



*Welcome to*

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

**THE TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**NOVEMBER 17, 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: Aria

*Noel Rawsthorne (1929–2019)*

### Tower Bell

**Hymn 632** (*stand*)

*Munich*

1 O Christ, the Word Incarnate, O Wisdom from on high, O Truth, unchanged, unchanging, O Light of our dark sky; we praise thee for the radiance that from the scripture's page a lantern to our footsteps, shines on from age to age.

2 The Church from our dear Master received the word divine, and still that light is lifted o'er all the earth to shine. It is the chart and compass that o'er life's surging sea, mid mists and rocks and quick-sands still guides, O Christ, to thee.

3 O make thy Church, dear Savior, a lamp of purest gold, to bear before the nations thy true light as of old; O teach thy wandering pilgrims by this their path to trace, till, clouds and darkness ended, they see thee face to face.

*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.

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.  
*Amen.*

**First Reading** (*sit*)

1 Samuel 1:4-20

A Reading from the First Book of Samuel.

On the day when Elkanah sacrificed, he would give portions to his wife Peninnah and to all her sons and daughters; but to Hannah he gave a double portion, because he loved her, though the Lord had closed her womb. Her rival used to provoke her severely, to irritate her, because the Lord had closed her womb. So it went on year by year; as often as she went up to the house of the Lord, she used to provoke her. Therefore Hannah wept and would not eat. Her husband Elkanah said to her, “Hannah, why do you weep? Why do

you not eat? Why is your heart sad? Am I not more to you than ten sons?" After they had eaten and drunk at Shiloh, Hannah rose and presented herself before the Lord. Now Eli the priest was sitting on the seat beside the doorpost of the temple of the Lord. She was deeply distressed and prayed to the Lord, and wept bitterly. She made this vow: "O Lord of hosts, if only you will look on the misery of your servant, and remember me, and not forget your servant, but will give to your servant a male child, then I will set him before you as a nazirite until the day of his death. He shall drink neither wine nor intoxicants, and no razor shall touch his head." As she continued praying before the Lord, Eli observed her mouth. Hannah was praying silently; only her lips moved, but her voice was not heard; therefore Eli thought she was drunk. So Eli said to her, "How long will you make a drunken spectacle of yourself? Put away your wine." But Hannah answered, "No, my lord, I am a woman deeply troubled; I have drunk neither wine nor strong drink, but I have been pouring out my soul before the Lord. Do not regard your servant as a worthless woman, for I have been speaking out of my great anxiety and vexation all this time." Then Eli answered, "Go in peace; the God of Israel grant the petition you have made to him." And she said, "Let your servant find favor in your sight." Then the woman went to her quarters, ate and drank with her husband, and her countenance was sad no longer. They rose early in the morning and worshiped before the Lord; then they went back to their house at Ramah. Elkanah knew his wife Hannah, and the Lord remembered her. In due time Hannah conceived and bore a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, "I have asked him of the Lord."

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

**Psalm 16** *Sung by the choir to Anglican chant*            *Sir Edward Bairstow (1874–1946)*

- 1 Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; \*  
I have said to the LORD, "You are my Lord,  
my good above all other."
- 2 All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, \*  
upon those who are noble among the people.
- 3 But those who run after other gods \*  
shall have their troubles multiplied.
- 4 Their libations of blood I will not offer, \*  
nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.

- 5 O LORD, you are my portion and my cup; \*  
it is you who uphold my lot.
- 6 My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; \*  
indeed, I have a goodly heritage.
- 7 I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel; \*  
my heart teaches me, night after night.
- 8 I have set the LORD always before me; \*  
because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.
- 9 My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; \*  
my body also shall rest in hope.
- 10 For you will not abandon me to the grave, \*  
nor let your holy one see the Pit.
- 11 You will show me the path of life; \*  
in your presence there is fullness of joy,  
and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

## **Second Reading**

Hebrews 10:11-25

A Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

Every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, “he sat down at the right hand of God,” and since then has been waiting “until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet.” For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified. And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us, for after saying, “This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord: I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds,” he also adds, “I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.” Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin. Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and

good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

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

**Hymn 628** (*stand*)

*St. Ethelwald*

1 Help us, O Lord, to learn the truths your word imparts: to study, that your laws may be inscribed upon our hearts.

3 Help us, O Lord, to teach the beauty of your ways, that yearning souls may find the Christ and live a life of praise.

2 Help us, O Lord, to live the faith which we proclaim, that all our thoughts and words and deeds may glorify your Name.

**Holy Gospel**

Mark 13:1-8

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

As he came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!" Then Jesus asked him, "Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down." When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, "Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?" Then Jesus began to say to them, "Beware that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and they will lead many astray. When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs."

*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 Sean, 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

*Carl Schalk (1929–2021)*

I have set the Lord always before me because He is at my right hand I shall not be moved. Therefore, my heart is glad, and my spirit rejoices. My flesh will also rest in hope. You will show me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

*Psalm 16:8, 9, 11 (NKJV)*

*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 571 (*sit*)

*Charlestown*

1 All who love and serve your city, all who bear its daily stress, all who cry for peace and justice, all who curse and all who bless,  
2 in your day of loss and sorrow, in your day of helpless strife, honor, peace, and love retreating, seek the Lord who is your life.

3 In your day of wealth and plenty, wasted work and wasted play, call to mind the word of Jesus, "I must work while it is day."

4 For all days are days of judgment, and the Lord is waiting still, drawing near a world that spurns him, offering peace from Calvary's hill.

5 Risen Lord! shall yet the city be the city of despair? Come today, our Judge, our Glory; be its name, "the Lord is there!"

### Motet

*Malcolm Archer (b. 1952)*

*O salutaris hostia  
Quae caeli pandis ostium.  
Bella premunt hostilia;  
Da robur, fer auxilium.*

*Uni trinoque Domino  
Sit sempiterna gloria:  
Qui vitam sine termino,  
Nobis donet in patria. Amen.*

O saving victim opening wide  
The gate of heaven to all below.  
Our foes press on from every side;  
Thine aid supply, Thy strength  
bestow.

To Thy great name be endless praise  
Immortal Godhead, One in Three;  
Oh, grant us endless length of days,  
In our true native land with Thee.  
Amen.

*St. Thomas Aquinas (1227-1274)*

*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 596** (*stand*)

*Komm, o komm, du Geist des Lebens*

1 Judge eternal, throned in splendor,  
Lord of lords and King of kings, with  
thy living fire of judgment purge this  
land of bitter things; solace all its wide  
dominion with the healing of thy  
wings.

2 Still the weary folk are pining for the  
hour that brings release, and the city's  
crowded clangor cries aloud for sin to  
cease; and the homesteads and the  
woodlands plead in silence for their  
peace.

3 Crown, O God, thine own endeavor;  
cleave our darkness with thy sword; feed  
all those who do not know thee with the  
richness of thy word; cleanse the body of  
this nation through the glory of the Lord.

### **Dismissal**

*Priest*  
*People*

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



Postlude: Marche from Les festes venitiennes

*André Campra (1660–1744)*



The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in gratitude for schoolteachers, mentors, first responders, and health care workers by Christopher Hunt

**THOSE SERVING TODAY: Sunday, November 17, 2024**

**Celebrant & Preacher:** Fr. Reese

**Assisting Priest:** Fr. Campbell

**Organist:** Ryan Hebert

**Choral Assistant:** Coleman Flentge

**Vergers:** Piers Curry

**Crucifer:** Emily Borsch

**Torchbearers:** Esther Henley, Diana Tapie

**Lectors:** Peter Baker, Irene Baker

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

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


**Ushers:** Eric Hargens, Loueita Hargens

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

**BIRTHDAYS:** Mallory Lykes, Gary Cotter, Linda Sparn, Christopher Hunt, Jack Boyet, Patricia Wolfe

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Michael & Tonia Phillips, Gray & Catherine Sanders, Robert & Elaine Kimble, Michael & Mary Beth Dickinson

## **Fish Fry**

**Fish Fry**  Our Annual *St. Andrew's Fish Fry* will be today, November 17th 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 Dunbar Elementary School.

## A Magnificat Holiday

Celebrate the holiday season with the Plant City Community Chorale, the Concert Chorus and Virtuosi Orchestra from Dr. Kiran C. Patel High School as they present Francesco Durante's masterpiece, *Magnificat in Bb!* Under the direction of Coleman Flentge, the concert will feature this Baroque masterpiece as well as other holiday favorites to provide some magic to your Christmas season. We hope to see you here at St. Andrew's on **Thursday November 21 at 7PM!** Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased at the door or at [pccchorale.org/upcoming-concerts!](http://pccchorale.org/upcoming-concerts)

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## THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE

*Choral Eucharist*

*Wednesday, November 27 - 7:00 p.m.*

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

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## Adult Christian Education

Sunday mornings at 9:30

*Signs and Wonders: A Beginner's Guide to the Miracles of Jesus*

In *Signs and Wonders: A Beginner's Guide to the Miracles of Jesus*, Amy-Jill Levine explores selected miracles of Jesus in historical and theological context. For each miracle, she discusses not only how past witnesses would have understood the events, but also how today's readers can draw meaning from Jesus's words and actions. Levine is Professor of New Testament and Jewish Studies at Hartford Seminary and Professor Emerita of New Testament Studies at Vanderbilt University.

Here is the rest of the lineup:

11/17 - Giving sight to the blind: Metaphors of understanding (Mark 8, John 9)

11/24 - The raising of Lazarus: Taking death seriously

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

### **Sunday mornings at 9:30**

*Experiencing Christmas: Christ in the Sights and Sounds of Advent*

**Discover how everything changed when God was born.**

Everything seems different at the end of the year. We put lights on our houses to dispel the growing darkness, Christmas music floods local radio stations, eggnog flows, and wrapping paper and tape are always ready. Things just look, smell, and taste differently during the Advent and Christmas season, and these differences are a sign to us that God is about to do something radical and different. Christmas is when God surrounded the divine with senses of his own. That first noel was when God had eyes to see suffering, ears to hear our cries, and hands to hold those in need, and all of these senses were bundled in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. “This will be a sign to you,” the angel told the shepherds, and they traveled to Bethlehem and found a child. What signs do you see during the Advent and Christmas season that point you to the divine?

Join us for this video study led by Matt Rawle, Lead Pastor at Asbury United Methodist Church in Bossier City, Louisiana.

Here is the line-up:

12/1 – Do You See What I See?

12/8 – Do You Hear What I Hear?

12/15 – Do You Taste What I Taste?

12/22 – Do You Feel What I Feel?

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## ***Joy! A Winter Spectacular***

Musicians from Dr. Kiran C. Patel High School are excited to return to St. Andrew's for their fourth annual winter concert! This year's theme is "Joy!" and will be a showcase of music intended to spread joy and light to our community! We hope you will mark your calendars and be a part of this truly festive celebration. The concert is here at St. Andrew's on **Thursday December 12 at 7PM**. Tickets are \$10 for adults and free for children 12 and under.

### **Gabriel Tree**

The Parish Outreach Committee is again sponsoring the 2024 Gabriel Tree Project. This supports students and families at Dunbar Elementary, a local Tampa public school. Our two previously sponsored schools were closed this year by the county.

Tags with 100 children's names, sizes and wish gifts will be available starting November 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Parish Hall. The sign-out list contains children of all ages, as once a child is nominated by the school social worker, we sponsor all the children in that household up to age 18. This is a great time to select a child or children close in age and interest to your own children or grandchildren and make a family tradition of shopping and wrapping to help those less fortunate.

We invite you to participate in one of several ways:

A. Take a tag and sign up for the child's name, purchase and wrap the gifts, and drop them off at the Parish Hall by Sunday December 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

· Choose 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.

## 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

Instead of labeled boxes, we will use the barrels provided in the Parish Hall for your food donations. Metropolitan Ministries will sort all our donations at their facilities this year. Gift cards for turkeys are also welcome, as are check donations made out to St. Andrew's with "Turkey Pack" in the memo line. Gift cards and checks should go in the offering plate, not in the barrels. The deadline is Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup>. 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!

## Daughters of the King

ECW of Southwest Florida and the Southwest Florida Diocesan Assembly of the Daughters of the King are pleased to present a joint event this November at DaySpring. THE WOMEN'S SPIRITUAL DAY at DaySpring Conference Center on **November 23<sup>rd</sup>** is from 9:00am - 3:00pm. We invite you to join us and guest speaker Bishop Glenda Curry, Bishop of Alabama and Province IV DOK Chaplain, for this Women's Spiritual Day, **Take My Hand, Precious Lord**. Bishop Douglas Scharf will celebrate the eucharist. Contact Adrienne Love at 813-391-5129 or [alove6984@gmail.com](mailto:alove6984@gmail.com) if interested. Registration fee of \$25 includes continental breakfast, snacks, and lunch.

## New Flower Chart

The 2025 Flower Sign-Up Chart is in the parish hall. Don't delay in choosing important commemorative dates. Please help with this wonderful ministry to adorn the altar during

worship by sponsoring flowers. High Altar flowers are \$150 for florist choice, personal choices can be arranged at an additional cost. Chapel Altar flowers are optional. If you'd like to sponsor both altars, the cost is \$250. If you have questions, please contact Charlotte Churchill 813-352-0162 [cmchurchi18@gmail.com](mailto:cmchurchi18@gmail.com)

## Youth News

Our annual Christmas pageant, put on by children and youth, will take place **Sunday, December 22nd at the 10:30 service. All children and youth who would like to be involved in the pageant must attend just 5 rehearsals this year.** These rehearsals will be held the following weeks:

Sunday, November 24th at 9:30am in the children's chapel

Sunday, December 1st at 9:30am in the children's chapel

Sunday, December 8th at 9:30am in the children's chapel

Sunday, December 15th at 9:30am in the children's chapel

**Final Dress Rehearsal Saturday, December 21st at 10am in the sanctuary**

**Pageant Sunday, December 22nd at 10:30am (FULL CAST meets in the Children's chapel at 9:15am)**

**We will have a Christmas Party for all participants after the Pageant/ 10:30am service and coffee hour on the 6th floor!** Parents are welcome to stay as well, but the church would also love to have your assistance with the greening of the church (you can contact the main office at 813-221-2035)!

\*We will meet in the Children's chapel for all rehearsals and move to the sanctuary for the final dress rehearsal. We need children and youth of all ages!

Please contact Alicia Schmid today at [aliciaschmid@rocketmail.com](mailto:aliciaschmid@rocketmail.com) to find a part for your child or teen!

## Make a Pledge for 2025

Please return your pledge card for 2025 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.

## Music Notes

In contemplating today's Psalm and anthem, "setting the Lord always before me" is difficult to explain. I have Amanda Cohen to thank for this image; but it's like an hourglass that seems to have been flipped and steadied. Your average human is "heady," and is often led by compulsion. And when the hourglass rights itself, stillness leads.

Carl Schalk was a noted Lutheran composer, author, and lecturer. Between 1965 and 2004 he taught church music at Concordia University in Chicago. During this time, he developed the university's Master of Church Music degree. His music is unassuming, not over the top, but seamless and clean. It's still, like a smoothed-out lake. This anthem reflects clarity of mind and body, the hourglass idea righting itself.

Some of you may remember the old Mac computers. When "unresponsive," the cursor would turn into a spinning hourglass. Today, it's a spinning wheel called a throbber. It means that something is working in the "background," and the computer's bandwidth is all eaten up. It's frustrating. The computer is no good – it's locked up with worry.

I believe many of us are throbbers ourselves. There's something running in the background of our minds, which has robbed us of our creative bandwidth. We're no good. Our hourglass is spinning at night. We consume too much news, social media, and engage in too much useless conversation. We're unresponsive, locked, and our bandwidth is taken up with futility, rather than creativity, unconditional love, and peace.

But each week, we have an opportunity to notice the hourglass come to a standstill. When that happens, the sand trickles down into the lower part of our bodies and the sandstorm of the mind settles. In those moments of clarity, we see what "setting the Lord before me" means. It means settling from your spinning throbber, whirling wildly as your head hits the pillow at night. In the gaps, when the hourglass frees up bandwidth, you feel moments of bliss. Few experience this on a regular basis. Their creative bandwidth is consumed with fear and the so-called happenings of the world.

This anthem reminds us of how intimate life really is, when we stop spinning. In the word intimate is a clue – the word "mate." Who is this mate? This might be considered your intuitive gut, your center of being which awakens when you get off your device and into the simpleness of the present moment – nature, silence, stillness. When the hourglass stops spinning, the bandwidth creates a portal, a space that allows the sand to descend into the

lower portion of the vessel. This grounds you. It aligns you with the gravitational pull of the spirit, the foundation that keeps you “upright” in a turbulent world.

“The Lord being before me” means that your highness is priority, not the compulsive mind, or your lowness. We call this highness God, but deeply we know high and low are both alike. The depths now lead with subvocalization in the gut, not spinning words in the head. The lower portion of our being leads, rather than the heady, upper portion toppling over with every wave that hits it. That’s the straightforward nature of the spirit, and the spinning hourglass rests in midair. You can hear this “airiness” in the music, the grounding of the spirit. The openness of spiritual bandwidth now leads the way, and the hourglass stands still in the timelessness of the soul. *Soli de Gloria!* -Ryan Hebert

**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, Charlene Maxwell, James Arthur “Bubba” Turner, Beth Sellas, Charles Cernuda, Callista Tolbert

**THOSE FOR WHOM PRAYERS HAVE BEEN ESPECIALLY REQUESTED:** Mark Caro, Sgt. Billy Gudzak, Joan Hoppe, Carlton Hart, Stephen Tedrowe, Virginia Sink, Charlie Richardson, Christine Hudson, Janet Norona, Michael Norona, Christopher Hunt, Charles Mullen, Corinne Gaile, Jack Boyet, Holly Clemmons, Katie Pastorius, Deloris Lewis, Ralph & Nancy Swank, Delphine & Bob Ballard, Janis Riasanovsky, Linda Barry, Brian Polley, Edwin Bourdeau, Ron Trybus, Matt Harper, Jean McAlister, Gale Vineyard, Allyson Littleton, Luzette Lightfoot, Pamela Ann Lane Ketchy, Elizabeth Mangun, Mike McGhee, Ramond Chiamonte *(If you wish to add someone to the prayer list, please call Lauri in the church office at 813-221-2035.*

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