



Welcome to
SAINT ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
TAMPA, FLORIDA

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 3, 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 7 - 9 in the service leaflet.*

PLEASE SILENCE ALL ELECTRONIC DEVICES.

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

Prelude: Wachet auf 'ruf uns die Stimme, BWV 645 *Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)*

Tower Bell

Great Litany

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All stand.

O God the Father, Creator of heaven and earth,
Have mercy upon us.

O God the Son, Redeemer of the world,
Have mercy upon us.

O God the Holy Ghost, Sanctifier of the faithful,
Have mercy upon us.

O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, one God,
Have mercy upon us.

Remember not, Lord Christ, our offenses, nor the offenses of our forefathers; neither reward us according to our sins. Spare us, good Lord, spare thy people, whom thou hast redeemed with thy most precious blood, and by thy mercy preserve us for ever.
Spare us, good Lord.

From all evil and wickedness; from sin; from the crafts and assaults of the devil; and from everlasting damnation,
Good Lord, deliver us.

From all blindness of heart; from pride, vainglory, and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred, and malice; and from all want of charity,
Good Lord, deliver us.

From all inordinate and sinful affections; and from all the deceits of the world, the flesh, and the devil,
Good Lord, deliver us.

From all false doctrine, heresy, and schism; from hardness of heart, and contempt of thy Word and commandment,
Good Lord, deliver us.

From lightning and tempest; from earthquake, fire, and flood; from plague, pestilence,
and famine,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From all oppression, conspiracy, and rebellion; from violence, battle, and murder; and
from dying suddenly and unprepared,

Good Lord, deliver us.

By the mystery of thy holy Incarnation; by thy holy Nativity and submission to the Law;
by thy Baptism, Fasting, and Temptation,

Good Lord, deliver us.

By thine Agony and Bloody Sweat; by thy Cross and Passion; by thy precious Death and
Burial; by thy glorious Resurrection and Ascension; and by the Coming of the Holy
Ghost,

Good Lord, deliver us.

In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our prosperity; in the hour of death, and in the
day of judgment,

Good Lord, deliver us.

We sinners do beseech thee to hear us, O Lord God; and that it may please thee to rule
and govern thy holy Church Universal in the right way,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to illumine all bishops, priests, and deacons, with true knowledge
and understanding of thy Word; and that both by their preaching and living, they may set
it forth, and show it accordingly,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to bless and keep all thy people,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to send forth laborers into thy harvest, and to draw all mankind
into thy kingdom,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give to all people increase of grace to hear and receive thy
Word, and to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to bring into the way of truth all such as have erred, and are deceived,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give us a heart to love and fear thee, and diligently to live after thy commandments,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee so to rule the hearts of thy servants, the President of the United States, and all others in authority, that they may do justice, and love mercy, and walk in the ways of truth,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to make wars to cease in all the world; to give to all nations unity, peace, and concord; and to bestow freedom upon all peoples,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to show thy pity upon all prisoners and captives, the homeless and the hungry, and all who are desolate and oppressed,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give and preserve to our use the bountiful fruits of the earth, so that in due time all may enjoy them,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That It may please thee to inspire us, in our several callings, to do the work which thou givest us to do with singleness of heart as thy servants, and for the common good,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to preserve all who are in danger by reason of their labor or their travel,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to preserve, and provide for, all women in childbirth, young children and orphans, the widowed, and all whose homes are broken or torn by strife,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to visit the lonely; to strengthen all who suffer in mind, body, and spirit; and to comfort with thy presence those who are failing and infirm,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to support, help, and comfort all who are in danger, necessity, and tribulation,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to have mercy upon all mankind,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give us true repentance; to forgive us all our sins, negligences, and ignorances; and to endue us with the grace of thy Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to thy holy Word,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers, and to turn their hearts,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to strengthen such as do stand; to comfort and help the weak-hearted; to raise up those who fall; and finally to beat down Satan under our feet,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to grant to all the faithful departed eternal life and peace,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to grant that, in the fellowship of all the saints, we may attain to thy heavenly kingdom,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.

Son of God, we beseech thee to hear 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,

Have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,

Grant us thy peace.

O Christ, hear us.

O Christ, hear us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

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Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And with thy spirit.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which thy 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 quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

First Reading (*sit*)

Isaiah 64:1-9

A Reading from the Book of Isaiah.

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence—as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil—to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. Yet, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord, and do not remember iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18 – *sung by the Choir to Anglican Chant (Ivor Algernon Atkins)*

- 1 Hear, O Thou shepherd of Israel, thou that leadest Joseph like a flock; *
 show thyself also, thou that sittest upon the cherubim.
- 2 Before Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, *
 stir up thy strength and come and help us.
- 3 Turn us again, O God; *
 show the light of thy countenance, and we shall be whole.
- 4 O Lord God of hosts, *
 how long wilt thou be angry
 with thy people that prayeth?
- 5 Thou feedest them with the bread of tears; *
 and givest them plenteousness of tears to drink.
- 6 Thou hast made us a very strife unto our neighbors, *
 and our enemies laugh us to scorn.
- 7 Turn us again, thou God of hosts; *
 show the light of thy countenance, and we shall be whole.
- 16 Let thy hand be upon the man of thy right hand, *
 and upon the son of man, whom thou madest so strong for thine own self.
- 17 And so will not we ever go back from thee; *
 O let us live, and we shall call upon thy Name.
- 18 Turn us again, O Lord God of hosts; *
 show the light of thy countenance, and we shall be whole.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Hymn 73 (*stanzas 1-4*) stand

St. Stephen

Holy Gospel

Mark 13:24-37

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

People Glory be to thee, O Lord

Jesus said, “In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in clouds’ with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.”

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise be to thee, O Christ.

Hymn 73 (*stanza 5*)

St. Stephen

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.

Peace

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

Announcements

Holy Communion

At the Offertory:

Anthem

Charles Wood (1866-1926)

O, Thou, the central orb of righteous love,
Pure beam of the most High, eternal Light
Of this our wintry world, Thy radiance bright
Awakes new joy in faith, hope soars above.
Come, quickly come, and let thy glory shine,
Gilding our darksome heaven with rays Divine.
Thy saints with holy lustre round Thee move,
As stars about thy throne, set in the height
Of God's ordaining counsel, as Thy sight
Gives measured grace to each, Thy power to prove.
Let Thy bright beams disperse the gloom of sin,
Our nature all shall feel eternal day
In fellowship with thee, transforming clay
To souls erewhile unclean, now pure within. Amen.

Henry Ramsden Bramley (1833-1017)

Hymn 380, stanza 3 (stand)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

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.

Because thou didst send thy beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

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

Sanctus

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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.

Anthem

Charles Wood

This sanctuary of my soul,
Unwitting I keep white and whole,
Unlatch'd and lit, if Thou should'st care
To enter or to tarry there.

With parted lips and outstretch'd hands,
And list'ning ears Thy servant stands.
Call Thou early, call Thou late,
to Thy great service dedicate.
My soul, keep white, and whole.

Charles Hamilton Sorley (1895-1915)

Hymn 53

Gottes Sohn ist kommen

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 57 (*stand*)

Helmsley

Dismissal

Priest Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude: Wachet auf 'ruf uns die Stimme

Emma Lou Diemer (b. 1927)



The altar flowers are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of Marie Jane and Raphael Bentschner
by their children, Paul Bentschner and Sue MacIsaac

THOSE SERVING TODAY: Sunday, December 3, 2017

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

Vergers: Piers Curry

Lay Eucharistic Ministers and Readers:

8:00: Chris Capsambelis, Susanna Grady

10:30: George Bedell, Brad Hall, Wallace Dixon, Peter Baker, Irene Baker

Ushers:

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

10:30: Donreece Brown, Chris Watson, Mike Dickinson, Paul Bentschner

Acolytes: Grace Hunter, Catalina & Kristina Dixon

Altar Guild:

8:00: Julie Capsambelis, Susanna Grady

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

Master Chorale at St. Andrew's

St. Andrew's is honored to host the Master Chorale of Tampa Bay's Morning Star Festival concert **today, December 3rd at 3:00 pm**. The Master Chorale Ensemble Singers will perform the music of J. S. Bach, Felix Mendelssohn, Arvo Pärt, Ola Gjeilo, and Roberto Sierra with music based on the well-known theme, *How brightly shines the morning star...* The Master Chorale Outreach Choir will join in with a "mini Messiah" sing-along to top both these spiritually inspired concerts conducted by Doreen Rao as a preview of the larger Messiah performances later in December with The Florida Orchestra.

Like the Morning Star traditions worldwide, the celebratory concerts represent many musical stars in multiple traditions and cultures, from Bach to the Baltic's. **ADMISSION WILL BE FREE! But it is recommended that you make free ticket reservations.**



FLORIDA PRO MUSICA Larry Kent, Director

"Renaissance Christmas" Concert Saturday, December 16, 7:00 p.m.

Florida Pro Musica's 10-voice *a cappella* ensemble, directed by Larry Kent, will perform an intimate candlelight concert in the **Children's Chapel at St. Andrew's**. This 7th annual *Renaissance Christmas* concert will include some familiar songs of the season plus rarely performed masterpieces of the Renaissance by Byrd, Victoria, Gallus, and Guerrero. Join us for an exceptional one-hour concert, followed by a reception to meet the musicians. **Tickets are \$20**, and seating is very limited. Visit www.FloridaProMusica.com and click on "Buy Tickets."

Saint Andrew's to continue its tradition of Nine Lessons and Carols for Christmas

Every year more churches throughout the United States are discovering the beauty of the simple traditional English service of "Nine Lessons and Carols." The structure of the service is as simple as the title: nine passages of Scripture are followed by nine carols. But the content of those readings and the traditional way of conducting the service have become very meaningful to many congregations. The service has a profound dignity and simplicity. The lessons are each read by a different reader; the readers are representative of different age groups and roles within the church (child chorister, congregation member, Vestry person, priest, etc.) After each lesson, the congregation and/or choir sing a carol or anthem reflecting on that passage of Scripture. This service was first sung in 1880 in Truro, England, and has since been adapted and used by other churches all over the world.

Come join the Louise Lykes Ferguson Memorial Choir in celebrating this centuries-old tradition of Christmas which is enjoying a Renaissance in North America, followed by a festive Christmas Party with food and drink for all. Music by William Mathias, Boris Ord, Ralph Vaughan Williams, Otto Goldschmidt, Franz Biebl, Tomas Luis de Victoria, Eric Whitacre, and Johann Sebastian Bach. **Sunday, December 17th at 5:00pm** with the annual Christmas Party immediately following in the Parish Hall.

Make a Pledge for 2018

Please return your pledge card for 2018 as soon as possible. If you did not receive a pledge card in the mail, cards are available at the back of the church, in the Parish Hall, or through the parish office (813-221-2035). Make a commitment and support St. Andrew's in the coming year! We have currently received **113** pledges for **\$316,915**.

Please help us reach our goal of \$430,000 in pledges for 2018!

BIRTHDAYS: Joan Hoppe, Charlotte Henderson, Charlene Maxwell, Winston Blake, Derrick Brown, Milton Vahue, Carrie Mayes, Natalie Schmid

Adult Christian Education

Sunday mornings at 9:30am

A Christmas Carol Bible Study

Around the world, two Christmas stories are most beloved. The first is the birth of Jesus Christ. And the second is Charles' Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*. Come join us for this four-week video series featuring scenes from the rarely seen 1935 film version. Each week we will watch about 15 minutes of the movie, then have Bible study and discussion.

Here is the line-up:

12/3 – Scrooge: Bah Humbug!

12/10 – Marley and the Ghost of Christmas Past: A Past of Regret

12/17 – The Ghost of Christmas Present: A Present Repentance

12/24 – The Ghost of Christmas Future: The Salvation of Scrooge

These classes, facilitated by the Rector, meet 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.*



OUTREACH NEWS: Join us today for our annual *St. Andrew's Fish Fry* after the 10:30 service. Whether you're a Salty Dog or Land Lubber, there's something for everyone with fish fillets, grouper or chicken nuggets, steak fries, coleslaw, drinks and desserts. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children with proceeds benefitting Gabriel's Giving Tree.

Gabriel's Giving Tree supports needy children from Cleveland and BC Graham Elementary Schools. Parishioners can select their child/children by picking tags that list the child's clothing and shoes sizes, plus a special "wish" gift. "Hand-tags" are available now (and are going fast!) on our "Giving Tree" in the Parish Hall. If your shopping time is limited, ask about our "Elf" option when you visit the tree. All gifts should be brought in to the church by Sunday, Dec. 10th. Donations are also greatly appreciated in either cash or checks made out to "St. Andrew's Episcopal Church" with "*Gabriel's Giving Tree*" in the memo line. 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.



Our final Outreach Meeting for the year will be on December 10th after the 10:30 service.



WHAT: Christmas Pageant Rehearsals

WHEN: 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



Prayer Request Cards are available at the back of the church
or call 813- 933-1052 or email ej_smith@usa.net.
for prayers by the Daughters of the King

END OF YEAR GIVING: According to IRS tax rules for charitable deductions, donors must deliver checks on or by December 31, 2017 in order to claim a charitable contribution deduction for 2017. Checks that are placed in the church offering during the first worship service in 2018 (January 1st) will not qualify for a charitable contribution deduction in 2017, even if the check is predated to 2017 or was actually written in 2017. However, checks that are written, mailed and post-marked in 2017 will be deductible in 2017 though they are not received by a church until 2018.

THOSE FOR WHOM PRAYERS HAVE BEEN ESPECIALLY REQUESTED:

Melissa, Jeffrey Esposito, Jennifer Barry, Mark Caro, Roz Cole, Jeffrey Greenacre, Sarah Hudson, Sgt. Billy Gudzak, Trey, Velma Moore, Barbara Moore, Luis & Martha Medel, Bob & Wanda Mitchell, Anne Garrison, Mignon Grant-Levy, Louise Smith, Mary Mitchell, Lela Mitchell, McKinley Williams, Richard Mitchell, Kelvin Ford, Brianna Ford, Bryan Johnson, Jeffrey Mitchell, Henry Brown, Jo Aphorp, Everett Morris, John Miles, Fr. Denniston Kerr, Ed Moore, Lelia Mizer, Ted Mackin, Raymon Lacy, Michael Norona, Quaid Mobus, Rev. Winston Joseph, Ron May, Charlene Maxwell, Rusty Hill, Joy Fisher, Bridget Maxwell, Vicki Osborne, Rev. William H. Grason, Ebbie Bailey, Bettye J. Kirkland, Jackie Faircloth, Ainsley Perkins, Marc & Annie Mitchell, Herbert Wellons, Rose Ann Mayer, Becky Tomlinson, Gloria Buitrago, Charlie Blankenship, Scott Sieben, Helen Martin, Nancy Bennett, Chase Silver, Randy Stevens, Arnold, Jennie Cusmano Martin, Bob Kusek, Kate, William, Susan Dawson, Bill & Allison, Michael Scholer, Bo, Johnny, Michelle, Nikkie, David, Joan Hoppe, Hank, Salley and Jack Suske, Jack Levy, Erica Griffiths, Dan Clemmons, Cailin Cannella's family, Kathleen Dugan, Dale Dubin, Ross Dickerson, Brian Kellett, Charles Garrison, Cynthia Swann Haase, Nancy Huttonlock, John Kancz, Jason Goodloe, Arlyn Omila, Peter Erickson, Thomas Pruiett, Ashley Tucker Branch, Rosemary Huskey, Alexander Hill, Olevia Rogers, Emily Rogers, Gordon, Nell Rorebeck, Judy Harris, Robin Kennedy, Allen Arthur, Carlton Hart, the Proctor family, Rosemary Graf, Tangela Sailes, Virginia Sink, Mike Scholer (*We are happy to include all prayer requests. Names will remain on the list for four weeks. Please call Kathy in the church office if you desire a name to remain on after four weeks or to be removed sooner.*)

ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER: Pray for the Church in Uganda

PARISH CYCLE OF PRAYER: Christian Education, Church Musicians

DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER: Diocese of Southwest Florida; Companion Dioceses of the Dominican Republic, South Carolina, Georgia, and Western Louisiana; St. Luke's, Fort Myers; St. Margaret of Scotland, Sarasota; St. Mark's, Marco Island; St. Mark's, Tampa; St. Mark's, Venice; St. Martin's, Hudson

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Friday: 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Sunday Service Schedule: Holy Eucharist at 8 and 10:30 a.m.

The Rt. Rev. Dr. Dabney T. Smith, *V Bishop of Southwest Florida*
The Rev. John Reese, *Rector*
The Rev. Ralph M. Campbell II, *Assisting Priest*
Dr. Haig Mardirosian, *Organist*
Dr. Rodney Shores, *Choirmaster*
Maggie Coleman, *Musical Program Director*
Dr. Bienvenido Yangco, *8:00 a.m. Musician*
Pamela Frost, *Parish Administrator*
Kathleen Good Jenkins, *Administrative Assistant*
Alicia Schmid, *Director of Children's and Youth Ministries*
Richard Connor, *Sexton*

Vestry

Class of 2018: Beverley Brown; Jeffrey Coleman, *Senior Warden*;
Loueita Hargens, *Clerk*; George Levy, *Junior Warden*; Irene Baker
Class of 2019: Chris Capsambelis; Holly Clemmons, Allen Getz,
Cate Hammer, Jim Morgan
Class of 2020: Gary Cotter, *Treasurer*; Richard Ferlita; Brad Hall;
Paula Stewart, Lori Taplow

In the name of Christ, we the people of Saint Andrew's Episcopal Church, in response to God's call, proclaim our belief that Jesus Christ is Lord and Savior, and thereby declare our purpose to be to glorify God through our worship and work, to serve the spiritual and temporal needs of others as Christ's disciples, and to build a lively, growing community in Christ's image.