



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

**THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**DECEMBER 24, 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 II, 10:30 a.m.

Prelude: St. Andrew's Ringers

*arr. Jason Krug*

“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

“Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming”

### **Tower Bell**

**Hymn 74** (*stand*)

*Valet will ich dir geben*

*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.

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and

reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

**First Reading** (*sit*)

2 Samuel 7:1-11,16

A Reading from the Second Book of Samuel.

Now when the king was settled in his house, and the Lord had given him rest from all his enemies around him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, “See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent.” Nathan said to the king, “Go, do all that you have in mind; for the Lord is with you.” But that same night the word of the Lord came to Nathan: Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the Lord: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, “Why have you not built me a house of cedar?” Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the Lord of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover the Lord declares to you that the Lord will make you a house. Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me; your throne shall be established forever.

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.

*People*            Thanks be to God.

**Psalm 89: 1-4, 19-26** – *sung by all*



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- 1 Your love, O Lord, for ever will I **sing**; \*  
from age to age my mouth will proclaim your **faithfulness**.
- 2 For I am persuaded that your love is established for **ever**; \*  
you have set your faithfulness firmly in the **heavens**.
- 3 "I have made a covenant with my **chosen one**; \*  
I have sworn an oath to David my **servant**:
- 4 'I will establish your line for **ever**, \*  
and preserve your throne for all gene-**rations**.'"''
- 19 You spoke once in a vision and said to your faithful **people**: \*  
"I have set the crown upon a warrior  
and have exalted one chosen out of the **people**.
- 20 I have found David my **servant**; \*  
with my holy oil have I anointed **him**.
- 21 My hand will hold him **fast** \*  
and my arm will make him **strong**.
- 22 No enemy shall de-**ceive him**, \*  
nor any wicked man bring him **down**.
- 23 I will crush his foes be-**fore him** \*  
and strike down those who **hate him**.
- 24 My faithfulness and love shall be with **him**, \*  
and he shall be victorious through my **Name**.
- 25 I shall make his dominion ex-**tend** \*  
from the Great Sea to the **River**.
- 26 He will say to me, 'You are my **Father**, \*  
my God, and the rock of my sal-**vation**.'

## Second Reading

Romans 16:25-27

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.

Now to God who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages but is now disclosed, and through the prophetic writings is made known to all the Gentiles, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith—to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever! Amen.

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

**Hymn 265** (*stanzas 1-3*) *stand*

*Gabriel's Message*

**Holy Gospel**

Luke 1:26-38

*Priest*            The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.  
*People*            Glory to you, Lord Christ.

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

*Priest*            The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People*            Praise to you, Lord Christ.

**Hymn 265** (*stanza 4*)

*Gabriel's Message*

**Sermon**

**Nicene Creed** (*stand*)

We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
    he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
    he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
    and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
    he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
    he ascended into heaven  
    and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
    and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
    and the life of the world to come. Amen.

### **Prayers of the People** (*kneel*)

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying, “Lord, have mercy.”

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For our Presiding Bishop, Michael, our Bishop, Dabney, our priests John and Rick, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For our President, Donald, our Governor, Rick, and our Mayor, Bob, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For this city, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

In the communion of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all



our life, to Christ our God.  
*To thee, O Lord our God.*

*Silence*

For yours is the majesty, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

### **Confession of Sin**

*The Priest then says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Minister and People*

Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

*The Priest stands and says*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

### **Peace** (*stand*)

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

*People*            And also with you.

*Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## **Announcements**

### **Holy Communion**

#### **At the Offertory:**

Motet

*Anonymous – 15<sup>th</sup> c.*

There is no rose of such virtue  
As is the rose that bare Jesu;  
*Alleluia.*

For in this rose contained was  
Heaven and earth in little space;  
*Res miranda. (Wondrous thing.)*

By that rose we may well see  
That He is God in persons three,  
*Pari forma. (Of equal form.)*

The angels sungen the shepherds to:  
*Gloria in excelsis Deo:*  
*Gaudeamus. (Let us rejoice.)*

Now leave we all this worldly mirth  
And follow we this joyful birth;  
*Transeamus. (Let us go.)*

Maggie Coleman – *soprano*  
Lauren Krockta – *soprano*  
George Western – *tenor*

*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.

St. Andrew's Handbell Choir: People Look East

*arr. Douglas E. Wagner*

**Hymn 54**

*Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland*

*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 56** (*stanzas 1-6*)

*Veni, veni, Emmanuel*

**Dismissal**

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

Postlude: Improvisation



The altar flowers are given to the glory of God in joyful celebration of the Christmas season and for the many blessings of St. Andrew's, John and Rick our priests, the lovely music provided by our choir and organist, and all who serve God in his church.  
Merry Christmas to all, by Jan & Earl Smith

**THOSE SERVING TODAY: Sunday, December 24, 2017**

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

**Verger:** Bill Silver

**Lay Eucharistic Ministers and Readers:**

8:00: Barbara Brotherton, Linda Stevens

10:30: Paula Stewart, Helen Kerr, Alfredo Gomez Marti, Dennis Clarke, Chris Sherman

**Ushers:**

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

10:30: Marshall Ferrell, Richard Chapman, Warren Brown

**Acolytes:** Noelle Silver, Dana & Jeannette Taplow

**Altar Guild:**

8:00: Janet Norona, Martha Cobb, Margo Kemm

10:30: Leslie Lowe, Jan Smith, Cathy Szuba

**COFFEE HOUR HOSTS:** John Guard and Tina Repp



*Saint Andrew's Holiday Schedule*

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)

## 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:

12/24 – 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.*

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### ***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 **136** pledges for **\$361,267**.

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:** Wynnette Hampton, Carole Fields, Helena Horace, Kim Liggett

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Derrick & Beverley Brown; Joshua & Lou Dixon;

Michael & Jana Kaney; Bob & Wanda Mitchell



## Commentary on Today's Lesson

Christmas is tomorrow. Today's Fourth Sunday of Advent reading is among the most significant passages of the Bible. Christian people believe that the coming of Jesus is the fulfillment of God's long-ago promises to King David and God's people.

When is a house not a house? And who will build a special house for whom? 2 Samuel 7 has a fascinating wordplay on the multiple meanings of one Hebrew word and one English word. The Hebrew word *bayit* (pronounced "BUY-it") appears 15 times in the chapter; the NRSV translates it as "house" every time. But, depending on the context, *bayit* actually means *palace, temple or dynasty* (elsewhere it can mean *clan, family or nation*, as in "the 'house' of Judah"). *Bayit* becomes *beth-* when it's immediately followed by a noun it's (technically speaking) "in construct with." *Beth-* is used as a part of place names, such as Beth-el ("the house of God" -- Genesis 28:15-19) and Beth-lehem ("house of bread" -- Genesis 35:19; Micah 5:2 = Matthew 2:6. Jesus is the bread of life -- John 6:32-35, 48).

King David had settled in his own *house*, a cedar *palace*. Now he wanted to build a *temple* for the Lord. At first the prophet Nathan agreed. But the Lord gave Nathan a more complex message to pass on to David. (Nathan was willing to let his first impressions be adjusted by God.) The Lord had never asked for a permanent temple, but had been quite content to travel around with and dwell with his people in a portable structure -- a tent-tabernacle. There, people had experienced God's glorious presence in "the ark of God" (v. 2), the ark of the covenant. The ark was a ceremonial chest (usually kept in the most holy place of the tabernacle and later the temple) which graphically showed both the Lord's powerful, frightening, comforting and protecting *presence* with his people and his *leading* his people on their journeys and into holy war.

Prior to 2 Samuel 7, David had conquered Jebusite Jerusalem and established "the city of David" as the centralized capital of Judah (the southern tribes) and Israel (the northern tribes), which he had somewhat united by being king of both. In 2 Samuel 6, he had brought the ark to Jerusalem and placed it in the tent.

Rather than having David build a house for the Lord, the Lord promised to build a house for David (v. 11b), meaning a *dynasty*, as verses 12 ff. make clear. David's line would last "forever" (*'olam* -- vv. 13 and 16). It would be David's son Solomon who would actually build the *temple* -- verses 12-13; 1 Chronicles 22:7-10; 1 Kings 7-8.

It is important to go beyond the lectionary reading to the rest of the chapter. Nine of 2 Samuel 7's 15 uses of *bayit* / house appear there. The dynasty might be threatened, but it would not be destroyed. David's prayer (vv. 18-29) makes clear that the well-being of God's people would be closely linked with God's promise to be with David and his descendants upon the throne (cf. 5:10, 12). God, whose own name was great (v. 26), promised David: "I will make for you a great name" (v. 9). The Lord also would provide for God's *people* by settling them now that God had given David rest from his enemies (vv. 1, 11).

The concept of covenant (Hebrew *berit* -- pronounced buh-REET) pervades much of the theology of the Hebrew Bible / OT. Among the many last words of David, see 2 Samuel 23:5: "Is not my house [*bayit*] like this with God? For he has made with me an everlasting covenant [*berit 'olam*], ordered in all things and secure ... ." Covenant / *berit* can mean a treaty, agreement or arrangement. In theological settings, it delineates a mutual relationship, initiated and given by God.

The promises that God made to David and his successors would later be understood messianically, as each king was *anointed*. "Messiah" -- *mashiah* (hard "h") in Hebrew -- means "anointed one." NT writers believed that Jesus Christ, in the legal line of David, was the ultimate fulfillment of those dynastic promises to David (see Matthew 1:1-18a; Luke 1:30-33; 2:1-14; Acts 2:29-36; Romans 1:1-4; 2 Timothy 2:8; Revelation 22:16). God has, in grace, fulfilled his covenantal dynastic promises. "Jesus, Lord, at thy birth" (in "Silent Night") will come to be called not only "King of the Jews," but also "King of kings and Lord of lords" (the greatest king and highest lord) of all humanity. We receive God's Christmas Gift and trustingly follow him.



**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!

## **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, Allen Arthur, Carlton Hart, the Proctor family, Rosemary Graf, Tangela Sables, Virginia Sink, Mike Scholer, Stephen Tedrowe *(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 Nigeria

PARISH CYCLE OF PRAYER: Christian Education, Lay Eucharistic Ministers

DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER: Diocese of Southwest Florida; Companion Dioceses of the Dominican Republic, South Carolina, Georgia, and Western Louisiana; St. Raphael's, Fort Myers Beach; St. Stephen's, New Port Richey; St. Thomas', St. Petersburg; St. Vincent's, St. Petersburg; St. Wilfred's, Sarasota; Trinity-by-the-Cove, Naples

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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 Connar, *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.*