.

Show me your ways, O Lord, *
and teach me your paths.

Lead me in your truth and teach me, *
for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted all the day long.

Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, *
for they are from everlasting.

Remember not the sins of my youth and
my transgressions; *
remember me according to your love
and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.

Gracious and upright is the Lord; *
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.

He guides the humble in doing right *
and teaches his way to the lowly.

All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness *
to those who keep his covenant and
his testimonies.

THE SECOND LESSON:

1 THESSALONIANS 3:9-13

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

All standing

THE GOSPEL:

LUKE 21:25-36

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Luke.
People **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

Jesus said, "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

All stand for

THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Leader and People pray responsively

Leader In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

Leader For all people in their daily life and work;

People **For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

Leader For this community, the nation, and the world;

People **For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

Leader For the just and proper use of your creation;

People **For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

Leader For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

People **For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

Leader For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

People **For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

Leader In the Diocese of Maryland, we pray for Grace, New Market; St. James', Mt. Airy; St. Paul's, Mt. Airy; Transfiguration, Braddock Heights.

We also pray for Sean our Presiding Bishop, Carrie our Bishop, and for all bishops and other ministers. In the Anglican Communion, we pray for the Episcopal Church of South Sudan.

People **For all who serve God in his church.**

Leader For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence

The people may add their own petitions either silently or aloud.

Leader Hear us, Lord;

People **For your mercy is great.**

Leader We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence

The People may add their own thanksgivings

Leader We will exalt you, O God our King;

People **And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

Leader We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Leader Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

People **Who put their trust in you.**

Leader We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence may be kept.

Leader and

People

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE ABSOLUTION

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Please warmly greet one another with the peace of Christ

PARISH LIFE

BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY PRAYER

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant(s) N. as *he* begins another year. Grant that *he* may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen *his* trust in your goodness all the days of *his* life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY

Please stand as the Offering is brought to the Altar

Celebrant All things come of thee, O Lord.

People **And of thine own have we given thee. Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The people remain standing

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People **It is meet and right so to do.**

Celebrant It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name, evermore praising Thee and saying:

People: **Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts: Heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

The people kneel or stand

Celebrant All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness,

vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord; By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

People and Celebrant **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

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

Celebrant and the People's Response

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, **have mercy upon us.**

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, **have mercy upon us.**

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, **grant us thy peace.**

Celebrant and People

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion with us. Our tradition is to receive both bread and wine, sharing the common cup. Please assist the chalice bearer by guiding the cup to your lips. You may receive the bread only, if you prefer. After consuming the bread, simply cross your arms over your chest to indicate that you do not wish to receive the wine. If you desire only a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest when you come to the rail.

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

*Celebrant and
People*

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

THE BLESSING

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia!
People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!**

announcements

house church

House Church meets **every other Wednesday** at **7:30pm** at the Ludwig home at 101 F Street in Mt. Lake Park. All are welcome to join at any time! The full schedule can be found in the e-news. This session will conclude with a night of **Christmas Caroling** in Mt. Lake Park on **December 18th at 7:30 pm** with refreshments to follow. **Anyone is welcome to join in caroling, even if you did not attend house church.**

stephen's table

Our next meal will be served on **Thursday, December 19th from 5 pm - 6:30 pm**. If you can help in any way (you do not have to stay the entire time), please reach out to **Kip Senholzi** at kwsenholzi@comcast.net or simply show up and have some fun with us! The **Nearly New** will be open during this time, also.

enquirers' class

Enquirers' classes are being held on **Wednesdays** in the Parish Hall at **7pm**. We are using the book [Your Faith, Your Life: An Invitation to the Episcopal Church](#), by Jenifer Gamber and Bill Lewellis. If you would like to take part in this group, let Julie know.

seekers

Seekers will **NOT** meet in December. They will meet again on **Sunday, January 26th** at 5pm in the parish hall. They will be creating Valentine's Day cards for nursing home residents, and dinner will be make your own pizza!

The Seekers collect **non-perishable food** to replenish the food pantry at the Oakland Town Hall. They fill the pantry at least twice per month. If you are able to help, please bring your donations to church with you.

episcopals

We have no gatherings scheduled at this time except for December. If you would like to host, let Julie know. EpiscoPals is held on the third Sunday of each month at 6PM. The hosts provide the main course and the drinks. All others in attendance are asked to bring one of either hors d'oeuvres, a side dish, a salad, or a dessert to share. If you are unable to host in your home, you are welcome to use the St. Matthew's parish hall.

the annual, occasionally annual, christmas party at the rectory

Please join us on **Sunday, December 15th**, from **6-9PM** for a light buffet, wine and beer, fellowship and holiday cheer at 217 G Street, Mountain Lake Park.

For those who have not attended our holiday celebration before, please note that this is not a potluck dinner, but a social event that Kathleen and Chip are hosting, so there is no need to bring food or other contributions to this event.

No RSVP necessary. Additional details about directions and parking can be found in the e-news.

longest night

A Longest Night Service will be held on **Saturday, December 21st at 7 pm**. Please join us for a time of reflection, music, and healing prayer.

christmas decorating

We will be decorating for Christmas on **December 22nd** immediately following the 10:45 service. Please bring finger foods or cookies to share!

christmas eve services

The early Christmas Eve service will be held at St. Matthew's this year at 7 PM. The late service will be held at St. John's at 10:30 PM.

nearly new

We are in need of **earrings**. We also need **volunteers**. The store creates a lot of income for St. Matthew's ministries to serve our church and community. If you can help, even if you only want to be on call for as-needed staffing situations, please reach out to Kathy Zimmer, Maryn Fisher, or Julie.

ministers of today's service

Celebrant:

The Rev. Dr. Chip Lee

prayer list

We pray each Sunday and Thursday for members, relatives and friends of this faith community who have asked for our prayers. Requests should be renewed the first of each month to be kept on our list. You may call Julie in the Church Office at 301-334-2510 or email your request to:

episcopalchurcingarrettcountry@gmail.com

Let us pray to the Lord and for each other, especially for Philip Pritts; Barb Riley; Mary Ellen Dore; Jennifer Virts; Kinsley Virts; Don Morin; Bev Maynard; Ed & Jeanne Neff; Joe Harvey; Nancy Morgan; Carol Collins; John Jorgensen; Gene & Barbara Wahl; Kathy & Elon O'Connor; Sharon Caple; Hugh & Dolores Andrew; Jessie Harris; Dave Arnold; Jeff Arnold; Kim Lovett & family; Carolyn Germain; Sherri Fredlock; Mary Ann Crawford; Lexie Byrne; Bill Selig; Terry Turner; Alaria Robinson; Bobbi & Peter Banse; Bonnie Weiler; Karina Stonesifer; Jacques Hourtal; William Robinson; Larry Glatt; Dale and Sharon Broadwater; Kat & Matt Rayner; Jane Newagen; Cosette Harman; Tasha DeWitt; Cassie Midcap; Jane Hazlett & family; and for all whom we hold in our hearts this day.

(Silence)

In the Diocese of Maryland, we pray for Grace, New Market; St. James', Mt. Airy; St. Paul's, Mt. Airy; Transfiguration, Braddock Heights.

We also pray for Sean our Presiding Bishop, Carrie our Bishop, and for all bishops and other ministers.

In the Anglican communion we pray for the Episcopal Church of South Sudan.

For relatives and friends of this faith community serving the victims of disasters and political unrest around the world, for those who are in harm's way in war zones, and for those who are working for peace everywhere.

For all victims of natural disaster, terrorism, war, economic and environmental injustice and addiction.

Members of our Faith Community for whom we are praying

Karen Adams, Hugh Andrew, Thomas Ashby, Linda Ludwig Baker; Mike Barnes, Luke Bowser, Patricia Burkholder, Nick & Oksana Carlson, Joseph R. Clark, Sr., Jenna Conn, Betty Jane Cook, Robert Coughlin, Rev. Crites, Dave Culler, Susie Culler, Harold DeBerry, Virginia Dillsworth, Carolyn Dore, Terry Elliott, Ron Gebron, Mary Jane Germain, Kathleen Gibbs, Mimi Gigax, Laurie Grant, Sherry & Bud Gunter, Lauren Hatcher, Jeremy Henry, Charles Herman, Emily Imgrund, Jane Ann Kane, Paul Keister, Mark Keefer, Thomas Kovach, Joan Lambert, Evelyn Lamp, Smith Lantz, Charlotte Laumann, Shirley Lotz, Nancy Louie, Carol Mattingly, Carole Maynard, Madeline Meister, Joe Methany, Pat Michener, Christy Montgomery, Judy Morgan, Janet Mosser, Greg Myers, Derek Parker, Rebecca Paugh, Logan Perry, Brenda Rathgeb, Donald Richter, Doug Roberson, Betty Rundquist, Ralph Schmidt, Irene Schrock, The Scott Family, Tommy Scott, William Selig, Katie Shearon, William Smeltzer, Bob Smith, Joshua Snider, Sean Snider, Alice Soberg, Heidi & Deva Solomon, Kyle Swaim, Darlene Terlizzi, Lillian Wall, Daryl Walters, Tom Watts, Jennie Weeks, Pat Wilkinson, Samantha Hodge-Williams, Kerry Chartrou Willoughby, Nancy Wright, Andrew Yoder, Garrett Yoder, Chuck Zellefrow, and Brian Zerbe.

also

Little ones have a place at St. Matthew's!

Our Sunday school and nursery is open at 10:15, upstairs in the Parish Hall. Please ask anyone for directions.

Stay in touch with us digitally!

To receive the Parish E-news, please add your name, address, phone number, and email address to the guest register just inside the door of the narthex, or use the form on our website home page at www.episcopalchurcingarrettcountry.org. When you are not able to be with us on Sunday, you can watch the televised webcast live at either 8 a.m. or 10:45 a.m. each week.

In case of rare snow closures or sudden changes in our worship schedule, we will send an email to our address list and also an automated telephone message to everyone on our call list announcing the change.

Please note that we delete addresses that report as nonexistent and cause our emails to bounce back. Make sure you add **episcopalchurcingarrettcountry@gmail.com** to your computer's address book to ensure that our email does not end up in your spam folder.

Sunday, December 1

8 am Holy Eucharist Rite I
10:15 am Sunday School in the Parish Hall
10:45 am Holy Eucharist Rite II
11:45 am Coffee hour in the chancel immediately following the service

Sunday, December 8

8 am Holy Eucharist Rite I
10:15 am Sunday School in the Parish Hall
10:45 am Holy Eucharist Rite II
11:45 am Coffee hour in the chancel immediately following the service

weekly

Sunday

8 am Holy Eucharist Rite I
10:15 am Sunday School in the Parish Hall
10:45 am Holy Eucharist Rite II

Wednesday

10 am - 2 pm Nearly New Open
11 am It's in the Bag Packing at St. John's
7 pm Enquirers' Class - parish hall

Thursday

7:30 am Holy Eucharist Rite II

Friday

10 am - 2 pm Nearly New Open

Saturday

10 am - 2 pm Nearly New Open

monthly

third Sunday

6 pm EpiscoPals (none scheduled at this time)

seekers - not meeting in December

5 pm January 26th - parish hall

next-to-the-last Thursday

5 - 6:30 pm Stephen's Table (December 19th)

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The Garrett County NAACP Scott Robinson Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship is a memorial to Pastor Scott Robinson who spread the message of unity and equality throughout Garrett County and helped start the local chapter of the NAACP in Garrett County. Pastor Scott led seminars and gatherings on diversity and tolerance, opening many of our eyes to local historical and ongoing racial injustices.



This scholarship honors his efforts by supporting students of color who have graduated from a public high school in Baltimore City or any of the Maryland counties and who attend Garrett College or Allegany College of Maryland (ACM). Originally, the scholarship was established to support only Garrett College students. Beginning with the 2024-25 academic year, we have broadened our applicant base by including students at Allegany College of Maryland.

The CollegeBound Foundation, a Baltimore-based college access non-profit organization, administers our scholarship with no administrative fees. Therefore, 100% of every tax-deductible dollar donated toward the scholarship goes directly to the college to cover the scholarship recipient's expenses. For more information about CollegeBound please visit collegeboundfoundation.org. For the current academic year, we have three Garrett College students and two Allegany College of Maryland students receiving our scholarship. We are excited about this expansion of our scholarship program!

Need-based financial assistance and grants cover most Garrett College and ACM tuition and fees, but living costs of \$8,000-\$10,000 per year are far above what most students can afford. Taking out federal student loans can create unmanageable debt for the student in the future. Therefore, many students rely on scholarships and other financial help to cover room, board, and books. Garrett College students of color also face a myriad of stressors resulting in high drop-out rates. Therefore, Garrett County NAACP wants to promote success among Garrett College and ACM students through financial scholarships.

Through our annual fundraising efforts, we hope to continue increasing the number of scholarship recipients as well as the amount of each award. The annual award was increased to \$2,000 beginning with the 2025-26 academic year. In addition, as an incentive to students to continue their education, we would like to award an additional \$500 to scholarship recipients who return for their next year at Garrett College or ACM. The scholarship is renewable for up to three years. If you have any questions, feel free to contact us at scholarship@gcnaacp.org.

Donation Options

1. Donate with a check payable to CollegeBound Foundation. **Include in the memo line "GCNAACP Scott Robinson Memorial Scholarship"**. Mail your check to: CollegeBound Foundation, 2601 N. Howard St. Suite 210, Baltimore, MD 21218
2. Donate online by going to our donor page at <https://secure.ggiv.com/for/tgcnsrms>. Online options include one-time gifts as well as automatic monthly payments from your credit card or bank account.

Double your gift!

A special Matching Fund has been established with CollegeBound. All donations made to the Garrett County NAACP Scott Robinson Memorial Scholarship between November 1st and December 31st 2024 (up to \$7,500) will be matched.

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