



Welcome to

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

THE TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 29, 2023

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: Pastorale on “St. Anne”

Paul Manz (1919–2009)

Tower Bell

Hymn (*stand*)

Madrid

1 Come, Christians, join to sing Alleluia!
Amen! loud praise to Christ our King;
Alleluia! Amen! let all, with heart and
voice, before his throne rejoice; praise is
his gracious choice: Alleluia! Amen!

2 Come, lift your hearts on high, Alleluia!
Amen! let praises fill the sky; Alleluia!
Amen! he is our guide and friend, to us he'll
condescend; his love shall never end:
Alleluia! Amen!

3 Praise yet our Christ again; Alleluia!
Amen! life shall not end the strain;
Alleluia! Amen! on heaven's blissful
shore, his goodness we'll adore, singing
forevermore, "Alleluia! Amen!"

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.

A Song of Praise

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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.

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

First Reading (*sit*)

Deuteronomy 34:1-12

A Reading from the Book of Deuteronomy.

Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho, and the Lord showed him the whole land: Gilead as far as Dan, all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Western Sea, the Negeb, and the Plain—that is, the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees—as far as Zoar. The Lord said to him, “This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, ‘I will give it to your descendants’; I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not cross over there.” Then Moses, the servant of the Lord, died there in the

land of Moab, at the Lord's command. He was buried in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth-peor, but no one knows his burial place to this day. Moses was one hundred twenty years old when he died; his sight was unimpaired and his vigor had not abated. The Israelites wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days; then the period of mourning for Moses was ended. Joshua son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, because Moses had laid his hands on him; and the Israelites obeyed him, doing as the Lord had commanded Moses. Never since has there arisen a prophet in Israel like Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face. He was unequalled for all the signs and wonders that the Lord sent him to perform in the land of Egypt, against Pharaoh and all his servants and his entire land, and for all the mighty deeds and all the terrifying displays of power that Moses performed in the sight of all Israel.

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

Psalm 90:1–6,13–17 *Sung by the choir to Anglican chant* *James Turle (1802–1882)*

- 1 Lord, you have been our refuge *
 from one generation to another.
- 2 Before the mountains were brought forth,
 or the land and the earth were born, *
 from age to age you are God.
- 3 You turn us back to the dust and say, *
 "Go back, O child of earth."
- 4 For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past *
 and like a watch in the night.
- 5 You sweep us away like a dream; *
 we fade away suddenly like the grass.
- 6 In the morning it is green and flourishes; *
 in the evening it is dried up and withered.
- 13 Return, O LORD; how long will you tarry? *
 be gracious to your servants.
- 14 Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning; *
 so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.

15 Make us glad by the measure of the days that you afflicted us *
and the years in which we suffered adversity.

16 Show your servants your works *
and your splendor to their children.

17 May the graciousness of the LORD our God be upon us; *
prosper the work of our hands;
prosper our handiwork.

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

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

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

1 How lovely is thy dwelling place, O Lord of hosts, to me! My thirsty soul desires and longs within thy courts to be; my very heart and flesh cry out, O living God, for thee!

2 Beside thine altars, gracious Lord, the swallows find a nest; how happy they who dwell with thee and praise thee without rest, and happy they whose hearts are set upon the pilgrim's quest.

3 They who go through the desert vale will find it filled with springs, and they shall climb from height to height till Zion's temple rings with praise to thee, in glory throned, Lord God, great King of kings.

4 One day within thy courts excels a thousand spent away; how happy they who keep thy laws nor from thy precepts stray, for thou shalt surely bless all those who live the words they pray.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 22:34-46

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

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets." Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: "What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." He said to them, "How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying, 'The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet" ' ? If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?" No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

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;

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:

Anthem

Simon Lole (b. 1957)

As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Remain in my love. This is my commandment: that you love one another, as I have loved you. God is love, and those who live in love, live in God, and God lives in them. If you keep my commandments, love one another, as I have loved you. Then your joy's complete.

John 15:9–12

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 704 (*sit*)

Hereford

1 O thou who camest from above the fire
celestial to impart, kindle a flame of
sacred love upon the altar of my heart.

2 There let it for thy glory burn with ever
bright, undying blaze, and trembling to its
source return in humble prayer and fervent
praise.

3 Jesus, confirm my heart's desire to work,
and speak, and think for thee; still let me
guard the holy fire and still stir up the gift in
me.

4 Still let me prove thy perfect will, my acts
of faith and love repeat, till death thy endless
mercies seal, and make the sacrifice
complete.

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart: naught be all else to me save that thou art.
Thou my best thought by day or by night, waking or sleeping thy presence my light.
Be thou my wisdom and thou my true word, I ever with thee, and thou with me
Lord. Thou my great father, I thy true son, thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.
Riches I heed not nor man's empty praise. Thou mine inheritance now and always,
thou, and thou only first in my heart, high king of heaven, my treasure thou art.
High king of heaven, my victory won. May I reach heav'n's joys, oh bright
heaven's sun! Heart of my own heart whatever befall, still be my vision, oh ruler of
all.

Traditional Irish, c. 700

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.*

1 O God our help in ages past, our hope
for years to come, our shelter from the
stormy blast, and our eternal home:

2 under the shadow of thy throne thy
saints have dwelt secure; sufficient is
thine arm alone, and our defense is sure.

3 Before the hills in order stood, or earth
received her frame, from everlasting thou
art God, to endless years the same.

4 A thousand ages in thy sight are like an
evening gone; short as the watch that ends
the night before the rising sun.

5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream, bears
all our years away; they fly, forgotten, as a
dream dies at the opening day.

6 O God, our help in ages past, our hope for
years to come, be thou our guide while life
shall last, and our eternal home.

Dismissal

Priest Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude: Toccata in D Minor, BWV 565

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)



The altar flowers are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of William Fowler, beloved son.
By Rosemary and George Levy

THOSE SERVING TODAY: Sunday, October 29, 2023

Celebrant & Preacher: Fr. Reese

Assisting Priest: Fr. Stadel

Organist: Ryan Hebert

Choral Assistant: Coleman Flentge

Vergers: Richard Ferlita

Crucifer: Ethan Smith

Torchbearers: Wyatt Smith, Heath McGhee

Lectors: Jim Shuler, Ray Vince

Lay Eucharistic Ministers: Brad Hall, Paula Stewart

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

Ushers: Eric Hargens, Loueita Hargens, Gray Sanders

Altar Guild: Ursula Keeler, Adrienne Love, Anne Paige

Coffee Hour Hosts: Derrick and Beverley Brown

BIRTHDAYS: Marshall Ferrell, Richard Brown, Mike Billings, Brynn Besselieu, Arlene Tonnesen, Julian Byrd, Laurence Hammond

ANNIVERSARIES: Paul & Betsy Scheuer, John & Jeanette Reese

Make a Pledge for 2024

Please return your pledge card for 2024 as soon as possible. If you did not receive a pledge card in the mail, cards are available at the back of the church, in the Parish Hall, or through the parish office (813-221-2035). Make a commitment and support St. Andrew's in the coming year.

Help us help others!

Did you know that the St. Andrew's Homeless Ministry distributes over 600 bagged lunches every week? In addition, we supply toiletries, socks, and clothing to those in need. We are so blessed to have such a wonderful group of volunteers and so many generous donors!!! However, supplies and funds are running low! We are asking for dark-colored crew socks, and thin, dark-colored washcloths. Monetary donations are needed as well. Please write "homeless ministry supplies" in your check memo if you would prefer to make a donation in that way. God bless you for helping us to help those who are most in need here in our church community.

Children & Youth News

There will be a **confirmation meet & greet** on **Sunday, November 5th at 9:30am** in the youth classroom on the 3rd floor for parents and confirmands. Please attend this meeting to learn more about 2024 confirmation! **Classes start November 5th**, break after Thanksgiving, and will **pick back up every Sunday** in the new year **at 9:30am starting January 7, 2024**, with the date of confirmation being **Sunday, February 25, 2024 during the 10:30 service**.

We will be rehearsing for the **Christmas pageant** starting Sunday, November 26th at 9:30 and will be rehearsing Sunday, December 3rd and Sunday, December 10th from 9:30-11:15am in the Children's chapel with final dress rehearsal on Saturday, December 16th from 10-noon in the sanctuary. The pageant this year will take place on **Sunday, December 17th** during the **10:30am** service. Please reach out to Alicia to be part of this years pageant! We'd love to have you & yours be part of the festivities!

All Saints' Evensong

Please join us for candlelight **Choral Evensong on Sunday, November 5 at 5:00p.m.**

Evensong is the quintessential prayer service of the Anglican tradition and is almost entirely sung. Since we do this service only once a year, I hope you'll take advantage of this opportunity. The music will commemorate the faithful departed and will honor the vast numbers of parishioners who have gone onto their heavenly rest, and whose lives and service helped shape our beloved church. The Louise Lykes Ferguson Memorial Choir will sing anthems by Ernest Bullock and Egil Hovland and a Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis setting by Charles Wood. The closing organ voluntary will be the great F Major Toccata by Johann Sebastian Bach. We hope you will join us for this beautiful service on All Saints' Sunday. Please plan to attend and to invite a friend! A reception will follow in the parish hall.



Our Annual *St. Andrew's Fish Fry* will be on **Sunday, November 12th after the 10:30 am service.** Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children with proceeds benefitting "*Gabriel's Giving Tree*", supporting needy children from Cleveland and Kimbell Elementary Schools. We will again be pre-selling tickets each Sunday prior to the lunch.

Blood Drive

We will be having a Blood Drive **on Sunday, November 12th from 7:30AM to 1:00PM.** All donors will receive a \$20 eGift Card, OneBlood Blanket, Wellness Checkup including blood pressure, pulse, temperature, iron count, and cholesterol screening. Appointments are encouraged, please visit oneblood.org/donate-now and use sponsor code 72440. ID Required. Please contact Chris Capsambelis at ccapsambelis@gmail.com with questions.

THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE

Choral Eucharist

Wednesday, November 22 - 7:00 p.m.

A wonderful day of the year to give thanks to our God!

Outreach

The Outreach Committee is kicking off our annual *Metropolitan Ministries Thanksgiving Boxes of Hope*. We are asking that you purchase and bring to church the following items based on the first letter of your last name:

A-E: gravy packets, soup, cereal, canned fruit, canned yams

F-M: bagged or canned beans (black, pinto, refried), cranberry sauce, boxed macaroni and cheese, canned vegetables

N-Z: bagged or boxed stuffing, bagged rice (yellow or white), canned or boxed potatoes, dessert mix, cookies

Labeled boxes are provided in the Parish Hall for your food donations. Gift cards for turkeys are also welcome, as are check donations made out to St. Andrew's with "Turkey Pack" in the memo line. Metropolitan Ministries has a critical need this holiday season to serve Tampa's less fortunate population, so let's make this our best year of giving ever!

Anchor Ball

Your Vestry has graciously agreed to add its name as a supporter of the 2023 Anchor Ball sponsored by Port Tampa Bay. The Ball is scheduled for **Saturday, December 2, 2023**, at the PEPIN HOSPITALITY CENTRE (4121 N 50th St. in Tampa 33610), beginning at 5:30 pm. Proceeds will benefit the Tampa Bay Maritime Scholarship Foundation and the Tampa Port Ministries. St. Andrew's will continue its annual support of the Seafarer's Ministry and has purchased 6 tickets to the 2023 Anchor Ball for use by parishioners at NO COST to our participants! In addition, Irene and Peter Baker will attend and act as hosts this year, so we look forward to having another St. Andrew's table with 8 parishioners. There will be plenty of parking at the Centre, complimentary drinks and hor d'oeuvres, silent auction, dinner, live auction and dancing. What we need are some volunteers to share in this outreach ministry, put on some dress clothes for the evening (black tie optional), and open their hearts, wallets or pocketbooks. If you are interested in attending, please contact Pam Frost or Lauri Harder in the office (813/221-2035) so they can add you to the guest list. If you have any questions, please contact Peter Baker (813/230-0354; pbakerlaw@gmail.com). Remember, there is no cost to you – so please sign up and have a great time at the 2023 ANCHOR BALL!!

Adult Christian Education

Sunday mornings at 9:30

Jesus Revealed: The "I Am" statements in the Gospel of John

Light. Bread. Shepherd. Life. The Gospel of John uses these and other symbols to paint a picture of who Jesus is. Through the "I Am" statements Jesus describes himself with rich images, showing us that he is both fully human and fully divine and calling us as his followers.

In *Jesus Revealed: The I Am Statements in the Gospel of John*, author Matt Rawle explores the "I Am" statements in John as works of art that resonate throughout the Gospel and all of Scripture. He shows how these words point beyond themselves to the deep mystery of Jesus Christ. Join us on this journey and experience the profound truth at the heart of the I Am statements: that Jesus is light and life, and he calls us to himself and offers us the hope of resurrection. Matt Rawle is lead pastor at Asbury United Methodist Church in Bossier City, Louisiana.

Here is the rest of the line-up:

10/29 - I am the bread of life (John 6:48)

11/05 - I am the good shepherd (John 10:11)

11/12 - I am the true vine (John 15:1)

11/19 - I am the way, the truth, and the life (John 14:6)

11/26 - I am the resurrection and the life (John 11:25)

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

Gabriel Tree Project

The Parish Outreach Committee is again sponsoring the 2023 Gabriel Tree Project. This supports students and families at two local elementary schools. Tags with children's names, sizes and wish gifts will be available starting November 11th. Gifts will need to be at the church on or before Sunday December 3rd.

Anyone can participate in one of several ways:

- A. Select a child's name, purchase and wrap the gifts, and drop them off at the Parish Hall by Sunday December 3rd or any time earlier.
- B. Avail yourself of the ELF shopper's service. At the end of the program, you will receive a thank you note with photos of the gifts that were purchased for the child you selected.
 - Select a child, indicate that you want the ELF to shop for this child when you sign up, and give a donation to the church office, either cash, check or on-line donation (please specify Gabriel Tree).
 - Send a donation to the church and the Parish Elf can select a child and shop/wrap for you. Let Lin Busby know via text or phone call (813-486-1683) that you would like her to select a child for you. You can specify a boy or girl, and age range if you wish.

Music Notes

Our offertory is a splendid work for treble voices by English composer Simon Lole. What a melodic craftsman! Although his harmony is traditional, it's fresh and never detracts from the meaning of the words. I particularly love the middle section, "God is love, and those who live in love, live in God, and God lives in them." These words seem to spiral back on themselves, which is a great way to think of Truth – as a circle. But that still leaves me wondering about one, tiny detail.

Jesus said these words, and I wish I had been there to ask, "Sir, if God is love, who or what then, is *not* love?" I struggle with this because I believe in the omniscience and omnipresence of a supreme creator. If God created *all* things, one could argue that God created evil? But read the word evil backwards. What do you get? It's your perspective that changes that word in that instant. We live in a world that tries only to accentuate the

positive, and brush off negative as “bad luck,” “the devil,” or “tough breaks.” But there is no place God is not, even in the seeming polarities of good and bad.

What I perceive as negative in my life has never been wasteful. It has always been useful once *I* turn around. Consider these words from the communion anthem, “Thou my best thought by day or by night, waking or sleeping thy presence my light.” I think the Irish poet was getting at our ability to see *both* sides of duality - good/bad, right/wrong, etc. That’s the presence of light, and like a switch we can traverse duality and always track what’s best. We can’t rid ourselves of the negative, but we can always circle back when we’re lost in it and can’t seem to find anything useful or meaningful. Truth can be found *anywhere*.

In his book *Man’s Search for Meaning*, Viktor Frankel (a holocaust survivor) says, “The last of one’s freedoms is to choose one’s attitude in any given circumstance.” I think of the word circumstance as a stance on a circle – circum- (circle) stance (stand). From that perspective, there are no opposing “ends” or edges off which to fall into despair. Omnipresence is spherical and all-encompassing. So, what you might see as bad often circles back upon itself and ends up being some kind of lesson or blessing if you turn around, open your eyes, or change your attitude.

Your “distance” from God is a mere 360°, which seems far, but 360° is the same as 0°. It’s your reference point that makes the difference. Freedom is available in a quick inward turn; but we are circumspect. Circumspect means unwilling to take risks. But the word really implies “circular seeing.” We can only do that in faith. You’re not stepping out on an edge when you take a risk. There is no edge, just another point on the circle – so step out in faith, it all leads you to your desired goal – love.

Our ability to turn inwardly sets us free, not from God, but from the misperception that God is absent, that the world is out of control, and it’s hanging on the “brink.” If you’re hanging on, you *can* let go. The curvature of Love would simply catch you and gently slide you into the enlightening warmth of Truth that encompasses the entire universe. As the anthem concludes, the two vocal lines resolve into a perfect unison on the words “and your joy will be complete.” This is an illustration that the circle cannot be broken, and we cannot be separated from the sphere of God’s love, even if we get edgy. *Soli Deo Gloria!*

-Ryan Hebert

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED: Sarah Hudson, Terry Bostic, John Wolfe, Fred Heyer, Rhys Klug, Phyllis Kubal, Rose Ann Mayer, Lynwood Arnold, Robert Hursey, John Chapman, Will Proctor, Stan Rzas, Nancy Milam, Betty Jane Kent, Virginia Mullen, Roz Cole, Ann Crowder, Charlie Carl, William Maxfield, Jane Barrett, Al Getz, Luis Medel, Joanne Baldy, Nancy Dinkel, John Dinkel, Don McGinnis, Joy Bell, Bill Dye, Veronica Greaves, Nita McClintock, Owen Meats, 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, LouAnn Connors, Roma Plimmer, Patricia Maxfield

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