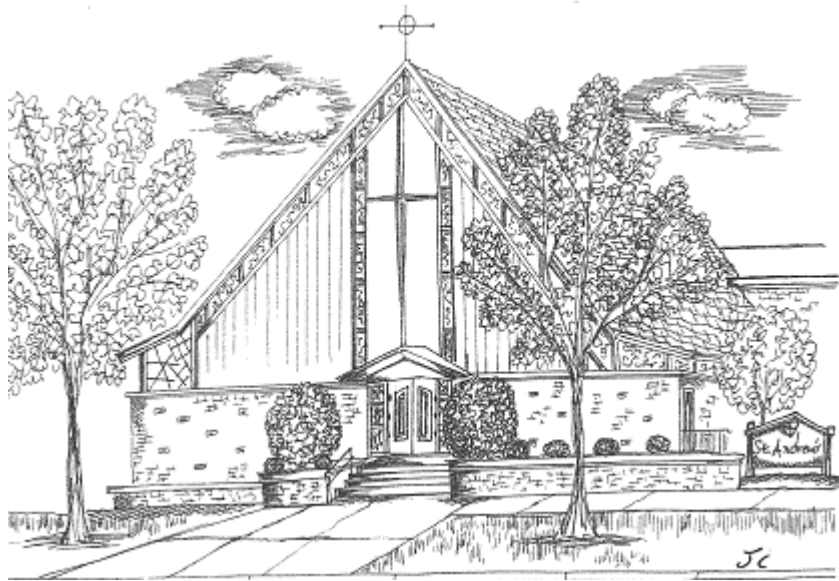


# St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

Building God's Kingdom through Worship, Outreach, and Fellowship

Our Vision: Devoted to sharing the transforming power of God's love  
in our lives, our communities, and our world.



The Fourth Sunday of Advent  
Holy Eucharist, Rite II  
10:30 AM  
December 22, 2024

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# 10:30 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Prelude *Es ist ein Ros*, by J. Brahms

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

**Reader:** As the prophet Isaiah foretold: A child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Prince of Peace.

*Three candles on the Advent wreath are already lit. As the fourth candle is being lit, the following is said:*

**Reader:** We light this candle as a symbol of Christ our Peace.

*After the candle has been lit, the following is said:*

**Reader:** May the visitation of your Holy Spirit, O God, make us ready for the coming of Jesus, our love, our hope, our joy, and our peace.

***The people respond: O come, O Come Emmanuel. Amen.***

Processional Hymn *Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord* Hymnal 437

## The Word of God

Opening Acclamation

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

**People:** *And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.*

***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. Amen.***

Kyrie

Hymnal S-96

*Hymn numbers that begin with "S" can be found at the very front of the Hymnal.*

Collect of the Day

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

The First Reading

Micah 5:2-5a

<sup>2</sup>But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. <sup>3</sup>Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. <sup>4</sup>And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; <sup>5</sup>and he shall be the one of peace.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

***People: Thanks be to God.***

## Canticle 15

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,  
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; \*  
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.

***From this day all generations will call me blessed: \*  
the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name.***

He has mercy on those who fear him \*  
in every generation.

***He has shown the strength of his arm, \*  
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.***

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, \*  
and has lifted up the lowly.

***He has filled the hungry with good things, \*  
and the rich he has sent away empty.***

He has come to the help of his servant Israel, \*  
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,

***The promise he made to our fathers, \*  
to Abraham and his children for ever.***

The Second Reading

Hebrews 10:5-10

<sup>5</sup>Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said, "Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body you have prepared for me; <sup>6</sup>in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure. <sup>7</sup>Then I said, 'See, God, I have come to do your will, O God' (in the scroll of the book it is written of me)." <sup>8</sup>When he said above, "You

have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings” (these are offered according to the law), <sup>9</sup>then he added, “See, I have come to do your will.” He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. <sup>10</sup>And it is by God’s will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn    *The angel Gabriel from heaven came*    Hymnal 265, v 1-2

The Gospel    Luke 1:39-45

**Response: Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

<sup>39</sup>In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, <sup>40</sup>where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. <sup>41</sup>When Elizabeth heard Mary’s greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit <sup>42</sup>and exclaimed with a loud cry, “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. <sup>43</sup>And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? <sup>44</sup>For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. <sup>45</sup>And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.”

**Response: Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Gradual Hymn    *The angel Gabriel from heaven came*    Hymnal 265, v 3-4

The Sermon    The Rev. Marc Vance

The Nicene Creed    BCP p. 358

## Bidding the Prayers

### Prayers of the People

My brothers and sisters, the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. Prepare your hearts for his arrival.

***Fill the valleys; make low the hills; come, great Redeemer.***

God our hope, make your Church pure and blameless that we may greet with joy the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. We pray for Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Susan, our Bishop; Anne and Marc, our priests; Carol, John, Bernard, and Travis, our associate clergy; and Kathy, our deacon. In our Parish Cycle of Prayer, we pray for our Finance Ministries. We pray for St. George's and St. Augustine's, our sister parishes in the Peninsula Ministry Partnership. In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Church of the Province of Uganda.

***Increase our love to overflowing; keep your Church on the paths of love and faithfulness.***

God our hope, in your reign of justice and righteousness divisions are overcome, unity restored. We pray for all those in authority in this and every land, especially Joseph our President, and Glenn our Governor.

***Bring us together in a spirit of love and respect.***

We pray for this congregation, that we may show forth your glory in all that we do. We give thanks for Bob Lord and Oliver Deller, celebrating birthdays this week, and ask for God's blessing upon them. We also pray for the children, staff, and families of our partner school, Sedgefield Elementary. Make your deeds known among the people, O God. Lift up the lowly. Fill the hungry with good things.

***May all people know your peace.***

Show the strength of your arm, O God. Heal and restore the sick and the suffering, especially those whom we now name, silently or aloud.....

May we know security. May we know peace.

***Stir up your strength, O Lord; and come to help us.***

Bless the dying, embrace the dead, and comfort those who mourn. We pray for those who have died, especially those whom we now name, silently or aloud.....

Great Shepherd, gather your flock into your eternal kingdom.

***God, you are our salvation, and we thank you.***

Merciful God, we long for the light of hope to break into our world, to shine on those who dwell in darkness and to guide us into the way of peace.

***O come, O come Emmanuel; be our hope and our salvation. Amen.***

The Collect

The Confession & Absolution

BCP p. 360

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

***People: And also with you.***

Announcements

Offertory Sentence

## The Holy Communion

Offertory      *Walk in Light*, by Karen Marrolli  
                    Maria Williams, cello

*And we shall study war no more. Come, O people,  
O come and walk in the light of the Lord.  
And we shall walk the paths of peace. Come, O people,  
O come and walk in the light of the Lord.*

The Doxology

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heav'nly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.***

The Great Thanksgiving: Prayer B

BCP p. 367

Sanctus

Hymnal S-130

*Hymn numbers that begin with "S" can be found at the very front of the Hymnal.*

The Lord's Prayer

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

***All:           Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.***

Administration of Communion

### Communion Stations

- To receive the common cup or just the wafer, come to the lectern side of the altar rail.
- To receive an intincted wafer, come to the pulpit side of the altar rail.

Gluten-free wafers are available. Just let clergy know that you need one.

In lieu of communion, you may receive a blessing at any station.



Hymns for Choir and Congregation

*Ye who claim the faith of Jesus* Hymnal 268

*Of the father's love begotten* Hymnal 82

Postcommunion Prayer

BCP p. 366

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn

*Hark! The glad sound!*

Hymnal 72

Dismissal

***Response: Thanks be to God.***

Voluntary *Of the Father's Love Begotten*, by F. Peeters

*If you choose to leave during the voluntary, please depart in reverent quiet.*

## Service Participants

The Rev. Anne R. Kirchmier  
The Rev. Marc Vance  
The Rev. Canon Bernard Young  
The Rev. Katherine Gray  
Ginny Chilton, *Minister of Music*

Advent Wreath: The Korona-Kelly Family

Lector: Pat Woodbury

Prayers: Melissa Sale

Chalicers: Lindsey Nicolai, Melissa Sale

Acolytes: Roman Klinger, Olivia Goodwin, Ralph Maxwell,  
Edward Fulcher, Madeline Hastings, Allen Fulcher,  
Abigail Hastings, Rachel Edquist

Ushers: Danny Switzer, Paul Orrison, Kirk Klinger

Greeter: Corky and Gloria Brooks

Sound: Cris Oman

Camera: Channing Guvernator

Children's Chapel: Kathy Gray, Domonique Bennett,  
Courtney Hastings, Amy Robinson

## This Week at St. Andrew's

Tuesday, Dec. 24	2:15 PM	Cookies 'n Goodies
	3:00 PM	Holy Eucharist with Pageant
	8:00 PM	Christmas music
	8:30 PM	Festive Holy Eucharist
Wednesday, Dec. 25	10:30 AM	Holy Eucharist
Dec. 26 & 27		Church office closed

## Announcements

### Lessons & Carols on Dec. 29

On Sunday, Dec. 29, at 10:30 there will be a service of Lessons & Carols for Christmas with Holy Eucharist. Come and sing your favorite carols. There will be no 8 AM service that Sunday.

## **Christmas at St. Andrew's**

Christmas Eve            2:15 PM— Cookies 'n Goodies in the parish hall  
                                 3:00 PM—Holy Eucharist with Pageant  
                                 8:30 PM—Festive Holy Eucharist

*(Please note that there is no nursery care for Christmas Eve and Day services)*

Christmas Day            10:30 AM—Holy Eucharist  
Thurs., Dec. 26           Church office closed  
Sun., Dec. 29            10:30 AM—Lessons & Carols with Holy Eucharist  
                                 *(No 8 AM service this Sunday)*  
Dec. 30 & 31            Church office open 9 AM to noon  
Weds., Jan. 1            Church office closed

## **Christmas offering**

As is customary here at St. Andrew's, there will be a special Christmas offering again this year. Christmas offering envelopes are available in the church narthex today and will be included in service bulletins on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

## **Participate in the Christmas Eve Pageant**

There will be a children's pageant as part of our 3:00 PM Christmas Eve service. There are no rehearsals and no lines to memorize. Just pick your costume and show up! If you have a child, grandchild, or neighbor who would like to pick out a costume, there will be volunteers in the parish hall after church to help children select costumes. Children will also be welcome to pick out a costume when they arrive before the 3:00 service on Dec. 24.

## **Christmas Eve Cookies 'n Goodies!**

Everyone who plans to attend the 3:00 PM Christmas Eve service is invited to come at 2:15 PM for Cookies n' Goodies in the Parish Hall. Please bring your favorite Christmas cookies to share. This will be a time for fellowship, snacking, children's activities, and for the children to pick a pageant costume if they haven't already done so.

## **Young Adult dinner on Dec. 28**

Take a break from turkey and egg nog! Young adults are invited to join us for dinner at Si Senor Mexican Restaurant on Saturday, Dec. 28, at 6 PM. Dinner is free! Bring a friend! If you plan to join us, please RSVP to Anne (text 804-687-5396 or email [rector@standrews-episcopal.org](mailto:rector@standrews-episcopal.org)).

## **Pledge update**

As of December 16th we have received \$555,034 in pledges. We are still short of our goal of \$600,000. We are hoping to reach our goal in order to support our growing children and youth ministry, feed and shelter those in need and maintain our aging buildings. We are still accepting pledges. Please do not hesitate any longer. Your financial support is greatly needed and appreciated.

## **Response to Racism Team needs your support**

St. Andrew's Response to Racism Team is looking for your support. As we strive to live into St. Andrew's vision of "sharing the transforming power of God's love in our lives, our communities and our world," we know God's work is not done in our acceptance of people who are different from ourselves. Our team is working on ways that we can be both understanding and supportive within our church and in the community. How can you help? We welcome your questions and thoughts and invite you to come to one of our meetings to learn what is involved in our efforts to faithfully respond to the systemic structures of racism that continue to afflict our world. We would love to hear from you. Marc (associate.lector@standrews-episcopal.org or 812-764-0355), Helen Mitchell (helentmitchell@gmail.com or 757-876-2252), Debbie Tanner (debbietanner1106@gmail.com or 757-810-5264), or any member of our team are available for your comments and dialogue, and we encourage you to get involved.

## **Chris Stewart seeking help with social media presence**

Parishioner Chris Stewart is looking for someone to assist him, for about an hour a week, with his phone and social media presence. Chris' social media includes his amazing YouTube channel, which you can visit here: [www.youtube.com/@thedisabledpriest](http://www.youtube.com/@thedisabledpriest). If you are interested in helping, please call Chris at 615-679-3387 and he will send you an audio text in reply.