

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

**THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY**  
**JANUARY 26, 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 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!

*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: Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier

*J.S. Bach (1685–1750)*

### 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*

*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*

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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.  
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.*

A Reading from the Book of Nehemiah.

All the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, “Amen, Amen,” lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the Lord with their faces to the ground. So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, “This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep.” For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, “Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.”

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.

*People*            Thanks be to God.

**Psalm 19**    *Sung by the choir to Anglican chant*

*Thomas Walmisley (1814–1856)*

- 1 The heavens declare the glory of God, \*  
and the firmament shows his handiwork.
- 2 One day tells its tale to another, \*  
and one night imparts knowledge to another.
- 3 Although they have no words or language, \*  
and their voices are not heard,
- 4 Their sound has gone out into all lands, \*  
and their message to the ends of the world.

- 5 In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; \*  
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;  
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.
- 6 It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens  
and runs about to the end of it again; \*  
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.
- 7 The law of the LORD is perfect  
and revives the soul; \*  
the testimony of the LORD is sure  
and gives wisdom to the innocent.
- 8 The statutes of the LORD are just  
and rejoice the heart; \*  
the commandment of the LORD is clear  
and gives light to the eyes.
- 9 The fear of the LORD is clean  
and endures for ever; \*  
the judgments of the LORD are true  
and righteous altogether.
- 10 More to be desired are they than gold,  
more than much fine gold, \*  
sweeter far than honey,  
than honey in the comb.
- 11 By them also is your servant enlightened, \*  
and in keeping them there is great reward.
- 12 Who can tell how often he offends? \*  
cleanse me from my secret faults.
- 13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;  
let them not get dominion over me; \*  
then shall I be whole and sound,  
and innocent of a great offense.
- 14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my  
heart be acceptable in your sight, \*  
O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.

## Second Reading

1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

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

Just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot would say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear would say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.” On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it. Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts.

<i>Reader</i>	The Word of the Lord.
<i>People</i>	Thanks be to God.

## Hymn 409 (*stand*)

*Creation*

1 The spacious firmament on high, with all the blue ethereal sky, and spangled heavens, a shining frame, their great Original proclaim. The unwearied sun from day to day does his Creator's power display; and publishes to every land the work of an almighty hand.

2 Soon as the evening shades prevail, the moon takes up the wondrous tale, and nightly to the listening earth repeats the story of her birth: whilst all the stars that round her burn, and all the planets in their turn, confirm the tidings, as they roll and spread the truth from pole to pole.

3 What though in solemn silence all move round the dark terrestrial ball? What though no real voice nor sound amid their radiant orbs be found? In reason's ear they all rejoice, and utter forth a glorious voice; for ever singing as they shine, "The hand that made us is divine."

## Holy Gospel

Luke 4:14-21

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

Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

*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*)

<i>Celebrant</i>	The peace of the Lord be always with you.
<i>People</i>	And also with you.

**Announcements**

## Holy Communion

Anthem

*Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)*

How lovely are the messengers that preach us the gospel of peace; To all the nations is gone forth the sound of their words, throughout all the lands their glad tidings.

*Romans 10:15, 18*

*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:

*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 321** (*sit*)

*Rockingham*

1 My God, thy table now is spread, thy cup  
with love doth overflow; be all thy children  
thither led, and let them thy sweet mercies  
know.

2 O let thy table honored be, and furnished  
well with joyful guests: and may each soul  
salvation see, that here its sacred pledges  
tastes.

3 Drawn by thy quickening grace, O  
Lord, in countless numbers let them  
come and gather from their Father's  
board the Bread that lives beyond the  
tomb.

4 Nor let thy spreading Gospel rest till  
through the world thy truth has run, till  
with this Bread all men be blest who  
see the light or feel the sun.

Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be alway acceptable  
in thy sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer. Amen.

*Psalm 19:14*

*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. *Refrain*

## Dismissal

*Priest* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

Postlude: Psalm 19

*Benedetto Marcello (1686–1739)*

**THOSE SERVING TODAY: January 26, 2025**

**Celebrant:** Fr. Campbell

**Preacher:** Fr. Reese

**Organist:** Ryan Hebert

**Choral Assistant:** Coleman Flentge

**Verger:** Allison Besselieu

**Crucifer:** Emily Borsch

**Torchbearers:** Rayanne Crawford, Winona Crawford

**Lectors:** Don Crawford, Summer Crawford

**Lay Eucharistic Ministers:** Paula Stewart, Wallace Dixon

**Videographers:** Paul Scheuer, Jan Smith, Kirk McCann

**Ushers:** Marshall Ferrell, Warren Brown, Pam Billings

**Altar Guild:** Ursula Keeler, Anne Paige, Anna Putney

**Coffee Hour Hosts:** Jan & Earl Smith, Richard Ferlita, James Carmichael,

Linda McGhee, Cathy Szuba

**BIRTHDAYS:** Robert Parr, Grayson Meriwether, Wesley Tibbals, Betsy Scheuer, Jennifer Smith, Charles Klug, Penney Boyd, Joseph Gari, Craig Polley

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Scott & Lynne Hensley, Charles & Elizabeth Palm



The altar flowers are given to the glory of God  
and in celebration of Lloyd's birthday  
from Lloyd & Barbara McFarquhar



**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 129 pledges for \$543,964.00**

## **Youth News**

Please join Children's & Youth Ministries for the following Upcoming Events:

**Sunday, February 2nd** we will have a youth lunch & riverwalk day! Youth in middle & high school please meet us during coffee hour so we can gather, get some good lunch, and take a walk around our beautiful riverwalk! We will also be getting out our new youth group room decorations to continue revamping our beloved youth space on the 6th floor!

**Sunday, March 9th** we will have a Family Busch Gardens Day after Sunday services! Youth in middle & high school are welcome to attend if they have season's passes or can cover the cost of tickets. All younger children are welcome to attend with their parents. We can cover the cost of a handful of tickets for youth in middle & high school who don't have passes, so please let Alicia know by Sunday, February 16th if you need a ticket!

Contact Alicia at [aliciaschmid@rocketmail.com](mailto:aliciaschmid@rocketmail.com) with any questions.

## **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.*

## **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 6<sup>th</sup>** 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!

## 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** / 5<sup>th</sup> meeting / Hernan Diaz, *Trust* (2023), 416 pp, \$10

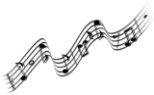
Note: Moved to 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday because of the Church Annual Meeting on Feb 2.

❖ Sun **Mar 2** / 6<sup>th</sup> meeting / H.P. Lovecraft, *Case of Charles Dexter Ward* (1941), 118 pp, \$8.

❖ Sun **Apr 6** / 7<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:rvince@hccfl.edu) or text me at 813-857-7419.

## 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.

## 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](mailto:cmchurchi18@gmail.com)

## Music Notes

When I was department chair at UTampa, I had to be clever. Chairs are the “complaints department” in higher ed. I had to show people that they manufactured their own conundrums. They often requested that I move heaven and earth to fix their so-called problems. Heaven and earth *will* move, but not until you realize the cause of your misery. I had to creatively deliver the “bad news,” to show people that their crises were self-induced. Ultimately, that *is* the good news, you can be delivered from your suffering, but not until you see the root cause. That message *is* lovely, but often the messenger appears like a real jerk, unless she’s creative and sweet, maybe even funny. Mary Poppins helps the medicine go down, being sweet, which means creative, lovely, clever.

Today, we’re hearing one of Felix Mendelssohn’s most popular works, a movement from *St. Paul*, a mammoth composition written between 1834-36, when Mendelssohn was merely 20. When I think of my 20-year-old self, I wonder – *how?* I’m envious! I feel jilted. A 20-year-old mind has no business being so “talented.” But Mendelssohn got it. The music is gentle, lilting, and sweet. It’s not confrontational, unlike Handel, whose music seems to assault. What do we hear *behind* Mendelssohn’s music? That he’s a perfect gentleman, a deliverer of the sweetest succulence, medicine for the soul.

There is a fine line between what incites and what entices. Words can be bothersome, but an effective speaker *delivers* the meaning without accosting. A good speaker makes you self-reflective. Good delivery whispers the secrets of life, but never overtly. Cesar Millan is the perfect dog-whisperer. Mendelssohn is the perfect human-whisperer.

Jesus’ words can come across as pointed, maybe even abrasive. He was whispering us into the kingdom of heaven, which points towards investigative self-reflection. He was showing us that cause and effect are equal, but who wants to be told “It’s your fault?” Jesus admitted this about his fricative words, that he came to drive a sword. But how do you deliver truth without tussling a few egoic feathers? You “hide” it in music, humor, or poetry. Or *in* the words themselves. That was the role of the court jester (or department chair!), to hide the harsh edges of “bad news.” Or to let the king down gently, without assaulting his sovereignty and to soften truth with a spoonful of sugar. To help the medicine go down.

The Gospel of Peace presents harsh truths that can seem “in your face.” But Jesus softened the blow with parables, story time for “the children.” In a sense, he was being a court jester – trying to expose the folly of the Pharisees and those who believed in egoic power. Artistic delivery is key. The truth sets you free, but it stings, and the messenger is subject to attack. This is what happens to people who discover inner truth and share it. Where is *my* talent? Where are *my* gifts? “There is not enough to go around,” says the ignorant, while the messenger shows us abundance, unlimited richness, and grace beyond measure.

The king *is* a powerless fool and babbling baby (you’ll hear the “babbling” accompaniment in this anthem – rocking the ego to sleep). As a writer, I’m bound to be a court jester. If you *must* be a messenger, be Mary-Poppins-like, soften the blow with artistic prowess. Thanks, Mendelssohn, for the gentle reminder that we are creators *and* ultimately healers of our own misery. When the medicine *does* go down, what initially seems like bad news becomes an insightful spoonful of sugar and more - The Gospel of Peace. *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.

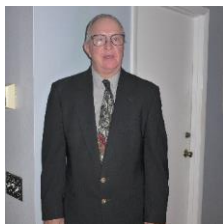
I spent three years volunteering for NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) Greenville as a Board Member and Certified Family to Family group education facilitator. I was the Board President for the year prior to the COVID pandemic.

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.

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*Class of 2026:* Allison Besselieu, Jennifer Smith, Martha Cobb, Wallace Dixon,

Eric Hargens, *Treasurer*

*Class of 2027:* Nicole Carr, *Clerk of the Vestry*, Piers Curry, *Senior Warden*,

Don Crawford, Wayne Daley, Paul Henley

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