

Welcome to

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

**THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
JANUARY 19, 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: Meditation on “Draw Us in the Spirit’s Tether” Gerre Hancock (1934–2012)

Tower Bell

Hymn 543 (*stand*)

Eastview

1 O Zion, tune thy voice, and raise thy hands on high; tell all the earth thy joys, and boast salvation nigh. Cheerful in God, arise and shine, while rays divine stream all abroad.

2 He gilds the morning face with beams that cannot fade; his all-resplendent grace he pours around thy head; the nations round thy form shall view, with luster new divinely crowned.

3 In honor to his Name reflect that sacred light; and loud that grace proclaim, which makes thy darkness bright; pursue his praise, till sovereign love in worlds above the glory raise.

4 There on his holy hill a brighter sun shall rise, and with his radiance fill those fairer purer skies; while round his throne ten thousand stars in nobler spheres his influence own.

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

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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.

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshiped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

First Reading (*sit*)

Isaiah 62:1-5

A Reading from the Book of Isaiah.

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate; but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the Lord delights in you, and your land shall be married. For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your builder marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

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

Psalm 36:5–10 *Sung by the choir to Anglican chant*

John Goss (1800–1880)

5 Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens, *
and your faithfulness to the clouds.

6 Your righteousness is like the strong mountains,
your justice like the great deep; *
you save both man and beast, O Lord.

7 How priceless is your love, O God! *
your people take refuge under the shadow of your wings.

8 They feast upon the abundance of your house; *
you give them drink from the river of your delights.

9 For with you is the well of life, *
and in your light we see light.

10 Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you, *
and your favor to those who are true of heart.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

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

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says “Let Jesus be cursed!” and no one can say “Jesus is Lord” except by the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

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

Hymn 138 (*stand*)

Carlisle

1 All praise to you, O Lord, who by your mighty power did manifest your glory forth in Cana's marriage hour. 3 Oh, may this grace be ours: in you always to live and drink of those refreshing streams which you alone can give.
2 You speak, and it is done; obedient to your word, the water reddening into wine proclaims the present Lord. 4 So, led from strength to strength, grant us, O Lord, to see the marriage supper of the Lamb, the great epiphany.

Holy Gospel

John 2:1-11

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

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

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

Harold Friedell (1905–1958)

Draw us in the Spirit's tether, For when humbly in Thy name,
Two or three are met together Thou are in the midst of them;
Alleluia! Alleluia! Touch we now Thy garment's hem.

As the brethren used to gather In the name of Christ to sup,
Then with thanks to God the Father Break the bread and bless the cup,
Alleluia! Alleluia! So knit Thou our friendship up.

All our meals and all our living Make as sacraments of Thee,
That by caring, helping, giving We may true disciples be.
Alleluia! Alleluia! We will serve Thee faithfully.

Percy Dearmer (1867-1936)

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

<i>Celebrant</i>	The Lord be with you.
<i>People</i>	And also with you.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Lift up your hearts.
<i>People</i>	We lift them to the Lord.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
<i>People</i>	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:

Hymn 126 *(sit)*

Dundee

1 The people who in darkness walked have seen a glorious light; on them broke forth the heavenly dawn who dwelt in death and night.

2 To hail thy rising, Sun of life, the gathering nations come, joyous as when the reapers bear their harvest treasures home.

3 To us the promised Child is born, to us the Son is given; him shall the tribes of earth obey, and all the hosts of heaven.

4 His name shall be the Prince of Peace for evermore adored, the Wonderful, the Counselor, the mighty God and Lord.

5 His power increasing still shall spread, his reign no end shall know; justice shall guard his throne above, and peace abound below.

Anthem

John Rutter (b. 1942)

Deep peace of the running wave to you
Deep peace of the flowing air to you
Deep peace of the quiet earth to you
Deep peace of the shining stars to you
Deep peace of the gentle night to you

Moon and stars pour their healing light on you
Deep peace of Christ the light of the world to you

Words by William Sharp (1855–1905)

Adapted by John Rutter

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 135 (*stand*)

Salzburg

1 Songs of thankfulness and praise, Jesus,
Lord, to thee we raise, Manifested by the
star to the sages from afar; branch of
royal David's stem in thy birth at
Bethlehem; anthems be to thee
addressed, God in man made manifest.

2 Manifest at Jordan's stream, Prophet,
Priest, and King supreme; and at Cana,
wedding-guest, in thy Godhead manifest;
manifest in power divine, changing water
into wine; anthems be to thee addressed,
God in man made manifest

3 Manifest in making whole palsied limbs
and fainting soul; manifest in valiant fight,
quelling all the devil's might; manifest in
gracious will, ever bringing good from ill;
anthems be to thee addressed, God in man
made manifest

4 Manifest on mountain height, shining in
resplendent light, where disciples filled with
awe thy transfigured glory saw. When from
there thou leddest them steadfast to
Jerusalem, cross and Easter Day attest God
in man made manifest.

Dismissal

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

Postlude: Menuet Gothique

Léon Boëllmann (1862–1897)

THOSE SERVING TODAY: January 19, 2025

Celebrant & Preacher: Fr. Reese

Assisting Priest: Fr. Campbell

Organist: Ryan Hebert

Choral Assistant: Coleman Flentge

Vergers: Richard Ferlita

Crucifer: Ethan Smith

Torchbearers: Wyatt Smith, Aiden Kennington

Lectors: Jim Shuler, Ray Vince

Lay Eucharistic Ministers: Derrick Brown, Donreece Brown

Videographers: Paul Scheuer, Jan Smith, Kirk McCann

Ushers: Eric Hargens, Loueita Hargens, Winston Blake, Paul Bentschner, Chris Cobb

Altar Guild: Beth Kennington, Jan Smith, Cathy Szuba

Coffee Hour Hosts: Rod & Lucinda Evans

BIRTHDAYS: Frank Mora, Rosemary Levy, Neal Cline, Nancy Turner,

McKinley Chapman, Anabel Ramirez, Alison Allman, Mia Phillips, Pam Curry

BELATED BIRTHDAYS: Lindell Dye, Alexander Mora, Leah King, Billy Nipper,

Aiden Kennington, Jacob Kennington, Jeannette Taplow, Dana Taplow, Claire Carraway

ANNIVERSARIES: Mark & Jill Turlington



The altar flowers are given to the glory of God
and in thanksgiving for the beautiful, large family I have
by Barbara Brotherton

**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 122 pledges for \$526,724.00

Gabriel Tree Project

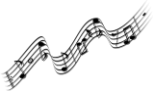
Thank you for your support of the 2024 Gabriel Tree Project at St. Andrew's Church. This year our school was Dunbar Elementary. Gifts were provided to 94 children from 22 families, all nominated by the school Social Worker. Generously filled bags of gifts all arrived at the church on schedule, where Pam Curry headed up the giftwrapping team. On Saturday, December 7th, many of the children and their families attended the party coordinated by Martha Cobb at the parish hall. We put together crafts planned by Linda McGhee, took photos with Mr. and Mrs. Claus (Peter and Irene Baker), and enjoyed a pizza lunch. Two bicycles and four Christmas trees with ornaments were raffled off. Each family left smiling, happy, with bags of Christmas gifts and a mug of candy and gift card.

Donors and volunteers are a vital part of the mission. Whether you shopped for or sponsored a child, made a general donation, supported the Fish Fry, wrapped gifts, or participated at the party – thank you, and have a Happy 2025!

Gabriel Tree Luncheon

In appreciation for everyone who participated in our Gabriel Tree project, I invite you to a luncheon at my home. Please join us on Thursday, February 6th at noon to celebrate the success of another wonderful Gabriel Tree Project. My address is 3210 Hoedt Road, Tampa 33618. Please call Martha Cobb at 813-787-4020 to RSVP. Looking forward to seeing you!

Save the date to taste new wine and enjoy music



Acclaimed food critic Chris Sherman will host another wine tasting event in the Parish Hall on **Saturday, February 15th**, from 6:30 - 8:30 pm. The

focus this year will be wines from regions south of the Equator. Heavy hors oeuvres will be served; and Allison Besselieu and Julie Tollen will play a selection of musical pieces. Tickets, \$10 each, will be on sale following church services during the first two weeks of February.

St. A's Book Club Meetings for Feb-Apr 2025

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

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.

Music Notes

Tomorrow, Biden will be flown out of the White House on a prestigious helicopter whose call sign will be Marine One. While Biden is in midair, Trump will be on the steps of the capitol being "sworn in." And just like that, a declaration, and the precious, sacred Marine One magically bumps down to Marine Two. A collective shift, and voila "*Habemus Papam!*" - well, not exactly, but you get the drift. It's as esoteric as white smoke or dark smoke coming from the Vatican chimney. It's all smokey to me. But I declare.

It might seem ungodly to use pagan words in a church service. But today's communion anthem, "A Gaelic Blessing," by John Rutter does just that. It's from a William Sharp novel called *The Dominion of Dreams*. Sharp was part of Celtic Revivalism, which sought to bring back ancient practices of Brittonic mysticism. He was also pagan, which is a spiritual movement that includes a variety of nature-based religions. Rutter inserted the words - "Christ the light of the world," and just like that, "Bibbidi-Bobbidi-Boo," these profane, paganistic words are suitable for church. Wait a minute, who says? I declare.

Profane means ungodly. From Latin (pro) meaning before and (fanum) meaning temple. These words of our anthem seem to be about nature, something outside of the temple. Rutter has set this text with a serene, heavenly melody and a wafting harmony. It's lush. But mostly, it's an homage to the deep peace of the natural world. If you sit long enough in nature, she'll sanctify you *and* entertain you. I suppose if you sit long enough in church, you'll be "entertained" too. When we sing spirituals, you all can't help but applaud our "performance." Nature performs *and* sanctifies. It could be a passing bird, a gust of wind, or a small creature scurrying. What deep peace... that is, until a passing car "ruins" your transcendental experience with the profanity of a rumbling exhaust and excruciating, thumping rap music. Ungodly heathens! Unnatural, profane pests they are! Ruining the sanctity of nature. So ungodly. But again, I declare.

All the sages have sung the virtues of nature. Jesus even spent time in the wilderness, saying of the daisies, "yet I tell you, not even Solomon in all his glory and splendor dressed himself like one of these." All the odes to mother earth are juxtaposed with the laments of humanity's ruination of it, so we run to the church to ask God to save us from the profane heathens. Ok, then how do you solve a problem like Maria? Don't label her "a problem." White smoke, dark smoke, no smoke – what are you smoking? But I declare!

The sanctity and profanity of nature is weird. What's outside the church is often holier than what I've seen *in* a church! The lines of this so-called division blur, and smoke gets in my eyes. Do you look out at the sea and feel alive and refreshed; then get nauseous while looking out at "the sea" of people clogging up I- 275 with their annoying brake lights? I declare, all these unnatural humans standing in the way of my deep peace!

If you want deep peace, include everyone and everything in your love and admiration of the "natural world." It's all under one jurisdiction. The line of difference between secular and divine blurs. *Habemus Papam* are mere words, like "Bibbidi-Bobbidi-Boo." But when the labels are removed, what's left? Pagan words in a sacred service? Sounds smokey to

me, but I might just be blowing smoke. I'll go back to blowing dust out of the organ pipes instead. That's more entertaining. *Soli Deo Gloria!* -Ryan Hebert

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.

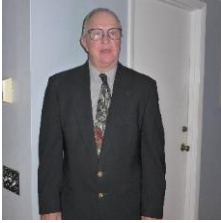
It has been a joy to move to Tampa to live in the same neighborhood with our granddaughter, Diana Tapie, and be the carpool grandparents for after school activities. Our daughter Carolyn and son-in-law Matt were incredibly helpful in assisting us in relocating to this area.

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.

WE REMEMBER THOSE WHO HAVE DIED: Sarah Hudson, Charles Caro, Evelyn Smith, Mignon Grant-Levy, John Tomlinson, Nell Rorebeck, Marion Gustin, Jane Collins, Paul Cullen, Barbara Jones, Gerry Calahan, Mary Nichols, Peggy Kleven, Linda M. Delmasto, Angela Massari, Evelyn O. Jewell, Brycen Coyle, Anita Ramirez, Jane Cantler, Phyllis Sheaffer, Diane Kemker, Martha Medel, Sarah Moody, Larry Kleven, Isabelle Ferrell, William Shuler, Ian Snider, Libby Dickinson, Roma Plimmer, Patricia Maxfield, Jenette Kerr, Kay Rankin, Joe Daurril, Stephen Rosser, Rose Williams, Al Stein, Precious Montgomery, Nancy Honeycutt, Jerry Divers, Wayne Putney, Jean Turner, Matthew Borsch, Bennie Kay O'Brien, Jack Plimmer, Gerald Anthony Brozyna, Andrew Orestano, Marcia Biondolillo, Charlene Maxwell, James Arthur "Bubba" Turner, Beth Sellas, Charles Cernuda, Callista Tolbert, Rebecca Blake, Analee Mayes, Eric Mann, Doug Rubottom, Michael Kaney

THOSE FOR WHOM PRAYERS HAVE BEEN ESPECIALLY REQUESTED:

Mark Caro, Sgt. Billy Gudzak, Joan Hoppe, Carlton Hart, Stephen Tedrowe, Virginia Sink, Charlie Richardson, Christine Hudson, Janet Norona, Michael Norona, Christopher Hunt, Charles Mullen, Corinne Gaile, Jack Boyet, Holly Clemmons, Katie Pastorius, Deloris Lewis, Ralph & Nancy Swank, Delphine & Bob Ballard, Janis Riasanovsky, Linda Barry, Brian Polley, Edwin Bourdeau, Ron Trybus, Matt Harper, Jean McAlister, Gale Vineyard, Allyson Littleton, Luzette Lightfoot, Pamela Ann Lane Ketchy, Elizabeth Mangun, Mike McGhee, Ramond Chiamonte, Lee Barks, Nancy Martin, Debbie Bonsole, Leigh Kaney, Arizona Kennington, Charlotte Churchill, Delphine Ballard, Ingrid Peterson, Brad & Hylda Starling, Jeannie Borsch *(We are happy to include all prayer requests. Names will remain on the list for four weeks.)*

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