

Welcome to
SAINT ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
TAMPA, FLORIDA

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

NOVEMBER 5, 2017

*May those who sorrow find comfort;
the weary, rest;
the troubled, peace;
the lonely, friends;
the unhappy, joy;
and may all find the sense of God's presence in this Holy Place.*

Welcome to Saint Andrew's Church in the city of Tampa. You are sharing in a tradition of worship that has been offered here since 1883, when a wood-frame building was erected on this site as Tampa's first Episcopal Church. The cornerstone of the present church was laid in 1904.

All Visitors and Newcomers are invited to complete the information card, found on the back of the pews, and leave it with an usher or in the offering plate. Please introduce yourselves to the clergy as you leave the church and come to coffee hour in the parish hall after the 10:30 a.m. service.

Each Sunday we celebrate The Holy Eucharist at 8 a.m. (Rite I, said); and at 10:30 a.m. (Rite I on the first Sunday of the month, Rite II on the other Sundays), with choir. Please note that page numbers in the Order of Service refer to The Book of Common Prayer 1979 (red) and that the service music and hymns are to be found in The Hymnal 1982 (blue).

At Your Service: Stay warm at Saint Andrews: Borrow a shawl from the basket at the back of the church. Shawl donations also welcomed!

*Be thoughtful, be silent, be reverent—for this is the house of God.
Before the service, speak to God.
During the service, let God speak to you.
After the service, speak to one another.*

The Holy Eucharist, Rite I – 8:00 a.m.

*The service begins on page 323 in The Book of Common Prayer.
The readings may be found on pages 4 - 6 in the service leaflet.*

PLEASE SILENCE ALL ELECTRONIC DEVICES.

Holy Eucharist, Rite I, 10:30 a.m.

Prelude: For all the Saints

Arthur Hutchings (1906-1989)

Tower Bell

The people stand as the choir and ministers enter

Celebrant Let us proceed in peace.

People In the name of Christ. Amen.

Hymn 287 (*stanzas 1-4*)

Sine Nomine

Collect

Let us pray. Almighty and Everlasting God, who dost enkindle the flame of Thy love in the hearts of the saints, grant unto us the same faith and power of love; that, as we rejoice in their triumphs we may profit by their examples, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Hymn 623

O quanta qualia

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

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

The Celebrant says

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. *Amen.*

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.

The following is sung, all standing

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Glory be to God on high,
and on earth peace, good will towards men.
We praise thee, we bless thee,
we worship thee,
we glorify thee,
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,
O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,
have mercy upon us.
For thou only art holy;
thou only art the Lord;
thou only, O Christ,
with the Holy Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And with thy spirit.
Celebrant Let us pray.

O Almighty God, who hast knit together thine elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of thy Son Christ our Lord: Grant us grace so to follow thy blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys which thou hast prepared for those who unfeignedly love thee; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who with thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

A Reading from the Revelation to John.

After this I, John, looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing,

"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

"For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 34: 1-10, 22 – *sung by the Choir to Anglican Chant (Charles Frederick South)*

- 1 I will always give thanks unto the Lord; *
 his praise shall ever be in my mouth.
- 2 My soul shall make her boast in the Lord; *
 the humble shall hear thereof and be glad.
- 3 O Praise the Lord with me; *
 and let us magnify his Name together.
- 4 I sought the Lord, and he heard me *

yea, he delivered me out of all my fear.
 5 They had an eye unto him and were lightened, *
 and their faces were not ashamed.
 6 Lo, the poor crieth and the Lord heareth him, *
 yea and saveth him out of all his troubles.
 7 The angel of the Lord tarrieth round about them that fear him, *
 and delivereth them.
 8 O taste and see how gracious the Lord is; *
 blessed is the man that trusteth in him!
 9 O fear the Lord, ye that are his saints, *
 for they that fear him lack nothing.
 10 The lions do lack and suffer hunger:
 but they who seek the Lord shall want no manner of thing that is good.
 22 The Lord delivereth the souls of his servants, *
 and all they that put their trust in him shall not be destitute.

Second Reading

1 John 3:1-3

A Reading from the First Letter of John.

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Hymn 293 (*stanzas 1-2*) *stand*

Grand Isle

Holy Gospel

Matthew 5:1-12

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People Glory be to thee, O Lord

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

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

Hymn 293 (*stanza 3*)

Grand Isle

Sermon

Nicene Creed (*stand*)

I believe in one God,
 the Father Almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth,
 and of all things visible and invisible;
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
 the only-begotten Son of God,
 begotten of his Father before all worlds,
 God of God, Light of Light,
 very God of very God,
 begotten, not made,
 being of one substance with the Father;
 by whom all things were made;
 who for us men and for our salvation

came down from heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary,
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered and was buried;
and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,
and ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of the Father;
and he shall come again, with glory,
to judge both the quick and the dead;
whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost the Lord, and Giver of Life,
who proceedeth from the Father and the Son;
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped
and glorified;
who spake by the Prophets.

And I believe one holy catholic and apostolic Church;
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins;
and I look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People (*kneel*)

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Lord in thy mercy. *Hear our prayer.*

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers, especially Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Dabney, our Bishop, and John and Rick, our priests, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

Lord in thy mercy. *Hear our prayer.*

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

Lord in thy mercy. *Hear our prayer.*

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land, especially Donald, our President, Rick, our Governor, and Bob, our Mayor, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Lord in thy mercy. *Hear our prayer.*

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

Lord in thy mercy. *Hear our prayer.*

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

Lord in thy mercy. *Hear our prayer.*

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Lord in thy mercy. *Hear our prayer.*

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*

Confession of Sin

The Celebrant says the following

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Minister and People

Almighty God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
maker of all things, judge of all men:
We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness,
which we from time to time most grievously have committed,
by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty,
provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us.
We do earnestly repent,
and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings;
the remembrance of them is grievous unto us,
the burden of them is intolerable.
Have mercy upon us,
have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,
forgive us all that is past;
and grant that we may ever hereafter
serve and please thee in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of thy Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. *John 3:16*

Peace (*stand*)

Priest The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People And with thy spirit.

Announcements

Holy Communion

At the Offertory:

Motet

Tomas Luis de Victoria (1548-1611)

O quam gloriosum est regnum,
in quo cum Christo gaudent omnes Sancti.
amicti stolis albis,
sequuntur Agnum, quocumque ierit.

*O how glorious is the kingdom
in which all the saints rejoice with Christ,
clad in robes of white
they follow the Lamb wherever he goes.*

Hymn 232 (*stand*)

Nyland

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.

The Celebrant proceeds

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.

Who, in the multitude of thy saints, hast compassed us about with so great a cloud of witnesses, that we, rejoicing in their fellowship, may run with patience the race that is set before us; and, together with them, may receive the crown of glory that fadeth not away.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

Celebrant and 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. The Celebrant continues

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 Celebrant then continues

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.

Breaking of the Bread

The priest breaks the consecrated bread. A period of silence is kept.

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

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.*

The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

All baptized persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

Music during Communion:

Agnus Dei

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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.

Motet

Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

Justorum animae in manu Dei sunt,
et non tanget illos tormentum mortis.
Visi sunt oculis insipientium mori,
illi autem sunt in pace.

The souls of the just are in the hand of God

*and the torment of death shall not touch them.
In the sight of the unwise they seemed to die;
but they are in peace.*

Wisdom 3:1-3

Hymn 526

Dundee

After Communion, the Celebrant says

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.*

Blessing

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

Hymn 625

Darwall's 148th

Dismissal

Priest Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Postlude: Darwall

T. Frederick H. Candlyn (1892-1964)



The altar flowers are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of their parents,
and in thanksgiving for the clergy and people of St. Andrew's,
by Gary and Shirley Cotter

THOSE SERVING TODAY: Sunday, November 5, 2017

Celebrant: 8:00: Fr. Campbell, 10:30: Fr. Reese; **Preacher:** Fr. Campbell

Verger: Martin McKinney

Lay Eucharistic Ministers and Readers:

8:00: Barbara Brotherton, Chris Capsambelis

10:30: Brad Hall, George Bedell, Alfredo Gomez Marti, Jeannie Borsch, Amy Ramirez

Ushers:

8:00: Charles Caro, Gregg Smith, Wayne Daley, Tony Morrison, Barbara Brotherton

10:30: Derrick & Donreece Brown, Chris Watson, Chris Sherman

Acolytes: Justin & William Silverman, Joey Scheuer; **Thurifer:** Richard Ferlita

Altar Guild:

8:00: Julie Capsambelis, Maggie Coleman

10:30: Sheridan Marr, Sally Phethean, Wayne & Anna Putney

Coffee Hour Hosts: G.M. Ulibarri & Dominga Belardo

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(ē'vən-sōng', -sōng')

n. 1. (Anglicanism) *Church of England* Also called: **Evening Prayer** or **vespers** the daily evening service of Bible readings and prayers prescribed in the Book of Common Prayer
2. a form of worship said or sung in the evening in the Anglican Church.

No matter how you define it, **Evensong** is a beautiful part of the heritage of the Church of England that is still practiced, throughout the United Kingdom, in many churches. St. Andrew's is working to preserve this beautiful tradition of sung evening prayer here in Tampa with an Evensong service for All Saints' Day **today, November 5, at 5:00pm**. The service will be sung in honor of former choir member and music supporter, Curt Goter, and will include music by Charles Villiers Stanford, Haig Mardirosian and Ralph Vaughan Williams. Come and be renewed and refreshed at the end of your busy weekend, as you prepare for the week ahead, with sung and spoken prayer! An English Tea will be served in the Parish Hall following the service.

Adult Christian Education

When Did God Become a Christian?

Knowing God through the Old and New Testaments

The God of the Old Testament and the God of the New Testament is the same God, right? Then why does God seem so different depending upon which part of the Bible you read? Christians have struggled with this question throughout history. This six-week study, led by the Rector and based on a book by David Kalas, helps you explore the unity of the Scripture, biblical history, and the two primary attributes of God: love and holiness. You'll come away with a better understanding of the nature and integrity of God, leading you to love, worship, and trust God even more. Perfect for Christians in all stages of spiritual maturity.

Here is the rest of the line-up:

11/5 Getting a Clearer Picture of God

11/12 Seeing God's Holiness and Love in the Old and New Testament

11/19 Identifying the Continuity of God's Purpose and Plan

11/26 Different People, Same God

This class, facilitated by the Rector, meets in Room 302 (the Library) on the third floor of the Parish Building.

Thursday morning Bible Study at 10:30 a.m. We are examining Galatians using N.T. Wright's guide which can be purchased in the office for \$7.00. "Paul's project, he often says, is building -- not building with bricks and mortar but rather with people. He lays the foundation with the shockingly good news of one true God who raised Jesus from the dead, in order to build a new family with no divisions, all of whom can call God Father. In a world of widespread ethnic rivalry and trenchant divisiveness, Paul's strong corrective message in Galatians demands to be heard and reheard. In these studies, we hear once again what remains shockingly good news." Join us! *This class, led by Alice Prucha, meets in the library.*

Been to Cursillo?: Recent Cursillo graduate Larry Kemm would like to form a group of fellow Cursillistas. "Cursillo friends, let us gather and plan a group meeting. After all, God's business is more than Sunday service. Let us become friends so we can be together for piety and study." With that in mind, there will be a brief organizational meeting at 9:05am (until 9:25am) **today** in the Library (*Room 302*) on the third floor of the Parish Building.



WHAT: “Nerf-A-Geddon”

WHEN: Sunday, November 12

WHO: Children’s & Youth (4th graders & up can stay without a parent present)

WHERE: St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church— on the 6th floor

WHY: To enjoy fun, fellowship, and friendly competition! Please bring your Nerf guns (No bows or swords please). Each person will be responsible for keeping track of their own darts, so please add initials to each dart prior to the event.

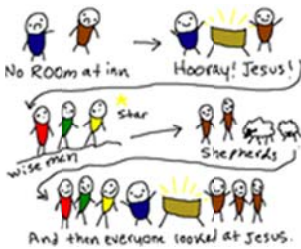
WHAT: Santa Fest 2017

WHEN: Saturday, December 2 from 8 a.m.—noon

WHO: Anyone who wants to have some fun and help us raise funds for children’s & youth ministries!

WHERE: St. Andrew’s Parking Lot

WHY: To raise funds for children’s & youth ministries while we connect with the community and have a blast together!



WHAT: Christmas Pageant Rehearsals

WHEN: Sunday, November 12 is our first practice! We will have practice every Sunday from 9:30 a.m.-10:15 a.m. and a final dress rehearsal on **December 16** from 10:00am-noon. The Christmas Pageant Service will take place on **Sunday, December 17** during the 10:30 service.

WHO: Children & Youth Birth-12th Grade who want to participate in telling the Christmas Story this year

WHY: To tell the story of Christmas and share joy, hope & peace!

WHAT: Youth Tacky Christmas Sweater Party

WHEN: Sunday, December 10 after services

WHO: Youth in grades 5 & up! Please invite your friends! Children ages 3-4th grade can attend with a parent.

For more information please contact Alicia Schmid at aschmid@saintandrewstampa.org or call 813-221-2035

Outreach News: We are collecting food for our annual Metropolitan Ministries *Thanksgiving Boxes of Hope* initiative. Purchase the items below based on the first letter of your last name:

A - E: *Gravy, Cereal, Canned Fruit, Canned Yams*

F - M: *Cranberry Sauce, Bagged/Canned Beans, Peanut Butter, Boxed Macaroni & Cheese, Canned Vegetables*

N - Z: *Bagged/Boxed Stuffing, Bagged Rice, Canned/Boxed Potatoes, Dessert Mix, Cookies*

Labeled boxes are set up in the Parish Hall for food donations. Gift cards for turkeys are also welcome, as are cash or check donations (made out to St. Andrew's with *Turkey Pack* in the memo). The date for our "Turkey Pack" is Saturday, **November 18th at 10am.**

Our annual *St. Andrew's Fish Fry* will be on **Sunday, December 3rd** after the 10:30 service. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children with proceeds benefitting "*Gabriel's Giving Tree*", supporting needy children from Cleveland and BC Graham Elementary Schools. Gifts donated by our generous parishioners will be given to the children at the *Gabriel's Giving Tree Party* on **Saturday, December 16th** from 12-2pm in the Parish Hall. Parishioners can select their child/children by picking tags that list the child's clothing and shoes sizes, plus a special personal gift. "Hand-tags" will be available in the Parish Hall on **Sunday, November 19th** which is also the date for our next Outreach meeting after the 10:30 service.

FAMILY PHOTO DIRECTORY: Chris Cobb is taking family photographs for our new Parish Directory. The next opportunity will be **today and November 19** after the 8:00 and 10:30 services. Please meet Chris on the third floor next to the Library and *Say Cheese!*

BIRTHDAYS: Chris Watson, Norton Busby, Anne Kutchmire, Coyle Smith, CJ Smith, Wyatt Smith

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

Lacy Baldy, Jr.
Charles Mead Banks
Mary Blankenship
The Rt. Rev. Frederick H. Borsch
John Boulton
David Carlson
The Reverend and Mrs. James Marion Carmichael
Duane S. Cone
Elizabeth Connar
Jean Bacon Divers
Barbara Faber
Mr. & Mrs. Dominick Ferlita
Marshall Carr Ferrell, Jr.
Roy Ford
William Michael Fowler
Sylvia Erickson Frazier
Rita Wendling Good
Michael Eugene Hunter
Mark Kierstein
Dr. Kenneth Maroney
John Isaac Meats
Mr. Joe Lewis Morrow
Becky Nichols
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WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED: John Boulton

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Commentary on Today's Lesson

When John recorded the visions he received while exiled on the island of Patmos, he believed that the churches of Asia were experiencing intense persecution in a world dominated by the power of evil. He wasn't predicting dark days in some distant future but rather seeking to assure his first-century Christian contemporaries of God's control and ultimate triumph — even in a world that seemed hopelessly evil and chaotic. The book's true nature is captured by remembering that John didn't title his vision "The Unveiling of the Antichrist" but rather "The Revelation of Jesus Christ" (1:1).

The literary nature of this "revelation of Jesus Christ" is quite unlike any other presentation in the New Testament of who Jesus was or his role in God's plan. Like so much else in the book, John's visions of Jesus were usually couched in vivid, symbolic images. Throughout these central chapters, Jesus appears as the "Lamb" (7:9). The connotation is never one of weakness or childlike innocence, however, as the inhabitants of the spiritual realm shout their accolades to God and to the Lamb: "Salvation belongs to God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" (v. 10). Yet if the point of the vision is that Jesus rules with God over the whole cosmos in power and might, why should he be imagined as a Lamb?

Don't feel bad if you find it necessary to ask that question; even John had to request help from one of the "elders" who sang praise to God and the Lamb in order to understand his spiritual vision (see v. 14). The key to unlock the significance of this image is in that elder's identification of the multitude as those who "have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb." Jesus was envisioned as a "lamb" to call to mind the practice of sacrifice. "Salvation belongs ... to the Lamb" because our relationship with God and all the benefits that relationship brings us are a consequence of Jesus' death on the cross.

But anyone who's responsible for laundry on a regular basis will probably be puzzled by yet another aspect of this vision. How is it that robes can be made white by washing them in blood? Everyone knows that even stringent bleach often isn't sufficient to restore whiteness to garments stained with blood. How could anyone, therefore, believe that blood can itself make something white?

Such an image is, of course, a paradox — a statement which on its face must be obviously wrong that's asserted to be true nonetheless. Paradoxes challenge us to reject what appears plain and obvious. They confront us with a reality that's contrary to what our experience

has taught us is true. Blood doesn't stain; it cleanses. The sacrificial victim doesn't endure God's wrath but is accepted and exalted by God. The Lamb isn't helpless and weak but endowed with divine power. The practical point John sought to impress on his readers is that if our perceptions about blood, sacrificial victims and the Lamb are so wrong when judged against spiritual reality, then our perception of the world itself may be incorrect as well. The world we experience as chaotically evil is, in reality, under the ultimate control of a good and loving God who "will wipe every tear from [our] eyes" (v. 17).

Judged against the standard of usual human experience, John asserted another paradox about the Lamb in his vision: This Lamb will "shepherd" the multitude and "guide them to ... life" (v. 17). Even though most of us have never been around sheep anywhere other than at a petting zoo, we know that sheep aren't led by lambs! Is John just trying to craft one more outlandish image, to pile paradox on top of paradox? Actually, having asserted that this Lamb is enthroned to rule with God, there was more to suggest the further image of a shepherd than just a paradoxical reversal of the "lamb" image. There was actually a well-established tradition of referring to kings as "shepherds" (e.g., 2 Samuel 7:7; Isaiah 44:28; and Jeremiah 3:15).

The Lamb as shepherd king differs from the norm of human kings in other ways as well. The Lamb shares power and victory with those he leads. That is why the "great multitude" is assembled before the Lamb "robed in white, with palm branches in their hands" (v. 9), both symbols of power and victory. Moreover, this shepherd king expands his flock to encompass all people. John's vision makes plain that God's deliverance reaches not only the 144,000 from the people of Israel (7:4) but also the "great multitude ... from every nation" (v. 9). God will not only liberate the downtrodden from their oppressors (v. 14) but will also liberate oppressors from themselves. All people from every time and place who hear and respond to God's call are sheep who are shepherded by the Lamb.

Are we inclined to hear prophecies of doom rather than words of hope within John's visions because somewhere inside ourselves we want God's anger to be unleashed on those who aren't like us? Have we convinced ourselves that we've been spared divine judgment by the "[s]alvation [that] belongs ... to the Lamb" (v. 10), but that there are others who deserve not salvation but damnation? John's visions challenge us with a message of hope for all people and not simply salvation for ourselves and judgment for others.

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