



Welcome to

**SAINT ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
TAMPA, FLORIDA**

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT: GAUDETE SUNDAY

DECEMBER 17, 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 readings may be found on page 19

The service begins on page 323 in The Book of Common Prayer.

PLEASE SILENCE ALL ELECTRONIC DEVICES.

Holy Eucharist, 10:30 a.m.

Prelude: My Lord, What a Morning

Richard Billingham (b. 1934)

Tower Bell

Hymn 59 (*stand*)

Merton

All standing, the Celebrant says

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, 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.

The following is sung, all standing

Lord, have mercy.

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Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Hymn 66

Stuttgart

The Pageant (*sit*)

Narrator 1: Imagine all of the stars in the sky.

Narrator 2: God made them all, and every good thing in existence.

Narrator 3: God came down to be with us. He came to save us, and show us how life should be lived.

Narrator 4: He could have chosen anywhere to be his home, but he sent his son to be born to a poor, unwed young woman, in a stable meant to house animals.

Narrator 5: This is the story of how Christ came to walk among us. This is the story of Christmas.

Narrator 6: Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee, called Nazareth, To a young woman engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary.

Angel Gabriel: Greetings, Mary— you are highly favored! The Lord is with you.

Narrator 1: Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be.

Angel Gabriel: Do not be afraid, Mary, you have found favor with God. You will be with child and give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever; his kingdom will never end.

Mary: How can this be since I am not yet married?

Angel Gabriel: The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you, so the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God. Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be barren is in her sixth month. For nothing is impossible with God.

Mary: I am the Lord's servant. May it be as you have said.

Narrator 2: And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that there should be a census.

Narrator 3: Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David), To be taxed with Mary his wife-to-be, who was great with child.

Hymn 79: “O Little Town of Bethlehem” (stanzas 1-2)

Narrator 4: While they were there, the time had come for Mary to deliver her baby.

Narrator 5: And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in strips of cloth, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

Hymn 101: “Away in a Manger”

Narrator 6: And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flocks by night. And, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone all around them: and they were so afraid.

Narrator 1: And the angel said unto them,

Shepherd’s Angel: Fear not, for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; You will find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

Hymn 94: “While Shepherds Watched their Flocks by Night” (stanzas 1-2)

Narrator 2: And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of heavenly hosts praising God, and saying,

Narrators and ALL Angels: Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

Hymn 89: “It Came Upon the Midnight Clear” (stanzas 1-2)

Narrator 3: And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another,

Shepherd 1: Let us go to Bethlehem

Shepherd 2: And see this thing which has come to pass

Shepherd 3: Which the Lord has made known to us.

Narrator 4: And when they had seen baby Jesus, the shepherds made known all that they had seen, and all they were told concerning this child.

Narrator 5: And all that heard wondered about what the shepherds said. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had seen and heard.

Narrator 6: But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart.

Hymn 115: “What Child is This?” (stanzas 1-2)

Narrator 1: Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem.

Hymn 128: “We Three Kings” (stanza 1)

Wise Person 1: Where is he that is born King of the Jews?

Wise Person 2: We have seen his star in the east

Wise Person 3: and came to worship him.

Narrator 2: And, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was.

Narrator 3: When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceedingly great joy.

Narrator 4: And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him.

Narrator 5: And when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh.

Hymn 128: “We Three Kings” (stanzas 2-4)

Narrator 1: And baby Jesus grew in wisdom and in stature,

Narrator 2: And in favor with God and Man.

Narrator 3: History was forever changed when God sent his son Jesus, and the people had many other wonderful names for him—

Narrator 4: Messiah

Narrator 5: Savior

Narrator 6: Son of God

Narrator 1: Prince of peace

Narrator 2: Wonderful counselor...

Narrator 3: But the people also called him Emmanuel, which means

ENTIRE CAST: “God With Us”! Merry Christmas!

Hymn 99: “Go Tell it on the Mountain”

Announcements

Holy Communion

At the Offertory:

Carol

arr. Anthony Prower

The Angel Gabriel from heaven came
His wings as drifted snow, his eyes as flame.
“All Hail,” said he, “thou lowly maiden Mary,
Most highly favored lady.” Gloria!

“For know a blessed mother thou shalt be,
All generations laud and honor thee,
Thy Son shall be Emmanuel by seers foretold,
Most highly favored lady.” Gloria!

Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head.
“To me be as it pleaseth God,” she said,
“My soul shall laud and magnify his holy name.”
Most highly favored lady, Gloria!

Of her, Emanuel, the Christ was born
In Bethlehem, all on a Christmas morn,
And Christian folk throughout the world will ever say
Most highly favored lady, Gloria!

Rev. S. Baring Gould (1834-1924)

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

The people remain standing.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

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

Sanctus

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Celebrant and People

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The people kneel. The Celebrant continues

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

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

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

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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

The Celebrant then continues

And now, as our Savior Christ has 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.

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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Jesus, Lamb of God: Have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins: Have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer of the world: Give us your peace.

Cherub Choir Carol

arr. David Giardiniere

O come, little children, o come one and all;
To Bethlehem haste, to the manger so small.
Come see what the Father in heaven this night
Has sent down to earth for our joy and delight.

Come see in the stable with oxen and sheep
A babe in a manger lies gently asleep
As Mary and Joseph look on him with love
A chorus of angels is singing above.

The shepherds are kneeling in silence to pray,
And dimly the light flickers over the hay.
The stars in the heavens shine down and adore Him.

O come, little children, o come one and all;
To Bethlehem haste, to the manger so small.
Come see what the Father in heaven this night
Has sent down to earth for our joy and delight.

Children's Choir Carol

arr. Anna Laura Page (b. 1943)

Still, still, still, see the child asleep so still;
So Mary gently rocks her baby
Singing songs of love and mercy,
Still, still, still, see the Child asleep so still.

Sleep, sleep, sleep, my tender Baby, sleep.
The angels sing glad songs before you,
Praising and rejoicing o'er you.
Sleep, sleep, sleep, my tender Baby, sleep.

Love, love, love, great is God's mighty love.
He left his throne in heav'n above
And came to earth to show His love.
Love, love, love, great is God's mighty love.

Translation: Patricia Halbeck

Hymn 75

Ascension

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing

The priest blesses the people, saying

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

Hymn 72

Richmond

Dismissal

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

Postlude: Conditor alme siderum

Richard Warner (1908 - ?)



The altar flowers are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of family members: Alexander V. Raisanovsky,
Kymberly Darretson, Erik Silverman, George and Thelma Temple,
by Jan Raisanovsky

THOSE SERVING TODAY: Sunday, December 17, 2017

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

Verger: Richard Ferlita

Lay Eucharistic Ministers and Readers:

8:00: Mark Crofoot, Charles Bregger

10:30: Beverley, Derrick & Donreece Brown

Ushers:

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

10:30: Eric Hargens, Paul Bentschner, Chris Cobb, Winston Blake

Acolytes: Justin & William Silverman, Anabel Ramirez

Altar Guild:

8:00: Janet Norona, Charlotte Henderson

10:30: Stephanie Chapman, Adrienne Love, Pam Sitton

Cast of Characters

Narrator 1	Dana Taplow
Narrator 2	Cannon Tibbals
Narrator 3	Natalie Schmid
Narrator 4	Hamilton Reese
Narrator 5	Joey Scheuer
Narrator 6	Ethan Smith
Baby Jesus	Jacob Kische
Mary	Kristina Dixon
Joseph	Briggs Tibbals
Angel Gabriel	Stella Curry
Donkey	Catalina Dixon
Shepherd's Angel	Annabelle (Ella) Mize
Wise Person 1	Jeannette Taplow
Wise Person 2	Ian Curry
Wise Person 3	Kate Turlington
Star Holder/ Angel	Emily Borsch
Shepherd 1	Shea Polley
Shepherd 2	Sam Scheuer
Shepherd 3	Fred Noah Schmid
Shepherds	Wyatt Smith, Noah & Ethan Kische, Lawrence Hammond
Angels	Sophie Joseph, Mia Phillips, Rayanne & Winona Crawford, Claire Tibbals, Abby Turlington, Diana Tapie
Sheep	Daniel & Kevin Carr, Lillian Wilber, Asher Michelsen



Saint Andrew's Holiday Schedule

Today, December 17 — 5:00 p.m.
Christmas Lessons & Carols
followed by Parish Christmas Party

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Sunday, December 24
Christmas Eve services
5:30 p.m. — Choral Eucharist (Rite II)
11:00 p.m. — Choral Eucharist
(Rite I with incense)

A string ensemble will perform at both services,
with pre-service music at 5:00 p.m. and 10:30 p.m.

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Monday, December 25
Christmas Day service
10:00 a.m. — Choral Eucharist (Rite I)

GREENING OF THE CHURCH

TODAY, DECEMBER 17, after the 10:30am service

All hands on deck to help load Christmas trees, poinsettias, lights and wreaths
to decorate our beautiful church for the Christmas holidays!

Volunteers ages 8 to 80 needed! With many hands this task can be accomplished quickly!

Rectory Christmas Party

You are invited to join the Reeses for a Christmas party

on Friday, December 22nd • 6:00—10:00pm

159 W. Davis Boulevard

(NE corner of W. Davis and Barbados, on Davis Islands)

Nine Lessons and Carols * Today, December 17, 5:00pm

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.

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 rest of the line-up:

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. is on hiatus until January 18. Next study: Stay Tuned! Happy Holidays! *This class, led by Alice Prucha, meets in the library.*

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 **128 pledges for \$336,907.**

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

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.

BIRTHDAYS: Joshua Dixon, Lisa Jones, Norwood Smith, Pam Sitton, Ann Scott Knight, Earl Smith, Noelle Silver

ANNIVERSARIES: Luis & Martha Medel; John & Susan Mueller

TIS THE SEASON: As the temps cool, we tend to have more homeless visitors for our daytime lunch program, and many are seeking the bare essentials. Their needs are warm coats, sweaters, hats, mitts or gloves, blankets and scarves. Used or new will do; mens' are most needed. Also small hotel toiletries: soap, shampoo, conditioner, etc. Please leave your gifts on the back island in the kitchen. Thanks, and know these blessings are appreciated!



Prayer Request Cards are available at the back of the church
for prayers by the Daughters of the King
or contact Adrienne Love (phone) 813-677-2909
(or email) alove210@hotmail.com

THOSE FOR WHOM PRAYERS HAVE BEEN ESPECIALLY REQUESTED:

Melissa, Jeffrey Esposito, Jennifer Barry, Mark Caro, 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 Apthorp, 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, 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 Wyoming

PARISH CYCLE OF PRAYER: Christian Education, Helping Hands, Outreach

DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER: Diocese of Southwest Florida; Companion Dioceses of the Dominican Republic, South Carolina, Georgia, and Western Louisiana; St. Michael and All Angels, Sanibel; St. Monica's, Naples; St. Nathaniel's, North Port; St. Paul's, Naples; St. Peter's Cathedral, St. Petersburg; St. Peter's, Plant City

A House or a Palace?

Imagine yourself as a living house. God comes to rebuild that house. At first, perhaps, you can understand what he is doing. He is getting the drains right and stopping the leaks in the roof and so on; you knew that those jobs needed doing and so you are not surprised. But presently he starts knocking the house about in a way that hurts abominably and does not seem to make any sense. What on earth is he up to? The explanation is that [God] is building quite a different house from the one you thought of -- throwing out a new wing here, putting on an extra floor there, running up towers, making courtyards. You thought you were being made into a decent little cottage: but [God] is building a palace. He intends to come and live in it himself.

- C.S. Lewis, *Mere Christianity*

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise the words of prophets, but test everything; hold fast to what is good; abstain from every form of evil.

May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this.

John 1:6-8,19-28

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light.

This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, "I am not the Messiah." And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the prophet?" He answered, "No." Then they said to him, "Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" He said, "I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,'" as the prophet Isaiah said. Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. They asked him, "Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?" John answered them, "I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal." This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

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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.