



THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

2017

CHRISTMAS EVE

11:00 P.M.

SAINT ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

TAMPA, FLORIDA

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The Louise Lykes Ferguson Memorial Choir

Dr. Rodney Shores, Choirmaster

Haig Mardirosian - Organist

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String Ensemble

Francisca Mendoza, Violin

Nina Kim, Violin

Josh Dampier, Viola

Edevaldo Mulla, Cello

Wendy Leggett, Bass

Daphne Soellner, Flute

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A Christmas Prayer

Light of the world so clear and bright,

Enter our homes on Christmas night;

Re-light our souls so tenderly

That we may grow to be like Thee.



PLEASE SILENCE ALL ELECTRONIC DEVICES

CHRISTMAS EVE

24 December 2017

PRELUDE • 10:30 P.M.

Choral selections by The Louise Lykes Ferguson Memorial Choir:

And There Were Shepherds *J.S. Bach (1685-1750)*
Break Forth, O Beauteous, Heav'nly Light
A Tender Shoot *Otto Goldschmidt (1829-1907)*
Adam Lay Ybounden *Boris Ord (1897-1961)*
Ave Maria *Franz Biebl (1906-2001)*

Concerto for Flute, op. 26, no. 6 *Michel Corette (1709-1795)*
Allegro
Andante
Presto

FESTAL EUCHARIST: RITE ONE • 11:00 P.M.

Choral Mass Setting: Missa O Magnum Mysterium *Tomas Luis de Victoria (1548-1611)*

The People stand as the Choir and Ministers enter.

Celebrant Let us proceed in peace.

People **In the Name of Christ. Amen.**

At the Procession, Hymn 93 *Regent Square*
"Angels from the realms of glory"

Station at the Crèche

Celebrant The word was made flesh and dwelt among us.

People **And we beheld his glory.**

Celebrant Let us pray. Almighty and everliving God, you have given us a new revelation of your loving providence in the Coming of your Son Jesus Christ to be born of the Virgin Mary: Grant that as he shared our mortality, so we may share his eternity in the glory of your kingdom; where he lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Hymn 83, Stanzas 1, 2, 3, and 6 *Adeste fideles*
"O come, all ye faithful"

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Collect for Purity

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Summary of the Law

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

Gloria in excelsis

Tomas Luis de Victoria

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And with thy spirit.**
Celebrant Let us pray. O God, who hast caused this holy night to shine with the illumination of the true Light: Grant us, we beseech thee, that as we have known the mystery of that Light upon earth, so may we also perfectly enjoy him in heaven; where with thee and the Holy Spirit he liveth and reigneth, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

The Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 9:2-7 (*sit*)

THE people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

After the Lesson, the Reader says

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

Psalm 97 – sung by the Choir to plainsong, tone v2 with bells and drone.

THE LORD is King, the earth may be glad thereof: *
yea the multitude of the isles may be glad thereof.
2 Clouds and darkness are round about him: *
righteousness and judgment are the habitation of his seat.
3 There shall go a fire before him, *
and burn up his enemies on every side.
4 His lightnings gave shine unto the world: *
the earth saw it, and was afraid.
5 The hills melted like wax at the presence of the LORD; *
at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.
6 The heavens have declared his righteousness, *
and all the peoples have seen his glory.
7 Confounded be all they that worship carved images, and that delight in vain gods: *
worship him, all ye gods.
8 Sion heard of it, and rejoiced; and the daughters of Judah were glad, *
because of thy judgments, O LORD.
9 For thou, LORD, art higher than all that are in the earth: *
thou art exalted far above all gods.
10 O ye that love the LORD, see that ye hate the thing which is evil: *
the Lord preserveth the souls of his saints;
he shall deliver them from the hand of the ungodly.
11 There is sprung up a light for the righteous, *
and joyful gladness for such as are true-hearted.
12 Rejoice in the LORD, ye righteous; *
and give thanks for a remembrance of his holiness.

The Epistle: Titus 3:4-7

WHEN the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but according to his mercy, through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. This Spirit he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

After the Lesson, the Reader says

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

“Good Christian friends, rejoice”

The Holy Gospel: Luke 2:1-20

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

IN those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.” And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!” When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.” So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

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

Hymn 107, Stanza 3

In dulci jubilo

The Sermon (*sit*)

Father Reese

The Nicene Creed – *said by all, standing*

**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.**

The Prayers of the People

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

The people kneel.

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

Lord, in thy mercy, **hear our prayer.**

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

Lord, in thy mercy, **hear our prayer.**

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

Lord, in thy mercy, **hear our prayer.**

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

Lord, in thy mercy, **hear our prayer.**

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

Lord, in thy mercy, **hear our prayer.**

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

Lord, in thy mercy, **hear our prayer.**

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

Lord, in thy mercy, **hear our prayer.**

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

Amen.

Confession of Sin

The Celebrant says the following

Ye who do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbors, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways: Draw near with faith, and make your humble confession to Almighty God, devoutly kneeling.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

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

The Priest stands and says

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

The Peace (*stand*)

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

The Greetings (*sit*)

Mary had a baby, Oh Lord,
Mary had a baby, Oh Lord,
Mary had a baby, Oh Lord,
The people keep a comin' and the train done gone.

What did she name him, Oh Lord,
What did she name him, Oh my Lord,
What did she name him, Oh Lord,
The people keep a comin' and the train done gone.

She named him Jesus, Oh Lord,
She named him Jesus, Oh my Lord,
She named him Jesus, Oh Lord,
The people keep a comin' and the train done gone.

Now where was he born? Oh, Lord,
Where was he born? Oh, Lord.
Where was he born? Oh, Lord.
The people keep a comin' and the train done gone.

Born in a stable,
Born in a stable,
Born in a stable,
The people keep a comin' and the train done gone.

And where did she lay him? Oh, Lord.
And where did she lay him? Oh, Lord.
And where did she lay him? Oh, Lord.
The people keep a comin' and the train done gone.

Mary had a baby...

African-American Spiritual

At the Presentation: Hymn 100, Stanzas 1, 2, & 4

Antioch

“Joy to the world! the Lord is come”

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.**

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.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

***People* Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

The Prayer of Humble Access (*said by all*)

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 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 Christians are welcome to receive Communion.

Music During Communion:

Agnus Dei

Tomas Luis de Victoria

O magnum mysterium,
 et admirabile sacramentum,
 ut animalia viderent Dominum natum,
 iacentem in praeseptio!
 Beata Virgo, cujus viscera
 meruerunt portare
 Dominum Iesum Christum.
 Alleluia!

*O great mystery,
 and wonderful sacrament,
 that animals should see the new-born Lord,
 lying in a manger!
 Blessed is the Virgin whose womb
 was worthy to bear
 our Saviour, Jesus Christ.
 Alleluia!*

Hymn 101 - *sung by all, seated*

Cradle Song

“Away in a manger”

The Postcommunion Prayer

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray. *(kneel)*

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.

The Blessing

May Almighty God, who sent his Son to take our nature upon him, bless you in this holy season, scatter the darkness of sin, and brighten your heart with the light of his holiness. *Amen.*

May God, who sent his angels to proclaim the glad news of the Savior's birth, fill you with joy and make you heralds of the Gospel. *Amen.*

May God, who in the Word made flesh joined heaven to earth and earth to heaven, give you his peace and favor. *Amen.*

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

Hymn 111 - *sung by all, kneeling*

"Silent night, holy night"

Stille nacht

At the Retiring Procession: Hymn 87 - *sung by all, standing*

"Hark! the herald angels sing"

Mendelssohn

Dismissal - *The response is "Thanks be to God."*

Christmas Oratorio, op. 12
Overture

Charles Camille Saint-Saëns (1835-1921)

Christmas Reminders

May the Christmas presents remind you
of God's greatest gift-His only begotten Son.

May the Christmas candles remind you
of Him who is the light of the world.

May the Christmas tree remind you
of another tree on which He died for you.

May the Christmas feast remind you
of Him who is the bread of life.

May the Christmas snow remind you
of the cleansing power of Christ.

May the Christmas bells remind you
of the glorious proclamation of His birth.

May the Christmas carols remind you
of His glad tidings which we are to proclaim to all mankind.

May the Christmas season remind you
in every way of Jesus Christ your King.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS – 2017

Tom & Elise Akins	in memory of their mothers, Ruth Akins and Marielle Robichaud
Irene & Peter Baker	in loving memory of Dickie Connar and Bobbie Faber
The Baldy family	in loving memory of Anderson Lacy Baldy, Jr.
Ben, Jeannie & Emily Borsch	in memory of the Rt. Rev. Frederick H. Borsch
Judy & Ed Bourdeau	in thanksgiving for family
Jane Cantler	in thanksgiving for her children, grandchildren, and greatgrandchildren
Bud Cash	in memory of his wife, Bertha Cash and son, Timothy Cash; in thanksgiving for his family, the Hollars and the LeGrands
Stephanie Chapman	in thanksgiving for family
Holly Clemmons & Katie Pastorius	in memory of Charles Clemmons and Kay Hart
Piers & Pamela Curry	in memory of William T. Michell
David & Jan Dees	in memory of Dr. Curtis Rorebeck and Marie Jane Bentschner
Michael & Mary Beth Dickinson	in memory of R. Clayton Dickinson and Anderson Lacy Baldy
Jerry Divers	in memory of Jean Bacon Divers
Wallace A. Dixon	in memory of his parents, Mr. & Mrs. Nehemiah F. Dixon, and aunts Janie Brownell and Rachel White
Dr. & Mrs. James N. Endicott	in memory of William and Bede Greeson
R.J. Erskine	in memory of Mary Louise and Mary Vanessa Erskine
Carole Fields	in memory of Dr. Rodney S. Fields, Benjamin Roberts Fields, Ben H. Roberts, Lunett Roberts, D. Wallace Fields, Martha Ann Fields; in thanksgiving for Rodney, Lisa, Roddy, Rebecca and Ryan Fields
Kathleen Good Jenkins	in loving memory of Rita Wendling Good
Eric & Loueita Hargens	in memory of her son, Bradley J. Dykes
Vernon & Charlotte Henderson	in thanksgiving for their family
Carole King	in memory of daughter, Shannon King; husband, Mark King; parents Bernice and Paul Tarnow, in-laws Lorena and Russell King; brother, Tommy Tarnow
Bettye J. Kirkland	in memory of her grandparents, Tommie Kirkland and Morris Kirkland, uncle Luther Kirkland
Kay & Whitney Kurtz	in memory of Irene Bourdreaux and Kenneth W. Osborne
Adrienne Love	in thanksgiving for Olivia Love Wallace, granddaughter
Linda & Michael McGhee	in memory of Heather Lauren McGhee
Anne & Sophia Paige	in thanksgiving for family and friends
Wayne & Anna Putney	in memory of Maria and Florian Jurdak
Amy & Earl Rahn	in memory of Norman Cartwright and Jeanne C. Rahn; in thanksgiving for Gwen and Josie Rahn
The Rev. John & Jeanette Reese	in thanksgiving for Sheridan Marr, Flower Chair
Tina Repp-Guard family	in memory of Eleanor Pavlik and Gary Repp
The Roberts & Brightwell families	in memory of Vi and Wally Smith
Nell Rorebeck	in memory of Dr. Curtis Rorebeck
L. Gray, Catherine & Ward Sanders	in thanksgiving for the year 2017 A.D. and all its blessings!
Jane & Nathan Simpson	in memory of Nathan B. Simpson, Jr. and John Gray Simpson
Don & Virginia Sink	in memory of loved ones
Pam Sitton	in thanksgiving for her grandson, Tyler Daniel Mackin
Jan & Earl Smith	in memory of their parents and grandparents
Jack & Linda Sparn	in thanksgiving for God's many blessings
Jerold & Anne Stadel	
Mrs. Catharyn Szuba	in memory of W.J. and Lillian Fitzgerald
Mark & Jill Turlington	in memory of Wayne Pharr
Giovanni Ulibarri & Domingo Belardo	
Dr. & Mrs. Raymond Vince	in memory of their good friend, Connie Rynder
The Watson family	in memory of Charles Watson, Betty and Jack Watson, and Ronald Powers
John & Pat Wolfe	in thanksgiving for all the music in their lives; and in thanksgiving for their family: John II, Brian, Katy, Maggie, Emmy and James

The Charles A. and Irene M. McKay and Mary Irene Falk Fund
within the Community Foundation of Tampa Bay

CHRISTMAS MUSIC – 2017

Tom & Elise Akins	in thanksgiving for the artistry of Haig Mardirosian
Irene & Peter Baker	in loving memory of Dickie Connar and Bobbie Faber
The Baldy family	in loving memory of Anderson Lacy Baldy, Jr.
Siegfried & Linda Barry	in loving memory of their parents, Frank and Gloria Youdis, Frieda Haderer-Barry; and grandparents
Jeannie, Ben & Emily Borsch	in thanksgiving for Barbara Borsch
David Bucchiere & The Rev. Dr. John L. Hooker	in thanksgiving for the ministries of Rodney Shores, Haig Mardirosian and the choirs of St. Andrew's
Chris & Julie Capsambelis	in memory of their mothers: Shirley Meredith and Eleanor Ross
James W. Carmichael	in memory of Rev. and Mrs. James M. Carmichael; in thanksgiving for the many blessings
James W. Carmichael	in memory of Mary Tennette Sloan; in thanksgiving for the grace of God
Frazier & Claire Carraway	in memory of Nancy Bailey and Randy Bolen; in thanksgiving for Margaret and Bailey
Stephanie Chapman	in thanksgiving for family
Holly Clemmons & Katie Pastorius	in thanksgiving for God's beautiful gifts to us in nature and music!
The Crawford family	
David & Jan Dees	in thanksgiving for Nell Rorebeck
Michael & Mary Beth Dickinson	in thanksgiving for Mary Ashley, Michelle and Ian
Jerry Divers	in memory of Jean Bacon Divers
Ian & Mary Ashley Edwards	in memory of Lacy Baldy and Clayte Dickinson
Dr. James & Sunny Endicott	in memory of Jason Krivy
Carole Fields	in memory of Dr. Rodney S. Fields, Benjamin Roberts Fields, Ben H. Roberts, Lunett Roberts, D. Wallace Fields, Martha Ann Fields; in thanksgiving for Rodney, Lisa, Roddy, Rebecca and Ryan Fields
Richard A. Ferlita	in memory of Mr. & Mrs. Dominick Ferlita; in thanksgiving for so many blessings
Richard A. Ferlita	in memory of Nelson Paul Ferlita; in thanksgiving for so many blessings
Rosemary Graf	in memory of William Fowler
Mary Beth Harris	in memory of John Isaac Meats
Fran Kerr	in thanksgiving for family and friends
Carole King	in thanksgiving for her children: Mark, Jr., Rusty and Cyndi King, Melinda and Greg Cashin; grandchildren Peyton and J.R. King, Steven, Alexandra and Mark Cashin
Deloris E. Lewis	in memory of her parents, Alfonso Liand and Ruth B. Lewis
Leslie Lowe	
Rosemary S. McAteer	in thanksgiving for Derrill, Megan, Clara and Kathryn
Catherine Michelsen	in memory of Helen Lee Simmons
Charles & Virginia Mullen	in thanksgiving for Donald and Virginia Sink
Anne & Sophia Paige	in thanksgiving for family and friends
Wayne & Anna Putney	in thanksgiving for many blessings
The Rev. John & Jeanette Reese	in thanksgiving for St. Andrew's musicians
Tina Repp-Guard family	in memory of Eleanor Pavlik and Gary Repp
The Roberts & Brightwell families	in thanksgiving for their family and friends and all of God's blessings
Nell Rorebeck	in memory of Mrs. Nell Struss
L. Gray, Catherine & Ward Sanders	in thanksgiving for the year 2017 A.D. and all its blessings!
Jane & Nathan Simpson	in memory of Nathan B. Simpson, Jr. and John Gray Simpson
Don & Virginia Sink	in thanksgiving for their grandchildren: Robby and Sierra, Katie, Ally and Will
Jan & Earl Smith	in thanksgiving for their children, their families, and many blessings
Jack & Linda Sparn	in thanksgiving for God's many blessings

Paula Stewart
Kathi Stoy
Mrs. Catharyn Szuba
Dr. & Mrs. Raymond Vince
John & Pat Wolfe

in thanksgiving for Elijah T. Stewart, USMC
in memory of William Parent; in thanksgiving for Virginia Parent
in memory of E.J. Szuba
in memory of their good friend, Connie Rynder
in thanksgiving for all the music in their lives; and in
thanksgiving for their family: John II, Brian, Katy,
Maggie, Emmy and James

WINDOW CANDLES

The candles in the church windows are given to the praise and glory of
God and in thanksgiving for their twin grandchildren, Mackenzie Swann
Maynell and Mac Carey Maynell, by Mary and Henry Brown

THOSE SERVING TODAY: December 24, 11:00 p.m.

Celebrant and Preacher: Fr. Reese; **Assisting Priest:** Fr. Campbell

Organist: Haig Mardirosian

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George Western, Ray Vince

Ushers:

Vergers: Martin McKinney

Acolytes: Hamilton Reese, Sophie Paige, Grace Hunter, Richard Ferlita

Altar Guild: Wayne & Anna Putney, Sally Phethean

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 and Earl Smith



Annual Parish Meeting
Sunday, January 28, 11:45 am
following the 10:30am service
to hear Annual Reports and elect new Vestry members

Decorating Elves

Many thanks to all those wonderful people who worked so hard to beautify the church for our Lord's birthday. We are grateful for the generosity of Nancy Turner, who donated all the Christmas trees and wreaths. We appreciate the hard work of Sheridan Marr and Jan Smith, who directed the greening. Thanks to those who spent many hours this past Sunday making St. Andrew's look so grand and festive!

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.



Upcoming Events

Friday-Tuesday, December 22-26 – *Office closed for the holidays*

Friday-Tuesday, December 29-January 2 – *Office closed for the holidays*

Sunday, January 28, 11:45am – *Annual Parish Meeting*

Sundays, 9:30am – *Adult Christian Education, third floor*

Wednesdays, 7:00am – *Men's Prayer Breakfast,*

Samaria Café, Madison & Tampa streets

Wednesdays, 12:10pm – *Holy Eucharist*

Wednesdays, 5:30pm – *Youth Choir Rehearsal, second floor*

Wednesdays, 7:00pm – *Adult Choir Rehearsal*

Thursdays, 10:30am – *Bible Study, third floor*

THANK YOU, ANGELS!

A very special thank you for all who shopped for over 100 children and volunteered to help at the Gabriel Tree Party. There were more volunteers than ever before and it takes every single one of you to make a difference in what is one of St. Andrew's most wonderful events each year. A very special thank you to Martha Cobb and Nekeshia Hammond who put in hours of organization to make this miracle happen. Bless you all and we are so fortunate to have such angels at St. Andrew's that continue to work for Him!



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