



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

**ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY**

**NOVEMBER 5, 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: Variations on *Sine Nomine*

*Richard Proulx (1937–2010)*

### Tower Bell

*Please stand as the choir and ministers enter*

At the Procession:

*Minister:* Let us proceed in peace.

*People:* In the Name of Christ. Amen.

### Hymn 287 (*stanzas 1-4*)

*Sine Nomine*

1 For all the saints, who from their labors rest, who thee by faith before the world  
confessed, thy Name, O Jesus, be forever blessed. Alleluia, alleluia!

2 Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might: thou, Lord, their Captain in the  
well-fought fight; thou, in the darkness drear, the one true Light. Alleluia, alleluia!

3 O may thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold, fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,  
and win, with them, the victor's crown of gold. Alleluia, alleluia!

4 O blest communion, fellowship divine! We feebly struggle, they in glory shine; yet all  
are one in thee, for all are thine. Alleluia, alleluia!

Station at the Font:

*Minister:* The righteous shall be had in everlasting remembrance.

*People:* The memory of the just is bless'd.

*Minister:* Let us pray. O God, whose glory the redeemed in heaven eternally  
adore: Grant that we who rejoice in the festival of all thy saints may be  
brought to praise thee in the life everlasting; through Jesus Christ our  
Lord.

*People:* Amen.

## Hymn 625

*Darwall's 148th*

1 Ye holy angels bright, who wait at God's right hand, or through the realms of light fly at your Lord's command, assist our song, for else the theme too high doth seem for mortal tongue.

2 Ye blessed souls at rest, who ran this earthly race and now, from sin released, behold the Savior's face, God's praises sound, as in his sight with sweet delight ye do abound.

3 Ye saints, who toil below, adore your heavenly King, and onward as ye go some joyful anthem sing; take what he gives and praise him still, through good or ill, whoever lives.

4 My soul, bear thou thy part, triumph in God above: and with a well-tuned heart sing thou the songs of love! Let all thy days till life shall end, whate'er he send, be filled with praise.

*Priest*            Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
*People*            And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever.  
*Priest*            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 God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: Give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

### First Reading *(sit)*

Revelation 7:9-17

A Reading from the Revelation to John.

After this I, John, looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing,

"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

"For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

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

**Psalm 34:1–10, 22** *Sung by the choir to Anglican chant*      *Thomas Norris (1741–1790)*

- 1 I will bless the LORD at all times; \*  
    his praise shall ever be in my mouth.
- 2 I will glory in the LORD; \*  
    let the humble hear and rejoice.
- 3 Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD; \*  
    let us exalt his Name together.
- 4 I sought the LORD, and he answered me \*  
    and delivered me out of all my terror.
- 5 Look upon him and be radiant, \*  
    and let not your faces be ashamed.
- 6 I called in my affliction and the LORD heard me \*  
    and saved me from all my troubles.
- 7 The angel of the LORD encompasses those who fear him, \*  
    and he will deliver them.
- 8 Taste and see that the LORD is good; \*  
    happy are they who trust in him!
- 9 Fear the LORD, you that are his saints, \*  
    for those who fear him lack nothing.
- 10 The young lions lack and suffer hunger, \*  
    but those who seek the LORD lack nothing that is good.
- 22 The LORD ransoms the life of his servants, \*  
    and none will be punished who trust in him.

## Second Reading

1 John 3:1-3

A Reading from the First Letter of John.

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.

*People*            Thanks be to God.

## Hymn 293 (*stand*)

*Grand Isle*

1 I sing a song of the saints of God, patient and brave and true, who toiled and fought and lived and died for the Lord they loved and knew. And one was a doctor, and one was a queen, and one was a shepherdess on the green: they were all of them saints of God—and I mean, God helping, to be one too.

2 They loved their Lord so dear, so dear, and his love made them strong; and they followed the right, for Jesus' sake, the whole of their good lives long. And one was a soldier, and one was a priest, and one was slain by a fierce wild beast: and there's not any reason—no, not the least, why I shouldn't be one too.

3 They lived not only in ages past, there are hundreds of thousands still, the world is bright with the joyous saints who love to do Jesus' will. You can meet them in school, or in lanes, or at sea, in church, or in trains, or in shops, or at tea, for the saints of God are just folk like me, and I mean to be one too.

## Holy Gospel

Matthew 5:1-12

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

*People*            Glory to you, Lord Christ

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

*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, especially Barbara Jones, Gerry Calahan, Mary Nichols, Peggy Kleven, Linda M. Delmasto, Angela Massari, Evelyn O. Jewell, Brycen Coyle, Jane Cantler, Anita Ramirez, Phyllis Sheaffer, Diane Kemker, Martha Medel, Sarah Moody, Larry Kleven, Isabelle Ferrell, William Shuler, Ian Snider, Libby Dickinson, LouAnn Connors, Roma Plimmer, and Patricia Maxfield, 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

*Johannes Brahms (1833–1897)*

Laß dich nur nichts nicht dauren mit  
Trauren,  
sei stille, wie Gott es fügt,  
so sei vergnügt mein Wille!

*Do not be sorrowful or regretful;  
Be calm, as God has ordained,  
and thus my will shall be content.*

Was willst du heute sorgen auf  
morgen?  
Der Eine steht allem für,  
der gibt auch dir das Deine.

*What do you want to worry about from day  
to day?  
There is One who stands above all  
who gives you, too, what is yours.*

Sei nur in allem Handel ohn Wandel,  
steh feste, was Gott beschleußt,  
das ist und heißt das Beste.  
Amen.

*Only be steadfast in all you do,  
stand firm; what God has decided,  
that is and must be the best.  
Amen.*

*Paul Flemming (1609-1640)*

*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 in the multitude of your saints, you have surrounded us with a great cloud of witnesses, that we might rejoice in their fellowship, and run with endurance the race that is set before us; and, together with them, receive the crown of glory that never fades away.

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 526 (*sit*)

*Dundee*

1 Let saints on earth in concert sing with those whose work is done; for all the servants of our King in heaven and earth are one.

2 One family we dwell in him, one Church, above, beneath, though now divided by the stream, the narrow stream of death.

3 One army of the living God, to his command we bow; part of the host have crossed the flood, and part are crossing now.

4 E'en now by faith we join our hands with those that went before, and greet the ever-living bands on the eternal shore.

5 Jesus, be thou our constant Guide; then, when the word is given, bid Jordan's narrow stream divide, and bring us safe to heaven.

*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 618 (*stand*)

*Lasst uns erfreuen*

1 Ye watchers and ye holy ones, bright seraphs, cherubim, and thrones, raise the glad strain, Alleluia! Cry out, dominions, principedoms, powers, virtues, archangels, angels' choirs, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

2 O higher than the cherubim, more glorious than the seraphim, lead their praises, Alleluia! Thou bearer of the eternal Word, most gracious, magnify the Lord, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

3 Respond, ye souls in endless rest, ye patriarchs and prophets blest, Alleluia, alleluia! Ye holy twelve, ye martyrs strong, all saints triumphant, raise the song, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

4 O friends, in gladness let us sing, supernal anthems echoing, Alleluia, alleluia! To God the Father, God the Son, and God the Spirit, Three in One, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

## Dismissal

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

Postlude: Fughetta on *Sine Nomine*

*Richard Proulx*

## THOSE SERVING TODAY: Sunday, November 5, 2023

**Celebrant:** Fr. Reese

**Preacher:** Fr. Stadel

**Organist:** Ryan Hebert

**Choral Assistant:** Coleman Flentge

**Verger:** Richard Ferlita

**Crucifer:** Thomas Adams

**Torchbearers:** Rayanne Crawford, Winona Crawford

**Thurifer:** Lynn Dorman

**Lectors:** Don Crawford, Summer Crawford

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

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

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

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

**Coffee Hour Hosts:** Amber Mohen



The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and  
in loving memory of Heather Lauren McGhee and John Robert McGhee  
by Linda & Michael McGhee

**BIRTHDAYS:** Chris Watson, Stella Curry, Anne Kutchmire, Norton Busby,  
Kerry Brown, Wyatt Smith, CJ Smith  
**ANNIVERSARIES:** Joseph & Lisa Gari

### **All Saints' Evensong**

Please join us for candlelight **Choral Evensong today 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.

### **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.

## Children & Youth News

There will be a **confirmation meet & greet today 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!



Our Annual *St. Andrew's Fish Fry* will be on **Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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](http://oneblood.org/donate-now) and use sponsor code 72440. ID Required. Please contact Derrick Brown at [darbee45@gmail.com](mailto:darbee45@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 50<sup>th</sup> 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 hors 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](mailto: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:

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.*

## **Prayer for Peace in Israel and Gaza**

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem (Psalm 122:6) and for the leaders of all the nations, that they would have the wisdom that comes from the Spirit of God. Pray for love to replace all hate and for the courage to stand against the powers of evil. Pray for all people in the land who have lost families, friends, and neighbors, and for all those separated from a safe home.

## 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 5<sup>th</sup>. Gifts will need to be at the church on or before Sunday December 3<sup>rd</sup>.

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 3<sup>rd</sup> or any time earlier. Prices have increased significantly and here are approximate costs for shopping. (young/\$80, elementary/\$100, mid-high/\$120). We appreciate any donations and will be happy to take your contributions with others to help support a child's Christmas.

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

The title of today's offertory is *Geistliches Lied* or "Sacred Song." The piece is in the form of a double canon. The sopranos and tenors sing the same tune, but two measures apart and likewise with the basses and altos. It was written as part of a musical exchange between Brahms and his friend Joseph Joachim, a composer and violinist.

Brahms wrote to Joachim saying that he wondered if the piece was dull. Brahms wrote that the Amen pleased him most. In response, Joachim wrote, "In the Amen in question, the tenor clashes all too harshly with the alto and soprano." Brahms didn't change a thing. How could he? It came from his heart, and he *knew* it was right. Musically speaking, you cannot make this piece better. In that place Joachim criticizes, the tenors and sopranos clash, but

in the right context, they are sweet salve once the tension resolves. As for such dissonances in our own lives, once resolved they seem as if they were meant to be. They are crafted divinely in a dramatic flow of tension and release, like a beautiful symphony that takes you on the *full* gamut of emotion. This fullness of life includes bedazzling spectra of colors, emotions, and energies, from the highest highs to the lowest lows and everything in between.

I chose this anthem for All Saints because it deals with grief. The least comforting words to the family of the deceased are, “don’t worry, they’re now in a better place.” The implication is that one’s life is a means and an eventuality to God, rather than a union with God, right now. Secondly, when you say, “don’t worry,” people worry about how to stop worrying. In denying them the right to feel what they feel you imply their grief and fear is *not* ordained by God, is it meant to be, and perhaps even nonessential. Jesus wept, he got impatient with his disciples, and he lost his temper at times; so, it all must be essential. “All things come of thee, O Lord.” Can we live with such a “harsh” truth, that God is in *all* things?

Vaguely, we think that “one day” we’ll join God in heaven, but not yet. The implication is that God is unreachable now, and that life is a waiting room. It’s a shame we have such a distant view, waiting for God in the crematorium. Jesus said in Matthew, “The kingdom of heaven is within.” And in Luke, “The kingdom of heaven is here with us *now*.” And in John, “I have come that you may have life in all its *fullness*.”

The text of the anthem finishes, “what God has decided, that is and must be the best.” Every moment is best. Death isn’t a mistake, nor is grief, dissonance, or being left-handed! A life is not a means but a perfect union of God’s expressivity. Death doesn’t unite us with God. We are not separate, we’re just not paying attention, and a little dissonance awakens us.

Understanding this unbreakable union makes life heavenly. There is no better place nor time than this. Brahms knew it. I’m glad he didn’t change the “harshness” – it’s perfect as is! He obeyed his gut, and followed the kingdom of heaven within, and what beautiful music we enjoy, even now! To enter the pearly gates, so to speak, too many of us are waiting to see the inside of a casket. The glory is now. Snap out of waiting-room mentality, and step into the Truth of God here and now. Then see if the floodgates of heaven don’t begin to pour abundance into your soul, filling your life to the brim. *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,

**THOSE FOR WHOM PRAYERS HAVE BEEN ESPECIALLY REQUESTED:**

Mark Caro, Sgt. Billy Gudzak, Charlene Maxwell, Joan Hoppe, Carlton Hart, Stephen Tedrowe, Mercedes Richardson, Virginia Sink, Charlie Richardson, Christine Hudson, Janet Norona, Michael Norona, Tom Huffman, Sonja Waters, John Mennell, Christopher Hunt, Kathy Connolly, David M, Bob Hart, Dale Dubin, Charles Mullen, Kay Rankin, Jack Plimmer, Corinne Gaile, Jack Boyet, Jean Turner, Linda Iudiciani Barry, Fabio Pompili, Michael Perkins, Judy Crowley, Analee Mayes, Sonja Waters, John Mennell, Sandra, Steve Finessy, Warren Brown, Cathy Neely, Rick Ostman, Judith Mish, Mark Prater, Linda Barry, Ann & Gene Overmyer, Matt Harper, Susan Dawson, Dawn Headland, Beth Luensman, Carole Fields *(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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