

#### Welcome to

# SAINT ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH TAMPA, FLORIDA

# THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST JULY 20, 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: Thou shalt bring them in G.F. Handel (1685-1759)

#### **Tower Bell**

Hymn 495 (stand)

In Babilone

1 Hail, thou once despised Jesus! Hail, thou Galilean King! Thou didst suffer to release us; thou didst free salvation bring. Hail, thou universal Savior, bearer of our sin and shame! By thy merit we find favor: life is given through thy Name.

2 Paschal Lamb, by God appointed, all our sins on thee were laid: by almighty love anointed, thou hast full atonement made. All thy people are forgiven through the virtue of thy blood: opened is the gate of heaven, reconciled are we with God.

3 Jesus, hail! enthroned in glory, there for ever to abide; all the heavenly hosts adore thee, seated at thy Father's side. There for sinners thou art pleading: there thou dost our place prepare; ever for us interceding, till in glory we appear.

4 Worship, honor, power, and blessing thou art worthy to receive; highest praises, without ceasing, right it is for us to give. Help, ye bright angelic spirits, all your noblest anthems raise; help to sing our Savior's merits, help to chant Emmanuel's praise!

## All standing, the Celebrant says

CelebrantBlessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.PeopleAnd 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*.

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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.

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son 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 the Lord God showed me—a basket of summer fruit. He said, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A basket of summer fruit." Then the Lord said to me, "The end has come upon my people Israel; I will never again pass them by. The songs of the temple shall become wailings in that day," says the Lord God; "the dead bodies shall be many, cast out in every place. Be silent!" Hear this, you that trample on the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land, saying, "When will the new moon be over so that we may sell grain; and the sabbath, so that we may offer wheat for sale? We will make the ephah small and the shekel great, and practice deceit with false balances, buying the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals, and selling the sweepings of the wheat." The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Surely I will never forget any of their deeds. Shall not the land tremble on this account, and everyone mourn who lives in it, and all of it rise like the Nile, and be tossed about and sink again, like the Nile of Egypt? On that day, says the Lord God, I will make the sun go down at noon, and darken the earth in broad daylight. I will turn your feasts into mourning, and all your songs into lamentation; I will bring sackcloth on all loins, and baldness on every head; I will make it like the mourning for an only son, and the end of it like a bitter day. The time is surely coming, says the Lord God, when I will send a famine on the land; not a famine of bread, or a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the Lord. They shall wander from sea to sea, and from north to east; they shall run to and fro, seeking the word of the Lord, but they shall not find it.

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

#### Psalm 52 Said by all

- 1 You tyrant, why do you boast of wickedness \* against the godly all day long?
- 2 You plot ruin; your tongue is like a sharpened razor, \* O worker of deception.
- 3 You love evil more than good \* and lying more than speaking the truth.

- 4 You love all words that hurt, \* O you deceitful tongue.
- 5 Oh, that God would demolish you utterly, \* topple you, and snatch you from your dwelling, and root you out of the land of the living!
- 6 The righteous shall see and tremble, \* and they shall laugh at him, saying,
- 7 "This is the one who did not take God for a refuge, \* but trusted in great wealth and relied upon wickedness."
- 8 But I am like a green olive tree in the house of God; \* I trust in the mercy of God for ever and ever.
- 9 I will give you thanks for what you have done \* and declare the goodness of your Name in the presence of the godly.

## **Second Reading**

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Colossians.

Jesus is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him—provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel. I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been

Colossians 1:15-28

revealed to his saints. To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

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

Hymn 488 (stand) Slane

1 Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; all else be nought to me, save that thou art—thou my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

2 Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord; thou my great Father; thine own may I be; thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee.

3 High King of heaven, when victory is won, may I reach heaven's joys, bright heaven's Sun! Heart of my heart, whatever befall, still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

Holy Gospel Luke 10:38-42

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

As Jesus and his disciples went on their way, Jesus entered a village where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

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 421 (sit)

Allein Gott in der Hoh

1 All glory be to God on high, and peace on earth from heaven, and God's good will unfailingly be to all people given. We bless, we worship you, we raise for your great glory thanks and praise, O God Almighty Father.

2 O Lamb of God, Lord Jesus Christ, whom God the Father gave us, who for the world was sacrificed upon the cross to save us; and as you sit at God's right hand and we for judgement there must stand, have mercy, Lord upon us.

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**

Eucaristic 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.

3 You only are the Holy One, who came for our salvation, and only you are God's true Son, who was before creation. You, only Christ, as Lord we own and, with the Spirit, you alone share in the Father's glory.

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:

Sanctus S-129

Celebrant and People

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 S-163

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.

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 423 (stand) St. Denio

- 1 Immortal, invisible, God only wise, in light inaccessible hid from our eyes, most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days, almighty, victorious, thy great Name we praise.
- 2 Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light, nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might; thy justice like mountains high soaring above thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.
- 3 To all life thou givest, to both great and small; in all life thou livest, the true life of all; we blossom and flourish, like leaves on the tree, then wither and perish; but nought changeth thee.
- 4 Thou reignest in glory, thou rulest in light, thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight; all laud we would render: O help us to see 'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee.

#### **Dismissal**

Priest Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude: God of Grace David Schack (b.1970)

THOSE SERVING TODAY: Sunday, July 20, 2025

Celebrant & Preacher: Fr. Campbell

**Assisting Priest:** Fr. Stadel **Guest Organist:** Linda Pointer

Verger: Richard Ferlita Crucifer: Sam Scheuer

Torchbearers: Diana Tapie, Esther Henley

Lectors: Paul Scheuer, Sam Scheuer

Lay Eucharistic Ministers: Donreece Brown, Derrick Brown

Videographer: Paul Scheuer, Jan Smith, Kirk McCann, Joe Scheuer Ushers: Eric Hargens, Loueita Hargens, Chris Cobb, Paul Bentschner

Altar Guild: Kathy Lawless, Jan Smith, Cathy Szuba

Coffee Hour Hosts: Rod & Lucinda Evans



The altar flowers are given to the glory of God in celebration of Joan's birthday, and in thanksgiving of our upcoming wedding anniversary by Joan and Larry Rayburn

**BIRTHDAYS**: Thomas Adams, Fred Schmid, Chris Adams, Kevin Allman, Christian Chambers, Laura McGinnis, Justin Watson, Martha Cobb, Claire Tibbals, Steve Tonneson

## **Rector Away**

The Rector is away on vacation in Colorado and will return to the office on July 30th. If you have a pastoral emergency during that time period, please call Fr. Rick at 503-508-8549.

#### VACATION CHECK LIST

- ✓ Stop Mail
- ✓ Pay Bills
- ✓ Kennel the Pets
- ✓ <u>Send in Pledge</u>

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

## **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.

## **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 recreate 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.

#### 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 <u>aliciaschmid@rocketmail.com</u> to volunteer for a week of faith, fun, and fellowship! Building Sunday will be **August 3**<sup>rd</sup>.

## **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 1st. 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.

#### **Outreach**

School begins on August 11th and that means it's time for St. Andrew's annual *Operation Smart Start!* school supplies drive. This year we are asking for students' backpacks suitable for elementary students. The backpacks should have the following items inside: Two (2) packages of WIDE-RULED LOOSE LEAF PAPER, One (1) package of #2 pencils, Two (2) erasers (handheld or the ones that go on the end of pencils), One (1) box of tissues, and One (1) small plastic bottle of hand sanitizer. Monetary donations are also welcome. Please write "Operation Smart Start!" in the memo of your check. Please make your donations by Sunday, August 3. There will be a designated collection area in the Parish Hall.

For more information, please contact Keri Thatcher at (813) 313-7816 or Martha Cobb at 813-787-4020.

#### 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

## Your Gift Makes a Difference



St. Andrew's runs solely on the generosity of its members. Give today via the offering plate or scan this code with your phone to give online. You can also mail your gift to St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Attn: Administrator, 509 East Twiggs St., Tampa, FL 33602. Every gift, large or small, sustains the

church you love.

## Pay Attention!

Many people are troubled by today's gospel. Good Christian folk are disturbed that hardworking Martha got criticized for trying to serve Jesus and wanting Mary to do her fair share. What a blow this passage is to the Protestant work ethic! Those who favor gender-specific roles for men and women are disturbed because the one who didn't seem to know that her place was in the kitchen was commended while the "good housewife" was condemned. Oddly enough, some feminists are also disturbed: Martha seemed to be rebuked for her sharp tongue while Mary was praised for kneeling down at a man's feet and keeping her mouth shut.

If you find yourself disturbed by this story, then you're not alone. In fact, generally, if you're not disturbed by Jesus' actions and parables, you're not paying attention. Jesus wanted to get people to look at life differently, and the only way to get people out of their old ways of thinking and begin viewing life from the perspective of the kingdom was to shock them.

Martha was a good and faithful servant. When Jesus stopped in during his journeys, she knew what he needed: he needed to be cleaned up from the dusty road, and he needed to be fed. He also needed a clean place to rest. So like the good Samaritan in last week's gospel, Martha set to work to care for the person in need.

But this week's story isn't about showing love horizontally by caring for one's neighbor. This time, we're told how to express love vertically (between us and God). We show our love for God in the way Mary did: by kneeling at the feet of our Lord and listening.

## Martha and Mary

Faithful to my Lord's commands
I still would choose the better part;
Serve with careful Martha's hands
And loving Mary's heart

- Charles Wesley

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.)

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