



*Welcome to*

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

**THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**JULY 13, 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 and come to coffee hour in the parish hall after the 10:30 a.m. service.

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 Andrews: 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, Rite II, 10:30 a.m.

Prelude: Praise to the Lord the Almighty

*Paul Manz (1919-2009)*

### Tower Bell

**Hymn 372** (*stand*)

*Leoni*

1 Praise to the living God! All praised be his Name who was, and is, and is to be, for aye the same. The one eternal God ere aught that now appears: the first, the last, beyond all thought his timeless years!

2 Formless, all lovely forms declare his loveliness; holy, no holiness of earth can his express. Lo, he is Lord of all. Creation speaks his praise, and everywhere above, below, his will obeys.

3 His Spirit floweth free, high surging where it will: in prophet's word he spake of old: he speaketh still. Established is his law, and changeless it shall stand, deep writ upon the human heart, on sea, on land.

4 Eternal life hath he implanted in the soul; his love shall be our strength and stay while ages roll. Praise to the living God! All praised be his Name who was, and is, and is to be, for aye the same.

*All standing, the Celebrant says*

*Celebrant*      Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
*People*        And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever.  
                  Amen.

*The Celebrant says*

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

*Amen.*

*The following is sung, all standing*

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

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

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

### **Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant*      The Lord be with you.

*People*          And also with you.

*Celebrant*      Let us pray.

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through 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 Amos.

This is what he showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. And the Lord said to me, “Amos, what do you see?” And I said, “A plumb line.” Then the Lord said, “See, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass them by; the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword.” Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, “Amos has conspired against you in the very center of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. For thus Amos has said, ‘Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land.’” And Amaziah said to Amos, “O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king’s sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom.” Then Amos answered Amaziah, “I am no prophet, nor a prophet’s son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, and the Lord took me from following the flock, and the Lord said to me, ‘Go, prophesy to my people Israel.’ Now therefore hear the word of the Lord. You say, ‘Do not prophesy against Israel, and do not preach against the house of Isaac.’ Therefore thus says the Lord: ‘Your wife shall become a prostitute in the city, and your sons and your daughters shall fall by the sword, and your land shall be parceled out by line; you yourself shall die in an unclean land, and Israel shall surely go into exile away from its land.’”

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

**Psalm 82** *Said by all*

- 1 God takes his stand in the council of heaven; \*  
    he gives judgment in the midst of the gods:
- 2 "How long will you judge unjustly, \*  
    and show favor to the wicked?
- 3 Save the weak and the orphan; \*  
    defend the humble and needy;
- 4 Rescue the weak and the poor; \*  
    deliver them from the power of the wicked.

5 They do not know, neither do they understand;  
they go about in darkness; \*  
all the foundations of the earth are shaken.  
6 Now I say to you, 'You are gods, \*  
and all of you children of the Most High;  
7 Nevertheless, you shall die like mortals, \*  
and fall like any prince."  
8 Arise, O God, and rule the earth, \*  
for you shall take all nations for your own.

## Second Reading

Colossians 1:1-14

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Colossians.

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, to the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father. In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf, and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit. For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

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

## Hymn 657 (*stand*)

*Hyfrydol*

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.

## Holy Gospel

Luke 10:25-37

*Priest*  
*People*

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

Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. “Teacher,” he said, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?” He said to him, “What is written in the law? What do you read there?” He answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself.” And he said to him, “You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.” But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, ‘Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.’ Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?” He said, “The one who showed him mercy.” Jesus said to him, “Go and do likewise.”

*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*)

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Lord, in your mercy  
*Hear our prayer.*

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Lord, in your mercy  
*Hear our prayer.*

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Lord, in your mercy  
*Hear our prayer.*

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Lord, in your mercy  
*Hear our prayer.*

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation, especially the people of Ukraine, Israel & Gaza.

Lord, in your mercy

*Hear our prayer.*

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, in your mercy

*Hear our prayer.*

For yours is the majesty, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

## **Confession of Sin**

*The Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence.*

*Minister and People*

Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

*The Priest stands and says*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

**Peace** (*stand*)

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

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

**Announcements**

## **Holy Communion**

**At the Offertory:**

**Hymn 304** (*sit*)

*Land of Rest*

1 I come with joy to meet my Lord,  
forgiven, loved, and free, in awe and  
wonder to recall, his life laid down for me.

2 I come with Christians far and near to  
find, as all are fed, the new community of  
love in Christ's communion bread.

3 As Christ breaks bread, and bids us  
share, each proud division ends. The love  
that made us, makes us one, and strangers  
now are friends.

4 And thus with joy we meet our Lord.  
His presence, always near, is in such  
friendship better known, we see and  
praise him here.

5 Together met, together bound, we'll  
go our different ways and as his people  
in the world, we'll live and speak his  
praise.

*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

### *Eucharistic Prayer C*

The Lord be with you.

*And also with you.*

Lift up your hearts.

*We lift them to the Lord.*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*It is right to give him thanks and praise.*

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

*Glory to you for ever and ever.*

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

*By your will they were created and have their being.*

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

*Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.*

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

*By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.*

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

*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 as the Celebrant continues*

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

*We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.*

Lord God of our Fathers; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

*Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.*

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. *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 Celebrant 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:**

Solo

*Michael Maybrick (1841–1913)*

Last night I lay a sleeping, there came a dream so fair, I stood in old Jerusalem beside the temple there.

I heard the children singing, and ever as they sang, methought the voice of angels from Heav'n in answer rang;

Jerusalem! Jerusalem! Lift up your gates and sing, hosanna in the highest, hosanna to your King!

And then methought my dream was changed, the streets no longer rang, hushed were the glad hosannas the little children sang.

The sun grew dark with mystery, the morn was cold and chill, as the shadow of a cross arose upon a lonely hill, as the shadow of a cross arose upon a lonely hill.

Jerusalem! Jerusalem! Hark! how the angels sing, hosanna in the highest, hosanna to your King.

And once again the scene was changed, new earth there seem'd to be, I saw the Holy City beside the tideless sea;

The light of God was on its streets, the gates were open wide, and all who would might enter, and no one was denied.

No need of moon or stars by night, or sun to shine by day, it was the new Jerusalem, that would not pass away.

Jerusalem! Jerusalem! Sing, for the night is o'er! Hosanna in the highest, hosanna for evermore! Hosanna in the highest, hosanna for evermore!

*Frederick Weatherly (1848–1929)*

Ethan Lucas, *tenor*

*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 344** *(stand)*

*Sicilian Mariners*

1 Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing; fill  
our hearts with joy and peace; let us each,  
thy love possessing, triumph in redeeming  
grace: O refresh us, O refresh us, traveling  
through this wilderness.

2 Thanks we give and adoration for thy  
Gospel's joyful sound: may the fruits of thy  
salvation in our hearts and lives abound:  
ever faithful, ever faithful to thy truth may  
we be found;

3 so that when thy love shall call us, Savior,  
from the world away, fear of death shall not  
appall us, glad thy summons to obey. May  
we ever, may we ever reign with thee in  
endless day.



## Dismissal

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

Postlude: God of Grace

*Paul Manz*

## THOSE SERVING TODAY: Sunday, July 13, 2025

**Celebrant & Preacher:** Fr. Reese

**Assisting Priest:** Fr. Campbell

**Guest Organist:** Ryan Hebert

**Verger:** Piers Curry

**Crucifer:** Richard Ferlita

**Torchbearers:** Joe Scheuer, Sam Scheuer

**Lectors:** Betsy Scheuer, Joe Scheuer

**Lay Eucharistic Ministers:** Patrick Keogh, Dorothy Peters

**Videographer:** Paul Scheuer, Jan Smith, Kirk McCann, Joe Scheuer

**Ushers:** Laurence Hammond, George Bedell, Chris Sherman

**Altar Guild:** Adrienne Love, Anne Paige, Anna Putney

**Coffee Hour Hosts:** The Billings, Tapie and Kimble Families



The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and  
in memory of William & Patricia Maxfield by their daughters  
Melissa, Maura and Melinda, and their granddaughter Mary-Streeter.  
And in memory of Alen & Lynne Smith  
by Reed, Maura and Mary-Streeter Smith.

**BIRTHDAYS:** Susanna Fenhagen, Vernon Henderson, Cannon Tibbals,  
Maggie Besselieu, Susan Kiniry, Jan Newhoff, Pud Boyet, Hiram Hampton,  
Michael Phillips

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Chris & Martha Cobb, Paul & Sharon Pizzo

## **Altar Flowers**

**Two dates left!** The flower sign up chart looks full, but it's not. There are still two opportunities for you to sign up for flower sponsorship this year. AUGUST 31 & DECEMBER 28 are available.

The high altar flower sponsorship costs \$150, the chapel altar is optional for an extra \$100 (\$250 total) For additional information, please contact Charlotte Churchill (813) 352-0162 [cmchurchi18@gmail.com](mailto:cmchurchi18@gmail.com)

## **Prayers for Healing**

The Daughters of the King are now offering prayers for healing during the 10:30 Sunday service. If you would like to avail yourself of this opportunity, stop by the chapel altar rail after you receive communion. The Daughters would appreciate the chance to pray with you.

## **VACATION CHECK LIST**

- ✓ **Stop Mail**
- ✓ **Pay Bills**
- ✓ **Kennel the Pets**
- ✓ **Send in Pledge**

**POSTCARDS ARE ALWAYS FUN  
BUT YOUR PLEDGE IS  
VERY IMPORTANT**

## Youth News

Children's chapel at 10:30 continues through the summer. I am still searching for a few more shining star volunteers to serve during both hours on Sunday mornings. If you are still thinking about serving once a month, why not just come hang out with us on Sunday morning? The other Sunday School teachers and I would love to have your help, and make you feel welcome.



Also, please mark your calendars for VBS 2025: Vacation Bible School 2025 will take place **August 4-8, 2025**. The VBS theme this year is True North: Point kids to Jesus, a faithful friend we can always trust. Guide kids on the ultimate Alaskan adventure where northern lights glow over majestic mountains, racing rivers, and glistening glaciers. As kids trek the tundra, they'll explore how easy it is to lose sight of what's true in our wild world today. Pointing them toward Jesus, True North VBS shows them that he is a faithful friend we can always trust. He's our True North!

### Supply List:

- Brown cardboard boxes
- Bubble wrap
- Brown packing paper
- Tents (borrowed or donated)
- Poster tubes/cardboard tubes (for wood logs)
- Twinkle lights (for night sky)
- Moving blankets (for walking path)
- Cardboard corners (for chopped wood)
- Tissue paper (for wildflowers)
- Rocking chairs
- Pot & planter chains (for campfire pot)
- Hiking boots or gear
- Walking sticks
- Pool noodles
- Any other outdoor or camping gear

Please contact Alicia at [aliciaschmid@rocketmail.com](mailto:aliciaschmid@rocketmail.com) to volunteer for a week of faith, fun, and fellowship! Building Sundays will be **July 13<sup>th</sup> and August 3<sup>rd</sup>**.

## **Adult Christian Education**

**Sunday mornings at 9:30**

### ***3:16 – The Numbers of Hope***

In this video series, bestselling author and pastor Max Lucado unpacks the meaning behind John 3:16, one of the best-known and most-beloved passages in the Bible. This simple verse came out of an unusual conversation that Jesus had under the cover of night with a Pharisee named Nicodemus. From the start, Nicodemus made it clear he inhabited a land of good efforts, sincere gestures, and hard work. Give God your best, his philosophy said, and God does the rest. Jesus' response? Your best won't do. Your works don't work. Unless you are born again, you can't even see what God is doing.

Born again. The word born, by definition, implies a passive act. The enwombed child contributes nothing to the delivery. Postpartum celebrations applaud the work of the mother who does the delivery. And the Greek term that Jesus used for 'again' implies that the one who did the work the first time will repeat it. In other words, the original Creator will re-create his creation! Born: God exerts the effort. Again: God restores the beauty. We don't try again. We need not the muscle of self, but a miracle of God.

The thought bewildered Nicodemus. "How can this be?" he asked. Jesus answered by leading him to the Hope diamond of the Bible: "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." A parade of hope: beginning with God, ending with life, and urging us to do the same. A verse brief enough to write on a napkin or memorize in a moment . . . yet solid enough to weather 2,000 years of storms and questions. As this study will reveal, the heart of the human problem is the heart of the human. And God's treatment for the human heart is prescribed in John 3:16: "He loves. He gave. We believe. We live."

Here is the line-up:

8/3 - The Most Famous Conversation in the Bible

8/10 - Hope for the Hard Heart

8/17 - The Heart He Offers

8/24 - Heaven's "Whoever" Policy

8/31 - The Last Word on Life

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

## **New Organist/Choirmaster**

The Rector is pleased to announce that James W. Guyer has accepted the call to serve as Organist/Choirmaster at St. Andrew's, starting August 1<sup>st</sup>. Dr. Guyer has been the Organist/Choirmaster at St. Boniface Episcopal Church in Sarasota since 2017. Prior to that, he served in the same capacity at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Fort Pierce for eight years. James earned his Doctor of Music degree (DM) in organ performance and literature at Indiana University Jacobs School of Music, where he also studied church music, improvisation, music theory and choral conducting. His matriculation with IU professors Marilyn Keiser, Brent Gault and William Jon Gray in choral studies and children's choirs provided opportunities to work with the IU Children's Choir and the Royal School of Church Music. His love for children and youth choirs began during high school when he was the accompanist for the Irving Boys Choir, under the direction of Woody Schober. During those years, it became clear that both keyboard and choral music would be in his future. This passion led to the formation of a choir school at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church and School and the Siesta Youth Chorale, programs at his most recent churches. His most recent work with children has included appointments as Artistic Director of Sarasota Young Voices and Director of Boys Choir and Mixed Choir with Gulf Coast Homeschool Fine Arts. He was also selected to direct the 2025 Pinellas All-County Elementary Honors Choir Festival.

James is an active performer as an organist in south Florida with appearances in churches on east and west coasts, including The Community Church of Vero Beach, The Episcopal Church of Bethesda-by-the-Sea in Palm Beach, and The Episcopal Church of the Redeemer in Sarasota. He will make his international debut at Truro Cathedral, Cornwall, UK in July

of this year. Other collaborations have included performances of Mendelssohn's *Lobgesang* with the Treasure Coast Classical Singers, Mozart's *Requiem* & Brahms's *Requiem* with the Atlantic Symphonic Chorus and Philharmonic Orchestra, and joint Evensong services with various churches in south Florida. As a Christian, James cherishes a deep appreciation for music in relation to faith and an excitement to share this with his students and congregation. When not making music, he enjoys spending time in beautiful "Old Florida" with his wife and four children (ages 20, 17, 10, and 8).

Please make it a point to welcome James and his family on August 3<sup>rd</sup>, which will be his first Sunday with us.

## **PART-TIME CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MINISTER**

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, downtown Tampa, seeks dynamic, spiritual person responsible for teaching Sunday School class for children (grade 5 and below) of the parish; will also assist during Children's Chapel on Sunday mornings and lead/assist at monthly events for children and youth; must have good interpersonal, relational, and administrative skills. Team player. Approximately six (6) hours per week. Resumes and communication (electronic preferred) to: The Rev. John Reese, St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 509 E. Twiggs St., Tampa, FL 33602. E-mail: [rector@saintandrewstampa.org](mailto:rector@saintandrewstampa.org)

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**WE REMEMBER THOSE WHO HAVE DIED:** Sarah Hudson, 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, Deloris Lewis, Pamela Ann Lane Ketchy, Charles Mullen, Jean McAlister, Sofie Paton-Smith, Rodney Rodriguez

**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, Corinne Gaile, Jack Boyet, Holly Clemmons, Katie Pastorius, Ralph & Nancy Swank, Delphine & Bob Ballard, Janis Riasanovsky, Edwin Bourdeau, Leigh Kaney, Charlotte Churchill, Ingrid Peterson, Jeannie Borsch, Milca Burgos, Joan Schofield, Valerie, Frances Dee Martinez, Linda McGhee, Patrick Wing, Judith Lombana, Darren Watts, Karen & Mahlon Sandord, Kay Saville, Linda & David Williams, Harry & Henry Paton-Smith, Kathleen McMullen, Louise Polley *(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.)*

Prayer Request Cards are available at the back of the church  
for prayers by the Daughters of the King  
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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*

The Rev. Ralph M. Campbell II, *Assisting Priest*

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## **Vestry**

*Class of 2026:* Allison Besseliu, 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

*Class of 2028:* Pam Billings, Patrick Keogh, George Levy, *Junior Warden*,

Jennifer Richardson, Keri Thatcher

*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.*