

Welcome to

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

**THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY:
THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST
JANUARY 12, 2025**

10:30AM

*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.

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.

At Your Service: Stay warm at Saint Andrew's: 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.*

PLEASE SILENCE ALL ELECTRONIC DEVICES.

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

Prelude: How Brightly Shines the Morning Star

Flor Peeters (1903–1986)

Tower Bell

Hymn 704 (*stand*)

Hereford

1 O thou who camest from above the fire
celestial to impart, kindle a flame of
sacred love upon the altar of my heart.

2 There let it for thy glory burn with ever
bright, undying blaze, and trembling to its
source return in humble prayer and fervent
praise.

3 Jesus, confirm my heart's desire to
work, and speak, and think for thee; still
let me guard the holy fire and still stir up
the gift in me.

4 Still let me prove thy perfect will, my acts
of faith and love repeat, till death thy
endless mercies seal, and make the
sacrifice complete.

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.

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

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.

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Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Collect of the Day

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

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting.
Amen.

First Reading (*sit*)

Isaiah 43:1-7

A Reading from the Book of Isaiah.

Now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth—everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

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

Psalm 29 *Sung by the choir to Anglican chant*

Thomas Attwood (1765–1838)

- 1 Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, *
 ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
- 2 Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his Name; *
 worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.
- 3 The voice of the LORD is upon the waters;
 the God of glory thunders; *
 the LORD is upon the mighty waters.
- 4 The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; *
 the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.
- 5 The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; *
 the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
- 6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, *
 and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.
- 7 The voice of the LORD splits the flames of fire;
 the voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; *
 the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- 8 The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe *
 and strips the forests bare.
- 9 And in the temple of the LORD *
 all are crying, "Glory!"
- 10 The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; *
 the LORD sits enthroned as King for evermore.
- 11 The LORD shall give strength to his people; *
 the LORD shall give his people the blessing of peace.

Second Reading

Acts 8:14-17

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Hymn 637 (*stand*)

Lyons

1 How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in his excellent word! What more can he say than to you he hath said, to you that for refuge to Jesus have fled?

2 "Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dismayed! For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid; I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand, upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

3 "When through the deep waters I call thee to go, the rivers of woe shall not thee overflow; for I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless, and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

4 "When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie, my grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply; the flame shall not hurt thee; I only design thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.

5 "The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose, I will not, I will not desert to its foes; that soul, though all hell shall endeavor to shake, I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake."

Holy Gospel

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

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*)

Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest;
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

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 Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence.

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.

Announcements

Holy Communion

Anthem

Richard Shephard (1949–2021)

Earth has many a noble city; Bethlehem, thou dost all excel; Out of thee the Lord from heaven came to rule His Israel. Fairer than the sun at morning was the star that told His birth, to the world its God announcing seen in fleshly form on earth. Eastern sages at His cradle make oblations rich and rare; see them give, in deep devotion, gold and frankincense and myrrh. Sacred gifts of mystic meaning: incense doth their God disclose, gold the King of kings proclaiming, myrrh His sepulcher foreshows. Jesus, whom the gentiles worshiped at thy glad Epiphany, unto thee, with God, the Father, and the Spirit glory be.

Hymn 120 (*stand*)

Solemnis haec festivitas

1 The sinless one to Jordan came, and in the river shared our stain; God's righteousness he thus fulfilled, and chose the path his Father willed.

2 Uprising from the waters there, the father's voice did then declare that Christ, the Son of God, had come to lead his scattered people home.

3 Above him see the heavenly Dove, the sign of God the Father's love, now by the Holy Spirit shed upon the Son's anointed head.

4 How blest that mission then begun to heal and save a race undone! Straight to the wilderness he goes to wrestle with his people's foes.

5 O Christ, may we baptized from sin, go forth with you a world to win: grant us the Holy Spirit's power to shield us in temptation's hour.

6 On you may all your people feed, and know you are the Bread indeed, who gives eternal life to those that with you died, and with you rose.

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 in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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.

Agnus Dei

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Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
grant us peace.

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:

Anthem

Bob Chilcott (b. 1955)

The text for the anthem can be found in The Hymnal 1982 on page 488.

Amanda Cohen, *soprano*

Hymn 121 (*sit*)

Caithness

1 Christ, when for us you were baptized, God's Spirit on you came, as peaceful as a dove and yet as urgent as a flame.

2 God called you his beloved Son, called you his servant true, sent you his kingdom to proclaim, his holy will to do.

3 Straightway and steadfast until death you then obeyed his call freely as Son of Man to serve and give your life for all.

4 Baptize us with your Spirit, Lord, your cross on us be signed, that, likewise in God's service we may perfect freedom find.

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 616 (*stand*)

Es flog ein kleins Waldvoegelein

1 Hail to the Lord's Anointed, great David's
greater Son! Hail, in the time appointed,
his reign on earth begun! He comes to break
oppression, to set the captive free;
to take away transgression, and rule in equity.

2 He comes with succor speedy to those who
suffer wrong, to help the poor and needy, and
bid the weak be strong; to give them songs for
sighing, their darkness turn to light, whose
souls, condemned and dying, were precious in
his sight.

3 He shall come down like showers upon the
fruitful earth, and love, joy, hope, like
flowers, spring in his path to birth; before him
on the mountains shall peace, the herald, go;
and righteousness in fountains from hill to
valley flow.

4 Kings shall bow down before him, and
gold and incense bring; all nations shall
adore him, his praise all people sing; to him
shall prayer unceasing and daily vows
ascend; his kingdom still increasing, a
kingdom without end.

5 O'er every foe victorious, he on his throne
shall rest; from age to age more glorious, all
blessing and all blest; the tide of time shall
never his covenant remove; his Name shall
stand for ever, his changeless Name of
Love.

Dismissal

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

Postlude: Toccata in 7

John Rutter (b. 1945)

THOSE SERVING TODAY: January 12, 2025

Celebrant: Fr. Campbell

Preacher: Fr. Reese

Organist: Ryan Hebert

Choral Assistant: Coleman Flentge

Verger: Allison Besselieu

Crucifer: Shea Polley

Torchbearers: Abby Turlington, Esther Henley

Lectors: Gary Cotter, Jeannie Borsch

Lay Eucharistic Ministers: Patrick Keogh, Dorothy Peters

Videographers: Paul Scheuer, Jan Smith, Kirk McCann

Ushers: George Bedell, Chris Sherman, Bill Besselieu,

Altar Guild: Adrienne Love, Sally Phethean

BIRTHDAYS: Bill Peterson, Brian Cantler

Annual Parish Meeting
Sunday, February 2, Noon
following the 10:30am service



Make a Pledge for 2025

Please return your pledge card for 2025 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 120 pledges for \$521,624.00

St. A's Book Club Meetings

Founded in October, 2024, our Book Club has grown to over twenty members. Our first two choices were Ernest Hemingway, "The Snows of Kilimanjaro" (Nov 10) and Claire Keegan, *Small Things Like These* (Dec 8). In 2025, we shall usually meet on the first Sunday of the month, after the 10:30 am Eucharist, and in the third floor Library, room 302. Bring your coffee & snacks. If you enjoy good reading, challenging ideas, and cogent discussion, come and join us.

Here are our Book Club 2025 dates and the books we shall discuss.

- ❖ Sun **Feb 9** / 5th meeting / Hernan Diaz, *Trust* (2023), 416 pp, \$10
Note: Moved to 2nd Sunday because of the Church Annual Meeting on Feb 2.
- ❖ Sun **Mar 2** / 6th meeting / H.P. Lovecraft, *Case of Charles Dexter Ward* (1941), 118 pp, \$8.
- ❖ Sun **Apr 6** / 7th meeting / Paulo Coelho, *The Alchemist* (1988), 197 pp, \$15.

Come and join us. If you want to be on our mailing list or if you have any questions, please do email me, Ray Vince, Book Club secretary, at rvince@hccfl.edu or text me at 813-857-7419.

Adult Christian Education

Sunday mornings at 9:30 December 29th through Jan 19th

The Wired Word, facilitated by the Rector, examines a current event from the previous week and analyzes it through the use of Biblical references. Come and see how Scripture can help us make sense of what's happening in the world today.

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

Sunday mornings at 9:30

Everywhere Is Jerusalem: Experiencing the Holy Then and Now

Location matters.

Christianity isn't a batch of spiritual thoughts or metaphysical truths. It's a journey of real people with their feet on the ground in real places. In *Everywhere Is Jerusalem*, The Rev. James Howell takes you on a spiritual pilgrimage to significant places in the ongoing story of the Christian faith. You'll go from Bethlehem to Jerusalem, from the Jordan River to Assisi, and from the Sea of Galilee to Montgomery, Alabama. Along the way, you'll discover the profound connections between biblical stories and the places where they happened. You'll see how Christians throughout history have brought their faith to life worldwide, in their own cities and communities. And you'll find God calling you to bring your own faith to life right where you are, right now.

Part travelogue, part Bible study, this video series will take you on a spiritual journey to the places that are most important in our faith, and you'll discover that the most important place of all is the place where you are, right now.

Here is the line-up:

1/26 - Everywhere is Galilee: The Downward Call

2/2 - Everywhere is the Jordan: Baptism and All the Waters

2/9 - Everywhere is the Mount of Olives: Standing Up and Courage

2/16 - Everywhere is Bethlehem: Prayer Walls

2/23 - Everywhere is Nazareth: Finding the Way Home

3/2 - Everywhere is Jerusalem: Places of Sorrow and Hope

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

New Flower Chart

The 2025 Flower Sign-Up Chart is in the parish hall. Don't delay choosing important commemorative dates. Please help with this wonderful ministry to adorn the altar during worship by sponsoring flowers. High Altar flowers are \$150 for florist choice, personal choices can be arranged at an additional cost. Chapel Altar flowers are optional. If you'd like to sponsor both altars, the cost is \$250. If you have questions, please contact Charlotte Churchill 813-352-0162 cmchurchi18@gmail.com

Vestry Class of 2028 Nominees

Pam Billings



I was born in Oak Ridge, Tennessee and raised and worshipped with The New York Avenue Church of Christ. In 1977, I married Mike Billings at this church. I graduated that year from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, with a degree in Nursing. We spent our first year of marriage in Winston Salem, North Carolina. Mike was finishing Medical School while I was working on a Neurosurgical unit at the North Carolina Baptist Hospital.

Both of our children were born in Alabama where we lived for ten years before relocating to Greenville, South Carolina. I began working for Greenville Hospital System in 1989 and retired from managing Employee Health for the organization in 2021. As a member of the Human Resources team, our department was tasked with clearing new hires after they completed the review process, which included drug screens. We managed the COVID response, including the vaccination of personnel. Our area had oversight of workers' compensation and injury management for employees and volunteers in our facilities.

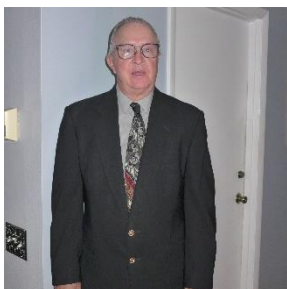
I spent three years volunteering for NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) Greenville as a Board Member and Certified Family to Family group education facilitator. I was the Board President for the year prior to the COVID pandemic.

It has been a joy to move to Tampa to live in the same neighborhood with our granddaughter, Diana Tapie, and be the carpool grandparents for after school activities. Our daughter Carolyn and son-in-law Matt were incredibly helpful in assisting us in relocating to this area.

My favorite activity is reading. I have enjoyed the continuing education courses offered by USF's OLLI program. Mike and I are avid University of Tennessee and South Carolina women's basketball fans. We consistently pull for SEC teams in all sports. We enjoy watching professional tennis in person and on TV.

St. Andrew's has been a welcoming community of believers. I have been inspired by the history and beauty of this church. The choral music is outstanding. We are blessed to be worshipping here with our family and the new friends we have made since moving to Florida.

Patrick Keogh



My wife and I have lived in the Tampa Bay area on and off since 1986. I have been blessed with an incredibly loving wife of forty-five years. I am honored to be a part of St. Andrew's and to be a Lay Eucharistic Minister. I earned a bachelor's degree in Occupational Health and Safety. I worked in the railroad industry and my first train ride was in 1976 and my last being in 2014 when I retired from Amtrak. My passions include reading, especially scripture and prayer books, along with music classical and religious. I enjoy cooking and working in my tropical garden and in my spare time I go to the gym and ride my bicycle. My life has been beyond blessed and filled with love.

George Levy



I have been a Tampa native for 64 years, having graduated from Leto High School in 1975. I received a M.S. in Structural Engineering degree from the University of South Florida in 1980 and became a registered Licensed Florida Professional Engineer (PE) in 1984.

I am the Owner and CEO of Florida Pre-Fab Inc., a commercial metal building manufacturer and pre-engineered steel building supplier. We design and manufacture steel buildings for the Central Florida, Caribbean, Central America and South American markets. I was born in Havana, Cuba and came in 1961 to the USA when my parents immigrated, fleeing the dictatorship of Fidel Castro and his communist regime.

I am the father of three daughters, Kelly (41), Karen (39) and Dorothy (35), with stepson Christopher (31) and have (1) granddaughter Mackenzie and (4) grandsons, Tristan, Gavin, William and Charlie.

My wonderful and loving wife, Rosemary Graf Levy, a long-time St. Andrew's parishioner, and I were married on 12/22/2020 here at St. Andrew's during the Covid pandemic. We celebrated with family and friends via the wonderful Audio-Visual Camera system installed at our church. We reside at the Towers of Channelside Condominiums located in downtown Tampa.

I have been an Episcopalian for over 44 years, having attended St. John's Episcopal Church in Tampa for 25 years prior to relocating to St. Mary's, Tampa for 8 years and the recent 11 years at St Andrew's. I have had the privilege of serving on the Vestry, Stewardship Committee, Every Member Canvas Chairman, Fathers Ministry, Capital Campaigns and Angel Tree with my years at St. John's. I also served on St. Mary's Vestry as Junior Warden in addition to their Endowment Fund Director, Men's Ministry and Stewardship Chairman. I have also served on the Vestry here at St. Andrew's as Junior Warden from years 2015 thru 2017, then again, 2019 thru 2021 and participated as a Diocese representative.

I will serve as St. Andrew's needs and Jesus Christ guides me.

Jennifer Richardson



Jennifer is a Florida native and graduated from the University of Florida with a Bachelor's degree in English with a minor in Education and a Master's degree in Business Management. She met her husband, Charlie, during graduate school and they have two sons, Marcus and Logan. Their family began attending St. Andrew's when they moved to Tampa in 2016.

Jennifer serves as the District Disabilities Awareness Chairperson for the Greater Tampa Bay Area Council and Outdoor Ethics Trainer with Scouts BSA. She has previously served on PTA boards as the Art Enrichment director and as a Board member and Volunteer Coordinator for a nonprofit that served foster care families.

Jennifer immediately fell in love with St. Andrew's and was confirmed on Pentecost Sunday in 2017. She has been a member of the Altar Guild since 2018 and felt called to

serve as a Lay Eucharistic Minister in 2019. She previously served on the Vestry class of 2023 and feels blessed to be part of such a beautiful family of God here at St. Andrew's.

Keri Thatcher



Keri P. Thatcher is a third generation Episcopalian. She was baptised at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Grand Prairie, TX and confirmed at St. James Cathedral in Chicago, IL. As a child, she was active in Sunday School and Children's Choir. At St. Mark's Episcopal in Barrington, IL, she became a lay reader and was active in the handbell and adult choirs. As an adult, she was an active member of St. John's Episcopal Church where she sang with the choir, the highlight of which was performing at St. Thomas Church in NYC and the National Cathedral while on tour. Here at St. Andrew's, Keri is an active member of the Outreach Committee. Professionally, she serves as the Vice President of HR for Metropolitan Ministries, where she has worked for 13 years. She volunteers with Girl Scouts as a co-leader for the Metropolitan Ministries Troop and serves as Den Leader for her son's Cub Scout Pack. Keri lives with her husband, Matthew, and their son, Henry, and she is the proud stepmom of Audrey.

Music Notes

Today's prelude is a favorite of mine, when it comes to the joy of Epiphany. We'll be in the season of Epiphany for a while, so let's enjoy what things can dawn upon us. Who knows what's in store? Life *is* like a box of chocolates. It's just a delicacy, so let's enjoy.

Flor Peeters was a Belgian composer, organist, and teacher. He had an extensive and prolific career. His achievements are impressive, among them he is the author of the largest published chorale work ever undertaken. It's his opus *100 Hymn Preludes for the Liturgical Year* (1959-1964); it contains no less than 213 chorale preludes on ecumenical church hymns. Today, you're hearing one of them.

This work begins with a sparkly, beboppy accompaniment. (I just made up that word – beboppy – it just “dawned on” me, and I'm going with it). Anyway, soon thereafter, the hymn tune, *Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern*, is heard in the pedal on the trumpet stop. Towards the end, you'll hear our lovely “spinning star” or zimbelstern, which is a set of

tiny bells that when activated, rotate the star atop the organ case. It's complete frivolity. A delicacy. A toy. A comedy.

In many ways, life is *exactly* this – a toy, and we're all spoiled rotten. My friend Wes says, "It's all gravy." After basic needs, what *more* is there? Even basic needs are questionable. To me, the epiphany is about realizing life sparkles. We've got so many toys; we can't remember what's basic, what's essential, what's fundamental. Could it *just* be love?

When I retired from UT, I had resigned in my mind well before I left physically. I shaped up before shipping out, shaping into a lame duck for 9 months. I took a "laissez faire" attitude, meaning "let them do it." I still did my job but realized what was *not* my job. The best epiphany is learning what's *not* your job; what's none of your business; and just how toy-like life is. We are completely dispensable. What a feeling! Nobody needs me. I'm off the hook. That's the light of epiphany. *Freedom.*

I was still department chair in my last year at UT. I held meetings, taught classes, met with prospective students, did reports, and gave concerts. Best year of my career – I was "outta there." I learned a laissez faire work ethic. I found levity and said, "Oh well, that's not my concern, I'm outta here." What rapture! I no longer had battles to choose. I could toy, I could play, I could smile. I became slick, like Teflon. It was no longer "my" problem, and it never had been. If only I had that attitude, always.

We need to be slicker, not sticklers, to learn the secret of letting go. I'm not talking about dropping the ball, although balls are toys too. I'm talking about dropping the pretense of indispensability. When you see that star spinning, remember, it's *just* a toy. Minimize exertion and "importance," and life is joyful when you outsource. That requires trust. Work, but not like a dog, but like a happy, lame rubber duckie, easily floating down the stream. Duck out of picking battles. Why work like a dog? No, let *them* do it. What an epiphany it would be if we all realized the bliss of dispensability and the so-called secret of childlike trust. Meanwhile, I'll be at the organ bench bebopping to some Flor Peeters if you "need" me. But I seriously doubt that. The most dispensable part of this whole operation is yours truly. *Soli Deo Gloria.*

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