



Welcome to

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

THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 15, 2024

10:30AM

*May those who sorrow find comfort;
the weary, rest;
the troubled, peace;
the lonely, friends;
the unhappy, joy;
and may all find the sense of God's presence in this Holy Place.*

Welcome to Saint Andrew's Church in the city of Tampa. You are sharing in a tradition of worship that has been offered here since 1883, when a wood-frame building was erected on this site as Tampa's first Episcopal Church. The cornerstone of the present church was laid in 1904.

All Visitors and Newcomers are invited to complete the information card, found on the back of the pews, and leave it with an usher or in the offering plate. Please introduce yourselves to the clergy as you leave the church 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 Andrew's: Borrow a shawl from the basket at the back of the church. Shawl donations also welcomed!

IMPORTANT PRIVACY NOTICE

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

Be thoughtful, be silent, be reverent—for this is the house of God.

Before the service, speak to God.

During the service, let God speak to you.

After the service, speak to one another.

PLEASE SILENCE ALL ELECTRONIC DEVICES.

Holy Eucharist, Rite II, 10:30 a.m.

Prelude: A Captivating Caprice

Malcolm Archer (b. 1952)

Tower Bell

Hymn 522 (*stand*)

Austria

1 Glorious things of thee are spoken, Zion, city of our God; he whose word cannot be broken formed thee for his own abode; on the Rock of Ages founded, what can shake thy sure repose? With salvation's walls surrounded, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.

2 See! the streams of living waters, springing from eternal love, well supply thy sons and daughters and all fear of want remove. Who can faint, when such a river ever will their thirst assuage? Grace which, like the Lord, the giver, never fails from age to age.

3 Round each habitation hovering, see the cloud and fire appear for a glory and a covering, showing that the Lord is near. Thus deriving from their banner, light by night, and shade by day, safe they feed upon the manna which he gives them when they pray.

4 Blest inhabitants of Zion, washed in the Redeemer's blood! Jesus, whom their souls rely on, makes them kings and priests to God. 'Tis his love his people raises over self to reign as kings: and as priests: his solemn praises each for a thank-offering brings.

All standing, the Celebrant says

Priest Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

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.

Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers; *
you are worthy of praise; glory to you.
Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name; *
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Glory to you in the splendor of your temple; *
on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.
Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim; *
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Glory to you, beholding the depths; *
in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.
Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; *
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, because without you we are not able to please you mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

First Reading (*sit*)

Proverbs 1:20-33

A Reading from the Book of Proverbs.

Wisdom cries out in the street; in the squares she raises her voice. At the busiest corner she cries out; at the entrance of the city gates she speaks: “How long, O simple ones, will you love being simple? How long will scoffers delight in their scoffing and fools hate knowledge? Give heed to my reproof; I will pour out my thoughts to you; I will make my words known to you. Because I have called and you refused, have stretched out my hand and no one heeded, and because you have ignored all my counsel and would have none of my reproof, I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when panic strikes you, when

panic strikes you like a storm, and your calamity comes like a whirlwind, when distress and anguish come upon you. Then they will call upon me, but I will not answer; they will seek me diligently, but will not find me. Because they hated knowledge and did not choose the fear of the Lord, would have none of my counsel, and despised all my reproof, therefore they shall eat the fruit of their way and be sated with their own devices. For waywardness kills the simple, and the complacency of fools destroys them; but those who listen to me will be secure and will live at ease, without dread of disaster.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 19 *Sung by the choir to Anglican chant*

Thomas Walmisley (1814–1856)

- 1 The heavens declare the glory of God, *
and the firmament shows his handiwork.
- 2 One day tells its tale to another, *
and one night imparts knowledge to another.
- 3 Although they have no words or language, *
and their voices are not heard,
- 4 Their sound has gone out into all lands, *
and their message to the ends of the world.
- 5 In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; *
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.
- 6 It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens
and runs about to the end of it again; *
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.
- 7 The law of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul; *
the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.
- 8 The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart; *
the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the eyes.
- 9 The fear of the LORD is clean and endures for ever; *
the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

- 10 More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, *
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.
- 11 By them also is your servant enlightened, *
and in keeping them there is great reward.
- 12 Who can tell how often he offends? *
cleanse me from my secret faults.
- 13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;
let them not get dominion over me; *
then shall I be whole and sound,
and innocent of a great offense.
- 14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my
heart be acceptable in your sight, *
O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.

Second Reading

James 3:1-12

A Reading from the Letter of James.

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits. How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

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

Hymn 409 (*stand*)

Creation

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

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

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

Holy Gospel

Mark 8:27-38

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

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him. Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son

of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

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*)

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;
For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world, especially the people of Ukraine, Israel
and Gaza;
For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;
For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Doug, our bishop, and for all bishops and other
ministers;
For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

The People may add their own petitions

Hear us, Lord;
For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence

The People may add their own thanksgivings

We will exalt you, O God our King;
And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
Who put their trust in you.

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.

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.

Announcements

Holy Communion

At the Offertory:

Spiritual *arr. William L. Dawson (1899–1990)*

I got a crown up ina the Kingdom, Ain'a that good news!
Refrain: I'm agoin' to lay down this worl', Goin'a shoulder upuh my cross,
Goin'a take it homea to my Jesus, Ain'a that good news!
I got a Savior ina the Kingdom, Ain'a that good news! *Refrain*
I got a harp up ina the Kingdom, Ain'a that good news! *Refrain*

Traditional

Hymn 380, stanza 3 (stand)

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

Great Thanksgiving

The people remain standing.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The Celebrant proceeds

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

For you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image, and called us to new life in 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.

Fraction Anthem

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(Antiphon) The disciples knew the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread.
The bread which we break, alleluia, is the communion of the body of Christ. (Ant.)
One body are we, alleluia, for though many we share one bread. (Ant.)

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 324 (*sit*)

Picardy

1 Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand; ponder nothing earthly minded, for with blessing in his hand Christ our God to earth descendeth, our full homage to demand.

2 King of kings, yet born of Mary, as of old on earth he stood, Lord of lords, in human vesture, in the Body and the Blood he will give to all the faithful his own self for heavenly food.

3 Rank on rank the host of heaven spreads its vanguard on the way, as the Light of Light descendeth from the realms of endless day, that the powers of hell may vanish as the darkness clears away.

4 At his feet the six-winged seraph; cherubim, with sleepless eye veil their faces to the Presence, as with ceaseless voice they cry, "Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, Lord Most High!"

Anthem

Mark Schweitzer (1956–2019)

For the beauty of the earth, For the glory of the skies,
For the love which from our birth, Over and around us lies.

Chorus: Lord of all to Thee we raise, This our hymn of grateful praise.

For the beauty of each hour, Of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale and tree and flower, Sun and moon and stars of light.

For the joy of human love, Brother sister parent child,
Friends on earth and friends above, For all gentle thoughts and mild.

For your church that evermore, Lifts holy hands above,
Offering up on every shore, Her pure sacrifice of love.

Folliott Stanford Pierpoint, 1864

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

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 blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

Hymn 539 (*stand*)

Tidings

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

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

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

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

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

Dismissal

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

Postlude: Psalm XIX

Benedetto Marcello (1686–1739)

THOSE SERVING TODAY: Sunday, September 15, 2024

Celebrant & Preacher: Fr. Reese

Assisting Priest: Fr. Stadel

Organist: Ryan Hebert

Choral Assistant: Coleman Flentge

Verger: Allison Besselieu

Crucifer: Emily Borsch

Torchbearers: Jacob Kennington, Aiden Kennington

Lectors: Jeannie Borsch, Tom Akins

Lay Eucharistic Ministers: Paula Stewart, Wallace Dixon

Videographers: Paul Scheuer, Doug Rubottom, Jan Smith, Kirk McCann

Ushers: Winston Blake, Paul Bentschner, Chris Cobb, Eric Hargens, Loueita Hargens

Altar Guild: Beth Kennington, Jan Smith, Cathy Szuba

Coffee Hour Hosts: The Scheuers and The McFarquhars



The altar flowers are given to the glory of God
and in celebration of my granddaughter, Lily Waite's birthday
and in loving memory of my husband E J Szuba
by Cathy Szuba

BIRTHDAYS: Virginia Sink, Deloris Lewis, George Howell, Steve Cantler, Michael Phillips, Tom Rankin, William Crowder, Matthew Mayes, Yannick Parkes

ANNIVERSARIES: Edwin & Judy Bourdeau, Thomas & Penney Boyd, Winston & Brenda Blake

Outreach



The Outreach Committee will be hosting our annual **Oktoberfest Celebration on Sunday, September 22 following the 10:30AM service.** The menu will include authentic German fare including brats, sauerkraut, spaetzle, German potato salad, and, of course, German beer. Proceeds will benefit Metropolitan Ministries. Cost is \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children. Advanced ticket purchase is appreciated. For more information, please contact Derrick Brown at 813-270-2390 or darbee45@gmail.com

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Need help or have any questions, please contact

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Youth News

Sunday, October 6, 2024 & Sunday, October 13, 2024 - after services we will have signups for the annual Halloween house Extravaganza! Please see me in the Parish Hall on either date to sign up for this fabulously fun annual event! We need as many youth & families volunteering as possible!

Friday, October 25, 2024 from 6-8pm - St. Andrew's Annual Halloween House Extravaganza! Please mark your calendars, invite friends & neighbors, and join in this free, fun event!

Please contact aliciaschmid@rocketmail.com if you have any questions.

Adult Christian Education

Sunday mornings at 9:30

Wrestling with Doubt, Finding Faith

Everyone has doubts. Where is God when bad things happen? Does God hear our prayers? Is there a heaven? How can we know? Often, we treat such questions as the enemy of faith. But uncertainty doesn't mean our belief is lacking. Doubt can be a path to a deeper, richer encounter with God.

In *Wrestling with Doubt, Finding Faith*, join best-selling author and pastor Adam Hamilton as he discusses some of our most significant sources of doubt and shows how a steady trust in God can emerge from them.

Hamilton approaches these sources of doubt with honesty and insight, drawing on the rich wisdom of the Bible, Christian tradition, and his experience walking with thousands of people on their spiritual journeys. Though you may wrestle with doubt, you'll discover a faith that—rather than providing simple answers—includes belief and trust as well as uncertainty and mystery.

Here is the rest of the line-up:

9/15 – The Good Book? Wrestling with the Bible

9/22 – Are All Non-Christians Going to Hell?

9/29 – Is Heaven Real?

10/6 – When Prayers Go Unanswered

10/13 – Why Do the Innocent Suffer?

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

Music Notes

I often think the universe is a work of art. Psalm 19 would imply that sentiment. Today's postlude is an instrumental version of our Psalm today, composed by Italian composer Benedetto Marcello. I was first introduced to this delightful piece some 40 years ago when I was just a young sprout. I remember being inspired and have used it for many weddings.

What captivates me is the third and fourth verses - "Although they have no words or language, and their voices are not heard, their sound has gone out into all land, and their message to the ends of the world." In other words, it's the thought that counts.

Psalm 19 seems to be about praise, but we forget that to praise, we must also consider the room for criticism. If the universe is like a work of art, that means it must be open for some judgement, or at least open for discursive critique!

The exalter and the criticizer are somehow mysteriously nestled in creation. If you think of the universe as a work of art, you'll notice what might be considered "mistakes." No trees are perfectly straight. Nothing seems arranged in a grid. The stars are scattered about. Things look askew, craggy, and somewhat "off." But I wonder, does that mean something is wrong with it? Is something wrong with us, or do we stand outside of that picture?

Aesthetics are endearing. Things that are out of proportion, slightly "off," or open to criticism seem to have charm. That's what I tell myself about my own music-making. It's always a little "off." But art has that wonderful appeal. There is always something that draws us towards that off-ness. We must admit that we are captivated by the so-called imperfections, yet we judge them as "fixable." What preposterousness!

We certainly cannot tell of the glory of God without the seeming sloppiness left behind. My life is sloppy. That's because I'm just an amateur. I'm improvising. I'm an enthusiast. How can I be a "professional" musician, person, or friend? I'm perpetually questioning, scratching my chin, looking up at the sky and wondering... "hmmmm??"

Marcello has captivated this playfulness in Psalm 19 with great finesse. It sounds childlike and with wide-eyed wonder. The world looks as if a toddler had a heyday with all sorts of colors and textures. But if a loving toddler gave you a hand-drawn picture, would you criticize her? Of course not. You know that the so-called imperfections are a sign of

unconditional love that hides *behind* the picture. But when we judge and criticize, we don't get the picture! We try to fix what's wrong.

What we're after in our perception of life is what's behind the picture. The psalmist reminds us that it's the thought that counts - wordlessness. Even the most highly skilled musician or artist is simply being expressive, or thoughtful – just like the universe. Yours truly is trying to be thoughtful too; but there is so much about my writing, my playing, and my personality that you can rip to shreds. But why would one be so cruel? It's the thought that counts, and that's what's perfect, the innocent, unconditional love which sits behind the picture. Do you get the picture *now*? If not, consider the heavens. *Soli Deo Gloria*.

-Ryan Hebert



Blessing of the Pets

Saturday, October 5, 10:00a.m.

in the church courtyard

Dunbar Elementary School students are all smiles with their new backpacks ... Many thanks to all who donated to make *Operation Smart Start!* a big success!



Clergy Transition

Father Jerry Stadel will be retiring as the assisting priest at St. Andrew's. We will celebrate his final Sunday with us on 9/29 with a reception in his honor in the Parish Hall after the 10:30 service. This marks Father Stadel's third retirement as assisting priest at St. Andrew's. He served with us from around 2007 until 2013, then from 2014 until 2016, then from 2020 until the present. He will now transition into the role of priest associate. He will continue to visit some of our shut-in and homebound folk and will assist on Sundays when either the Rector or the assisting priest is away. We are very grateful for the wonderful ministry he has provided to the people of St. Andrew's for all these many years. Thanks, Jerry!

Father Rick Campbell will become our assisting priest on Sunday, 10/6. Father Rick is no stranger to St. Andrew's, having served as assisting priest here from 2016 until 2020, when he became the priest-in-charge at St. Elizabeth's in Zephyr Hills. He is most pleased to be returning to St. Andrew's and we are glad to welcome him back!

Taking Up Our Cross

A Christian mother had been very intentional in teaching her young son about Jesus. By age four, he was very intelligent, and the mother thought he might be ready to receive Jesus as his Savior. So she asked, "Sam, would you like to have Jesus in your heart?" Sam rolled his eyes and answered, "No. I don't think I want the responsibility."

If we're being honest, that might be our response too. We like Jesus. His teachings are inspiring. His miracles are exciting. But do we really want Jesus to live in us? Do we really want the responsibility? Many of us want to learn about Jesus, but we don't want to become him. We don't want to take that final step of denying ourselves, taking up our cross and following him. But when we look at the cross, we can't deny Jesus' unconditional love for us. And there is no true love without sacrifice. So if we love him, what are *we* willing to sacrifice?

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

THOSE FOR WHOM PRAYERS HAVE BEEN ESPECIALLY REQUESTED:

Mark Caro, Sgt. Billy Gudzak, Charlene Maxwell, Joan Hoppe, Carlton Hart, Stephen Tedrowe, Virginia Sink, Charlie Richardson, Christine Hudson, Janet Norona, Michael Norona, Christopher Hunt, Charles Mullen, Corinne Gaile, Jack Boyet, Holly Clemmons, Katie Pastorius, Deloris Lewis, Dale Saville, Jeff Johnson, Ralph & Nancy Swank, Delphine & Bob Ballard, Janis Riasanovsky, Linda Barry, Fabio Pompili, Tania Pratt, Sharon Keogh, Ron Breijo, Claire Carraway, Brad Wilde, Brian Polley, Edwin Bourdeau, Ron Trybus, Matt Harper, Jean McAlister, Gale Vineyard, Allyson Littleton, Luzette Lightfoot *(If you wish to add someone to the prayer list, please call Lauri in the church office at 813-221-2035. We are happy to include all prayer requests. Names will remain on the list for four weeks. Please notify Lauri if you desire a name to remain on after four weeks or to be removed sooner.)*

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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. Canon Jerold R. Stadel, *Assisting Priest*

Ryan Hebert, *Director of Music/Organist*

Coleman Flentge, *Associate Director of Music*

Pamela Frost, *Parish Administrator*

Lauri Harder, *Administrative Assistant*

Alicia Schmid, *Director of Children's and Youth Ministries*

Anguel Dimitrov, *Sexton*

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

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.