

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

**THE PRESENTATION**

**FEBRUARY 2, 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: Andante religioso from *Sonata IV*

*Felix Mendelssohn (1809–1847)*

### Tower Bell

**Hymn 436** (*stand*)

*Truro*

1 Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates,  
behold the King of glory waits! The King  
of kings is drawing near; the Savior of the  
world is here.

2 O blest the land, the city blest, where  
Christ the ruler is confessed! O happy  
hearts and happy homes to whom this King  
of triumph comes!

3 Fling wide the portals of your heart; make  
it a temple, set apart from earthly use for  
heaven's employ, adorned with prayer and  
love and joy.

4 Redeemer come! I open wide my heart to  
thee: here, Lord, abide! Let me thy inner  
presence feel: thy grace and love in me  
reveal.

5 So come, my Sovereign; enter in! Let new  
and nobler life begin; thy Holy Spirit guide  
us on, until the glorious crown be won.

*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.

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**

<i>Celebrant</i>	The Lord be with you.
<i>People</i>	And also with you.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we humbly pray that, as your only-begotten Son was this day presented in the temple, so we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts by Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

A Reading from the Book of Malachi.

Thus says the Lord, See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight-- indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.

*People*            Thanks be to God.

**Psalm 24:7-10** *Sung by the choir to Anglican chant*    *George Thalben-Ball (1896-1987)*

7 Lift up your heads, O gates;  
    lift them high, O everlasting doors; \*  
    and the King of glory shall come in.

8 "Who is this King of glory?" \*  
    "The Lord, strong and mighty,  
    the Lord, mighty in battle."

9 Lift up your heads, O gates;  
    lift them high, O everlasting doors; \*  
    and the King of glory shall come in.

10 "Who is he, this King of glory?" \*  
    "The Lord of hosts,  
    he is the King of glory."

A Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

Since God's children share flesh and blood, Jesus himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

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

**Hymn 257** (*stand*)*Edmonton*

1 O Zion, open wide thy gates, let symbols  
disappear; a priest and victim, both in one,  
the Truth himself, is here.

2 Aware of hidden deity, the lowly Virgin  
brings her newborn babe, with two young  
doves, her humble offerings.

3 The aged Simeon sees at last his Lord, so  
long desired, and Anna welcomes Israel's  
hope, with holy rapture fired.

4 But silent knelt the mother blest of the yet  
silent Word, and pondering all things in her  
heart, with speechless praise adored.

5 All glory to the Father be, all glory to the  
Son, all glory, Holy Ghost, to thee, while  
endless ages run.

## Holy Gospel

Luke 2:22-40

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

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, the parents of Jesus brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord"), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons. "Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, "Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel." And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed-- and a sword will pierce your own soul too." There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon 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*)

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

**Announcements**

## Holy Communion

Anthem

*Eccard Johannes (1553–1611)*

When to the temple Mary went, and brought the Holy Child, him did the aged Simeon see, as it had been revealed. He took up Jesus in his arms and blessing God he said: In peace I now depart, my savior having seen, the hope of Israel, the light of men.

Help now thy servants, gracious Lord, that we may ever be as once the faithful Simeon was, rejoicing but in Thee; And when we must from earth departure take, may gently fall asleep and with thee wake.

*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 259** (*sit*)

*Old 120th*

1 Hail to the Lord who comes, comes to  
his temple gate, not with his angel host,  
not in his kingly state: no shouts proclaim  
him nigh, no crowds his coming wait.

2 But borne upon the throne of Mary's  
gentle breast, watched by her duteous love,  
in her fond arms at rest; thus to his Father's  
house he comes, the heavenly guest.

3 There Joseph at her side in reverent  
wonder stands; and, filled with holy  
joy, old Simeon in his hands takes up  
the promised child, the glory of all  
lands.

4 O Light of all the earth, thy children  
wait for thee: come to thy temples here,  
that we, from sin set free, before thy  
Father's face may all presented be.

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word; For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which though hast prepared before the face of all people, To be a light, to lighten the Gentiles, and to be the glory of thy people Israel. Glory to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen

*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.*

1 Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven, to earth come down, fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown. Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art; visit us with thy salvation, enter every trembling heart.

2 Come, almighty to deliver, let us all thy life receive; suddenly return, and never, nevermore thy temples leave. Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above, pray, and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

3 Finish then thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be; let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee: changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

**Dismissal**

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

Postlude: Prelude in C Minor

*Felix Mendelssohn*



The altar flowers are given to the glory of God  
and in thanksgiving for my mother Penney  
and the people of St. Andrew's  
from Keri Thatcher



**THOSE SERVING TODAY: February 2, 2025**

**Celebrant:** Fr. Reese

**Preacher:** Fr. Campbell

**Organist:** Ryan Hebert

**Choral Assistant:** Coleman Flentge

**Verger:** Piers Curry

**Crucifer:** Shea Polley

**Torchbearers:** Abby Turlington, Diana Tapie

**Lectors:** Coleman Flentge, Tom Akins

**Lay Eucharistic Ministers:** Brad Hall, George Bedell

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

**Ushers:** Derrick Brown, Donreece Brown, Chris Watson, Michael Dickinson

**Altar Guild:** Kathy Lawless, Jan Smith, Cathy Szuba

**Coffee Hour Hosts:** Polley Family and Turlington Family

**BIRTHDAYS:** Carole King, Nicole Carr, Beverley Brown, Donald Burton, Anne Paige, Patrick Allman, Mary Hart

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Steve & Arlene Tonnesen



**Annual Parish Meeting Sunday,  
Today at 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 131 pledges for \$545,104.00**

## **Youth News**

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

**Today, 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.

## **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!

## 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 rest of the line-up:

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.*

## 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

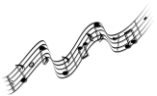
Note: Moved to 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday because of the Church Annual Meeting on Feb 2.

❖ 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

Today's offertory might be considered obscure because it's by Eccard Johanness, a composer unfamiliar to your typical musician. He wrote a significant amount of music and studied with a well-known composer, Orlando Lassus, but nobody's ever heard of him. He may be a one hit wonder, and you're hearing his legacy.

This piece comes from an era called The Renaissance, a French word meaning "rebirth." During this period (ca. 1500's -1700's), there was an explosion of creative prowess – art, literature, drama, sculpture, etc. It was preceded by The Dark and Middle Ages, a tumultuous time wrought with war and pestilence. The Renaissance was an awakening and sacred choral music was at a peak. It was multi-layered, a cappella, and a complexification of aural bliss; yet controlled and eloquent. If heaven had muzak in the elevators, *this* is what you'd hear. Although seemingly busy, this genre has an underlying stillness, a straightforward message that whispers, "Holy."

One of the main challenges of writing tiered music like this was to not obscure the text with too much polyphony, musical lines seemingly moving independently from one another. Secondly, it was to ensure that the lines didn't contain too much dissonance – notes that clash between individual parts. These musical kerfuffles pass quickly, however. It's a delicate balance of tension and release, controlled in a precision that can elude your average listener.

The main objective is to be able to complexify the music but not obliterate the text. The main purpose was *meaning*. If the complexification was too busy, one would never be able to discern the message. So, the challenge of the composer was to have artistic, creative license to complexify, but to always "paint" the meaning, clearly. If the message were obscured by too much "busyness," church officials crinkled their brows.

An Italian composer called Palestrina convinced church officials that complex, a cappella choral music could be written *and* still convey textual meaning. This style of writing is what you are hearing today. At one level, it could seem cacophonous, but if you listen carefully, every word is audible, even if the musical lines seem complex. The message is clear. Below the surface complexity is a profundity of union and substance.

The world seems complex, surface-wise. But there's an underlying peace, if only you could sense it. When Simeon picked up the Christ Child, one look into the eyes of God and he saw salvation. He saw all the moving parts (the microcosm) and the wholeness (the macrocosm) work in that instance, and he departed in peace. The secret to singing music like this is to listen carefully to *all* 6 parts - look, listen, deeply. Choristers are notorious for getting buried in their own part, being selfish and indulgent, not listening to nor being aware of the composite equanimity. They love the sound of their own voices.

In life, we're too focused on "our part." We don't hear the underlying symphonic holiness below the surface, connected to the Eyes of God. If your life is too busy, you're not connected. You're buried in "your life." When sensed as a whole, life is holy. The moving parts fit together. Oh, that we could hear the composite, heavenly muzak in the elevators of higher awareness. Look deeply. Listen profoundly. *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.

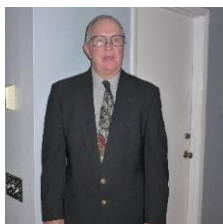
I spent three years volunteering for NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) Greenville as a Board Member and Certified Family to Family group education facilitator. I was the Board President for the year prior to the COVID pandemic.

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.

## A Word of Hope

It's a common thing, these days — especially for those getting on in years — to look into the future and see nothing but gloom and doom. But that's not what Simeon's doing in today's Gospel. In his song, the good clearly triumphs. Even the sword that will pierce Mary's soul is but a passing ordeal. Yet for others of us who are north of middle age, it can be all too easy to play the ain't-it-awful game.

You've heard the complaints that begin, "This younger generation ..." This younger generation spends all their time staring into smartphones. This younger generation doesn't know how to hold down a job. This younger generation doesn't know the difference between a salad fork and a dinner fork. This younger generation doesn't appreciate all the hard work we put in to get them to where they are today.

It's kind of refreshing to see Simeon looking into the eyes of the baby Jesus, praising God and saying, "My eyes have seen your salvation!" One of the greatest gifts the older generation can offer to the young, in just the same way, is the gift of hope.

But it's a rare gift because, for whatever reason, a lot of us tend to get grumpy in our old age. (As for those of us who are younger, you too will have to fight that tendency someday.) We grieve for times past, despair of the present and look with trepidation on the days to come. Not all those fears and trepidations have much basis in reality.

There's more potential in the birth of a baby than in any threat — real or imagined — we could ever dream up. And when that baby is the Son of God, the powers of death and disorder flee in disarray.

Listen well to the word from Simeon. It's a word from the truly wise.

**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, Rome Schad *(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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## Vestry

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

Richard Chapman, *Junior Warden*, Brad Hall

*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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