



Welcome to
SAINT ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
TAMPA, FLORIDA

THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

JANUARY 21, 2024
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 II, 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!

IMPORTANT PRIVACY NOTICE

As a mission of outreach to our parishioners and the greater Christian community, audio and video of this service will be recorded and broadcast live on social media. We make every effort to respect and preserve the privacy of members and visitors. If you have any specific questions or concerns about your privacy while worshipping with us, please speak with one of the ushers at the rear of the church.

*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 with Baptism, Rite II, 10:30 a.m.

Prelude: Allegretto from *Sonata IV*

Felix Mendelssohn (1809–1847)

Tower Bell

Hymn 537 (*stand*)

Moscow

1 Christ for the world we sing! The world to Christ we bring with loving zeal; the poor, and them that mourn, the faint and overborne, sin sick and sorrow worn, whom Christ doth heal.

2 Christ for the world we sing! The world to Christ we bring with fervent prayer; the wayward and the lost, and by restless passions tossed, redeemed at countless cost from dark despair.

3 Christ for the world we sing! The world to Christ we bring with one accord; with us the work to share, with us reproach to dare, with us the cross to bear, for Christ our Lord.

4 Christ for the world we sing! The world to Christ we bring with joyful song; the newborn souls, whose days, reclaimed from error's ways, inspired with hope and praise, to Christ belong.

All standing, the Celebrant says

<i>Priest</i>	Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
<i>People</i>	And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.
<i>Celebrant</i>	There is one Body and one Spirit;
<i>People</i>	There is one hope in God's call to us;
<i>Celebrant</i>	One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
<i>People</i>	One God and Father of all.

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.

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

First Reading (*sit*)

Jonah 3:1-5,10

A Reading from the Book of Jonah.

The word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time, saying, “Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.” So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days’ walk across. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day’s walk. And he cried out, “Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!” And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth. When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

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

Psalm 62:6–14 *Sung by the choir to Anglican chant*

William Boyce (1711–1779)

- 6 For God alone my soul in silence waits; *
truly, my hope is in him.
- 7 He alone is my rock and my salvation, *
my stronghold, so that I shall not be shaken.
- 8 In God is my safety and my honor; *
God is my strong rock and my refuge.
- 9 Put your trust in him always, O people, *
pour out your hearts before him, for God is our refuge.
- 10 Those of high degree are but a fleeting breath, *
even those of low estate cannot be trusted.
- 11 On the scales they are lighter than a breath, *
all of them together.
- 12 Put no trust in extortion;
in robbery take no empty pride; *
though wealth increase, set not your heart upon it.
- 13 God has spoken once, twice have I heard it, *
that power belongs to God.
- 14 Steadfast love is yours, O Lord, *
for you repay everyone according to his deeds.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 7:29-31

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

I mean, brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions, and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

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

Hymn 408 (*stand*)

Mit Freuden zart

1 Sing praise to God who reigns above, the God of all creation, the God of power, the God of love, the God of our salvation; with healing balm my soul he fills, and every faithless murmur stills: to God all praise and glory.

2 What God's almighty power hath made, his gracious mercy keepeth; by morning glow or evening shade his watchful eye ne'er sleepeth. Within the kingdom of his might, lo! all is just and all is right: to God all praise and glory.

3 Let all who name Christ's holy Name give God all praise and glory; let all who know his power proclaim aloud the wondrous story! Cast each false idol from its throne, the Lord is God, and he alone: to God all praise and glory.

Holy Gospel

Mark 1:14-20

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

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news." As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people." And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

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

Sermon

The Baptism of Victoria Elizabeth Malone Presentation and Examination of the Candidate

The Celebrant says

The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

The Parents and Godparents say

I present Victoria Elizabeth Malone to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

The Celebrant then continues

Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents and Godparents

I will, with God's help.

Celebrant

Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents and Godparents

I will, with God's help.

The Celebrant then asks

Question Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces
of wickedness that rebel against God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce the evil powers of this world
which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Answer I do.

Question Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Answer I do.

Question Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Answer I do.

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support this person in her life in Christ?

People We will.

Let us join with she who is committing herself to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

Baptismal Covenant (*stand*)

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

People I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
People I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?
People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People I will, with God's help.

The Clergy and baptismal party process to the Baptismal font.

Hymn 686 (*stanzas 1 and 2*)

Nettleton

1 Come, thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace! Streams of mercy never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise. Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above. Praise the mount! Oh, fix me on it, mount of God's unchanging love.

2 Here I find my greatest treasure; hither, by thy help, I've come; and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home. Jesus sought me when a stranger wandering from the fold of God; he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

Prayers for the Candidate

The Celebrant then says to the people

Let us now pray for this person who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Leader Deliver her, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Open her heart to your grace and truth.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Fill her with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Keep her in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Teach her to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Send her into the world in witness to your love.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Bring her to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

The Celebrant says

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. *Amen.*

Thanksgiving over the Water

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

At the following words, the Celebrant touches the water

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The candidate is presented by name to the Celebrant, who then immerses, or pours water upon, the candidate, saying

Victoria Elizabeth, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

The Priest now prays over her, saying

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised her to the new life of grace. Sustain her, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give her an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. *Amen.*

Then the Priest places a hand on the person's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross [using Chrism if desired] and saying

Victoria Elizabeth, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. *Amen.*

Victoria Elizabeth, receive the light of Christ as a sign that you have passed from darkness into light. Shine as his light in the world to the glory of God the Father. *Amen.*

Hymn 686 (*stanza 3*)

Nettleton

3 Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily
I'm constrained to be! Let thy goodness,
like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to
thee: prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
prone to leave the God I love; here's my
heart, oh, take and seal it, seal it for thy
courts above.

The Celebrant then says

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

Celebrant and People

We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People And also with you.

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

Announcements

Holy Communion

At the Offertory: Anthem

Mendelssohn

*Verleih uns Frieden gnädiglich,
Herr Gott! zu unsern zeiten.
Es ist doch ja kein anderer nicht,
Der für uns könnte streiten,
Denn du unser Gott alleine.*

Grant us peace mercifully,
Lord God! In our time.
There is no one else
Who could advocate for us,
For you alone are our God.

Martin Luther (1483–1546)

Hymn 380, stanza 3 (stand)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

The people remain standing.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The Celebrant proceeds

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

Because 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 661 (*sit*)

Georgetown

1 They cast their nets in Galilee just off
the hills of brown; such happy, simple
fisherfolk, before the Lord came down.

2 Contented, peaceful fishermen, before
they ever knew the peace of God that
filled their hearts brimful, and broke
them too.

3 Young John who trimmed the flapping
sail, homeless, in Patmos died. Peter, who
hauled the teeming net, head-down was
crucified.

4 The peace of God, it is no peace, but strife
closed in the sod. Yet let us pray for but one
thing—the marvelous peace of God.

There's a wideness in God's mercy like the wideness of the sea;
there's a kindness in his justice, which is more than liberty.
There is welcome for the sinner, and more graces for the good;
there is mercy with the Savior; there is healing in His blood.

There is no place where earth's sorrows are more felt than up in heaven;
there is no place where earth's failings have such kindly judgment given.
There is plentiful redemption in the blood that has been shed;
there is joy for all the members in the sorrows of the Head.

For the love of God is broader than the measure of the mind;
and the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.
If our love were but more faithful, we should take him at his word;
and our life would be thanksgiving for the goodness of the Lord.

Frederick William Faber (1814–1863)

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 539 (stand)

Tidings

1 O Zion, haste, thy mission high fulfilling, to tell to all the world that God is Light; that he who made all nations is not willing one soul should fail to know his love and might.

Refrain Publish glad tidings: tidings of peace, tidings of Jesus, redemption and release.

2 Proclaim to every people, tongue, and nation that God, in whom they live and move, is Love; tell how he stooped to save his lost creation, and died on earth that all might live above. *Refrain*

3 Send heralds forth to bear the message glorious; give of thy wealth to speed them on their way; pour out thy soul for them in prayer victorious till God shall bring his kingdom's joyful day. *Refrain*

4 He comes again! O Zion, ere thou meet him, make known to every heart his saving grace; let none whom he hath ransomed fail to greet him, through thy neglect, unfit to see his face.

Dismissal

Priest Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude: Allegro Maestoso from Sonata II

Mendelssohn

We welcome the newly baptized, Victoria Elizabeth “Vivi” Malone,
*daughter of Alexander and Stella Malone,
and granddaughter of Victoria Klug.*

*The Baptismal Banner was made as a keepsake by Adrienne Love, Anna Putney,
Jeanette Reese, Carol Jane Smith, and Lori Taplow.*

THOSE SERVING TODAY: January 21, 2024

Celebrant & Preacher: Fr. Reese

Organist: Ryan Hebert

Choral Assistant: Coleman Flentge

Vergers: Piers Curry

Crucifer: Ian Curry

Torchbearers: Rayanne Crawford, Winona Crawford

Lectors: Don Crawford, Summer Crawford

Lay Eucharistic Ministers: Derrick Brown, Donreece Brown

Videographer: Paul Scheuer, Doug Rubottom, Jan Smith, Kirk Peters

Ushers: Eric Hargens, Paul Bentschner, Chris Watson, Loueita Hargens

Altar Guild: Adrienne Love, Anne Paige

Coffee Hour Hosts: The Klug Family

BIRTHDAYS: Nancy Turner, McKinley Chapman, Alison Allman, Pamela Curry, Robert Parr

ANNIVERSARIES: Scott & Lynne Hensley



The altar flowers are given to the glory of God
and in thanksgiving for Victoria Elizabeth Malone and her family
by Charles and Victoria Klug

Annual Parish Meeting
Sunday, February 4, Noon
following the 10:30am service



Make a Pledge for 2024

Please return your pledge card for 2024 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 129 pledges for \$451,528.00

New Flower Chart

The 2024 Flower Sign-Up Chart is in the parish hall. Don't delay in 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 2027 Nominees

Nicole Carr



I moved to Tampa in 2001 for college and started attending St. Andrew's that fall. Although I was a cradle Episcopalian, we were a military family, so I was never able to be confirmed as a teen. I completed my confirmation classes that year at St. Andrew's (shoutout to Ray Vince who led them!) I graduated from the University of Tampa in 2005 with a bachelor's degree in Secondary Education, a Bachelor of Science in Social Science, and a minor in History. I taught History in various schools across Tampa Bay including Hillsborough County Public Schools and Academy at the Lakes. In 2011 I graduated again from UT with a M.Ed in Curricula and Instructional Leadership and taught at UT for 9 years in the Department of Education. We welcomed our sons Daniel in 2014 and Kevin in 2016 who were both baptized here at St. Andrew's. In 2016 I started a social media company that has grown beyond what I ever expected and left teaching in 2020 to run the business full time. We recently purchased a house in Lutz but continue to drive to St. Andrew's because it is our home and can't imagine worshipping anywhere else!

Don Crawford



Don is originally from the Atlanta area and has lived in Tampa for 16 years. He attended Oglethorpe University, where he served as President of Delta Sigma Phi and as the chapter's delegate to the Interfraternity Council. He attended law school at the University of Florida, where he served as the Management Editor of the Florida Law Review. Don practiced law at Paul Hastings LLP in Atlanta and at Greenberg Traurig LLP in Tampa before starting Cope, Zebro & Crawford in 2012. He continues to practice law, primarily business litigation, in Clearwater, Florida, and he serves as Chairman of the St. Petersburg Committee of Ducks Unlimited. Don and Summer Crawford met in Atlanta and were married at Don's family farm in Lake Butler, Florida in 2009. They are the proud parents of Rayanne, age 12, and Winona, age 10. All four Crawfords were baptized together at St. Andrew's on October 11, 2015, and Don and Summer were confirmed on Pentecost Sunday 2017. Don thanks God for the holy peace, comfort, and fellowship that his family has found at St. Andrew's, and looks forward to serving the church and God's people for many years to come.

Piers L. Curry II



Piers was born in Armonk, New York where he and his family attended St. Stephen's Episcopal Church. He moved to northwestern Pennsylvania where he served as an acolyte at Trinity Memorial Episcopal Church and met and married his wife, Pam.

Piers is a member of the St. Andrew's Foundation Board, has previously served on the vestry as treasurer, has been a verger for six years, and has volunteered to help with many events and outreach. Both of his children, Stella (20) and Ian (18) have been involved in the youth ministry and have served as acolytes.

Piers serves on the board at Academy at the Lakes and currently chairs the advancement committee. He has also volunteered in various leadership roles with Boy Scouts of America where his son, Ian, recently earned the rank of Eagle Scout.

Piers graduated from Penn State and received his MBA from USF. He has worked in the financial services industry for over 17 years. In his free time, Piers enjoys spending time with his family and friends, loves to travel, and is an avid college football fan.

Wayne Daley



Hello, my name is Wayne Daley and I have been a member of St. Andrew's for over 10 years. I was confirmed at St Andrew's about 9 years ago. It was a life changing decision. I have served as one of the ushers at the 8:00 AM service for over 8 years. I now serve as the head usher at the 8:00 AM service since in-person worship resumed after the pandemic, and after the passing of my friend and mentor Charles Caro.

I work as a Cyber consultant and own a Cyber recruitment agency. I have a bachelor's in computer information systems from Excelsior University and a master's in cyber security from the University of South Florida.

I am originally from Massachusetts, however I settled in Florida after serving four years in the U.S. Navy, stationed aboard a frigate in Mayport, Florida. After my enlistment ended, I stayed in Florida enjoying the great weather and people!

Besides prayer and meditation, I enjoy traveling the world with my longtime partner Kim and we reside in St Petersburg with too many cats to count....

Paul Henley



Paul Henley was raised in the Diocese of Southwest Florida, attending St. Catherine's Episcopal Church in Temple Terrace and the many youth programs at Dayspring. He has attended St. Andrew's with his wife and two children since returning to Florida in 2019. Paul volunteers his time helping with the Sunday school program and the lunch program for the homeless. He previously served on the vestry of Trinity Episcopal Church in Iowa City.

Adult Christian Education

Sunday mornings at 9:30

The Lord's Prayer: The Meaning and Power of the Prayer Jesus Taught

Most Christians know the Lord's Prayer by heart. We pray it often, at different times and in different settings. We remember it as the prayer that Jesus taught his disciples. But do we really understand and appreciate the meaning and power of its words, what we ask of God each time we pray it?

When the disciples asked Jesus how to pray, Jesus gave them this prayer. He likely taught it to his followers often, not just one time. He never intended the Lord's Prayer to be a museum piece, framed and placed on a mantel or in a display case. It was Jesus teaching God's people, through his disciples, how to pray.

In the video series *The Lord's Prayer: The Meaning and Power of the Prayer Jesus Taught*, pastor and bestselling author Adam Hamilton guides us to really know—and really pray—the Lord's Prayer. He explores each of its rich lines and their meaning in the Bible, illuminating what we ask of God and what we ask of ourselves through its words. And he teaches us how to use it as a pattern for our own prayer life. Hamilton is senior pastor of The United Methodist Church of the Resurrection in Leawood, Kansas.

Here is the rest of the line-up:

January 21 - Our Daily Bread

January 28 - Forgive...As We Forgive

February 4- And Lead Us, Not into Temptation

February 11 - For Thine Is the Kingdom, Power, and Glory

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

Youth News

Confirmands and all youth are invited (this is a service project expectation for confirmands, please speak with Alicia Schmid or Ben Borsch for more info as needed) to serve as hosts for the annual ***Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on Tuesday, February 13, 2024! Youth and adult volunteers, please report to the parish hall from 4:30-5pm*** to assist in making pancakes, sausage, and more for this fun church family event! All are invited to partake, and youth and adults are welcome and encouraged to serve! **Supper starts at 6pm (all youth and adult volunteers please arrive no later than 4:30/5pm)** and we hope you will join us as we enjoy time together and prepare our hearts for the Lenten season.

Our new Bishop will be in the house for Confirmation 2024! Youth & Children's Ministries are gearing up for Confirmation on Sunday, February 25th with Bishop Doug Scharf! As we prepare for confirmation, confirmands & their parents are also invited to join us for an afternoon retreat following coffee hour until about 2:30/3pm on ***Sunday, February 11***. Location & activities to be announced Sun, Jan. 28th! Please stay tuned...

Youth in grades 6 & up are also invited to assist in Easter preparations on Palm Sunday during coffee hour (***Sunday, March 24th***) as we pack Easter goody bags and eggs for the big hunt! Look for Alicia in the parish hall and come lend us a quick hand! We will also be taking Easter donations for items to pack in our wonderful goody bags starting on Sunday, March 3rd-- items like individually wrapped candy, pencils, erasers, small toys and trinkets are much appreciated! ***A marked bin will be placed at the children's chapel entrance of the church offices building for all Easter goody bag donations. We will pack goody bags on Sunday, March 24th during coffee hour.***

All Children are invited to participate in our annual Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday, which falls on Sunday, March 31st after the 10:30 service in the courtyard! Bring a basket or bag and join in the fun, making beautiful family memories on this blessed Easter Sunday! All children and youth (this means middle & high school too!) will receive an awesome goody bag following the hunt, but due to space, we will have an official egg hunt for kids who are toddler age through 5th grade in the courtyard. We will also have golden coins inside some of the hidden eggs for additional special prizes!

Please contact Alicia Schmid for questions, or to volunteer with our amazing kids & youth at aliciaschmid@rocketmail.com. ***We currently need volunteers one or two Sundays per month during the 9:30am Sunday School hour in the preschool and elementary classrooms!***

Thursday evenings at 7:00pm

Adult Inquirers' Class

New to St. Andrew's and the Episcopal Church? Or just trying to brush up on the faith? Then join us for this seven week series exploring the Episcopal Church. We will use *Looking at the Episcopal Church*, a book by The Rev. William Sydnor. We will comprehensively cover the church's symbols, customs, practices, history, creeds, sacraments, and mission. This class is required if you wish to be confirmed or received into the church during Bishop Scharf's visitation on **Sunday, February 25th** at the 10:30 service.

Here is the rest of the line-up:

January 25 – History of the Church

February 1 – The Holy Scriptures and Creeds

February 8 – The Church Year and Sacraments

February 15 – The Ordained Ministry and the Mission of the Church

February 22 – Ministry of the Laity

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

Music Notes

Today's music is brought to you by one of my favorites, Felix Mendelssohn. The organ voluntaries are from his treasured organ sonatas, and today's anthem is "Verleih uns Frieden," a Martin Luther text. It's a paraphrase of *Da pacem Domine*, a Latin prayer for peace from the 6th or 7th century. It was a regular close of church services in Luther's time. J.S. Bach also used the text in his Cantata No. 42.

I dare say few composers are as gifted at writing melody as Felix Mendelssohn. Another composer that comes to mind would be Tchaikovsky, just think of all the wonderful, memorable tunes in *The Nutcracker*. Good melodies are easy to recall, and they seem inextricably bound to the text. It's as if they were *meant* to be together. Futzing with the tune of a well-known text is dangerous. Sing the words for Amazing Grace to the music of Joy to the World. Although it works metrically, it feels icky.

Another way Mendelssohn fuses the text and music together is in his word painting. For the word Gott, which means God, the music is elongated, and at the end the word du (which also refers to God) is treated in the same way. The last sentence of the text is “For you alone are God.” The word *alleine* (meaning alone) is sung as a singular note without harmony. The music comes to a unison on the words “for you alone.”

Mendelssohn is a brilliant theologian. He fuses together the text and the music as if they belonged together. He unifies the harmony to a single note, to signify the unitive Truth of *Gott alleine*. He’s making the argument that’s often quoted in Romans, “If God is for us, who can be against us?” He’s trying to do what the mystics have been trying to do for eons, to explain that there is no place God is not. In Sanskrit, they say “*Neti, neti,*” which means not this, not that. Using negations is a feeble attempt, however. Even if you say who God is not, you can’t “capture” Truth – it’s free and boundless.

By way of deduction however, God is revealed; but deductive reasoning doesn’t reveal God. For if I were to be able to summarize God with words, I’d be the Definitive Source. I’d have the last word. Reducing God to words would be like taking a thimble to the ocean, gathering a tiny sample, bringing it back and saying, “Look here, *this* is God,” and then we all worship the thimble. Yes, truth is *in* that, but honestly, you must go to the ocean, to the Source. You can’t take my word for it, that’s secondhand knowledge, hand-me-downs that are tattered and holey, not holy, nor wholly, nor whole-ly. *Neti, neti!!*

Firsthand knowledge of God comes when you realize you cannot be separate, much like this music cannot be separated from its text. Well, it technically can be, but it would feel icky. When you feel icky, you *think* you’re separate from God. When you come to the inextricability of God and you, you actualize getting into unitive flow. And in that truth, you’re set free, and you don’t feel icky, worried, or panicky anymore. You feel as if you were meant to be, just like tunes and words. Unitive truth comes when you jump in the ocean, and even then, it’s too big to comprehend. But it makes more sense than just a thimbleful. Ultimately this fusion of God with us is how you achieve peace. It’s all bound up in knowing who you are and who you think you are not. But again, I say, “*Neti, neti.*” My words are simply hand-me-downs, a thimbleful. You’ll have to find the ocean in the music yourself. *Soli Deo Gloria!*

-Ryan Hebert

Save the date to taste new wine and enjoy music



Save the date: **February 17th from 6-8 pm**, in Saint Andrew's Parish Hall. This year St. Andrew's wine lovers will meet for a special midwinter program of new harmony in wine and music provided by Parish Life. You will enjoy music performed by cellist (and verger) Alison Besselieu and her colleague Julie Tollen. You will also sample wines beyond your usual favorites presented by Chris Sherman. Tickets are \$10 and will be available after church services on 4 and 11 Feb, as well as on the day. Please note: Child care will be available at the church, if needed.

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED: 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, LouAnn Connors, Roma Plimmer, Patricia Maxfield, Jenette Kerr, Kay Rankin, Joe Daurril

THOSE FOR WHOM PRAYERS HAVE BEEN ESPECIALLY REQUESTED:

Mark Caro, Sgt. Billy Gudzak, Charlene Maxwell, Joan Hoppe, Carlton Hart, Stephen Tedrowe, Virginia Sink, Charlie Richardson, Christine Hudson, Janet Norona, Michael Norona, Christopher Hunt, Charles Mullen, Jack Plimmer, Corinne Gaile, Jack Boyet, Jean Turner, Analee Mayes, Rick Ostman, Linda Barry, Dawn Headland, Beth Luensman, Carole Fields, Roy Collins, Judy Van Valkenburgh, Joe Daurril, Georgia Vahue, Sean Heavey, Janet Cook, Linda Liconti Longo, Holly Clemmons, Katie Pastorius, Deloris Lewis, Dale Saville *(We are happy to include all prayer requests. Names will remain on the list for four weeks. Please call Lauri in the church office if you desire a name to remain on after four weeks or to be removed sooner.)*

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Wednesday Healing Service: 12:10 p.m.

Sunday Service Schedule: Holy Eucharist at 8 and 10:30 a.m.

The Rt. Rev. Dr. Douglas Scharf, *VI Bishop of Southwest Florida*

The Rev. John Reese, *Rector*

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Vestry

Class of 2024: Pam Curry, Richard Ferlita, *Senior Warden*, Kathy Lawless,

Paul Scheuer, Lori Taplow, *Clerk of the Vestry*

Class of 2025: Barbara Brotherton, Derrick Brown, Victoria Klug,

Richard Chapman, *Junior Warden*, Brad Hall

Class of 2026: Allison Besselieu, Holly Clemmons, Martha Cobb, Wallace Dixon,

Eric Hargens, *Treasurer*

In the name of Christ, we the people of Saint Andrew's Episcopal Church, in response to God's call, proclaim our belief that Jesus Christ is Lord and Savior, and thereby declare our purpose to be to glorify God through our worship and work, to serve the spiritual and temporal needs of others as Christ's disciples, and to build a lively, growing community in Christ's image.