



*Welcome to*

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

**THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT: GAUDETE SUNDAY  
DECEMBER 15, 2024**

**10:30AM**

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

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

All Visitors and Newcomers are invited to complete the information card, found on the back of the pews, and leave it with an usher or in the offering plate. Please introduce yourselves to the clergy as you leave the church and come to coffee hour in the parish hall after the 10:30 a.m. service.

Each Sunday we celebrate The Holy Eucharist at 8 a.m. (Rite I, said); and at 10:30 a.m. (Rite II, with choir).

***At Your Service:*** Stay warm at Saint Andrew’s: Borrow a shawl from the basket at the back of the church. Shawl donations also welcomed!

#### IMPORTANT PRIVACY NOTICE

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

*Be thoughtful, be silent, be reverent—for this is the house of God.  
Before the service, speak to God.  
During the service, let God speak to you.  
After the service, speak to one another.*

**PLEASE SILENCE ALL ELECTRONIC DEVICES.**

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

Prelude: Nun komm' der Heiden Heiland, BWV 599

*J.S. Bach (1685–1750)*

### Tower Bell

**Hymn 74** (*stand*)

*Valet will ich dir geben*

1 Blest be the King whose coming is in the name of God! For him let doors be opened, no hearts against him barred! Not robed in royal splendor, in power and pomp, comes he; but clad as are the poorest, such his humility!

2 Blest be the King whose coming is in the name of God! By those who truly listen his voice is truly heard; pity the proud and haughty, who have not learned to heed the Christ who is the Promise, who has atonement made.

3 Blest be the King whose coming is in the name of God! He only to the humble reveals the face of God. All power is his, all glory! All things are in his hand, all ages and all peoples, till time itself shall end!

4 Blest be the King whose coming is in the name of God! He offers to the burdened the rest and grace they need. Gentle is he and humble! And light his yoke shall be, for he would have us bear it so he can make us free.

*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.*

*The following is sung, all standing*

Lord, have mercy.

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Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

### **Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

### **First Reading** (*sit*)

Zephaniah 3:14-20

A Reading from the Book of Zephaniah.

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! The Lord has taken away the judgments against you, he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more. On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak. The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival. I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it. I will deal with all your oppressors at that time. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes, says the Lord.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

## **Canticle 9, The First Song of Isaiah**

*Sung by the choir to plainsong*

Surely, it is God who saves me; \*  
I will trust in him and not be afraid.  
For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, \*  
and he will be my Savior.  
Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing \*  
from the springs of salvation.  
And on that day you shall say, \*  
Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;  
Make his deeds known among the peoples; \*  
see that they remember that his Name is exalted.  
Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, \*  
and this is known in all the world.  
Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, \*  
for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.  
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

## **Second Reading**

*Philippians 4:4-7*

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

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

## Hymn 481 (stand)

Gopsal

1 Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore! Mortals, give thanks and sing, and triumph evermore.

<sup>Refrain</sup> Lift up your heart! lift up your voice! Rejoice! again I say, rejoice!

2 The Lord the Savior reigns, the God of truth and love: when he had purged our stains, he took his seat above. *Refrain.*

3 His kingdom cannot fail; he rules o'er earth and heaven; the keys of earth and hell to Christ the Lord are given. *Refrain.*

4 Rejoice in glorious hope! Our Lord the Judge shall come, and take his servants up to their eternal home. *Refrain.*

## Holy Gospel

Luke 3:7-18

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

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor’; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.” And the crowds asked him, “What then should we do?” In reply he said to them, “Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.” Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, “Teacher, what should we do?” He said to them, “Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you.” Soldiers also asked him, “And we, what should we do?” He said to them, “Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages.” As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, “I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.” So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

*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*)

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying, “Lord, have mercy.”

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For Sean, our Presiding Bishop, Doug, our Bishop, John, Rick, and Jerry, our priests, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For Joe, our President, Ron, our Governor, Jane, our Mayor, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For this city, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, especially the people of Ukraine, Israel, and Gaza, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*



That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

In the communion of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

*To thee, O Lord our God.*

*Silence*

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 Priest then says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence.*

*Minister and People*

Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

*The Priest stands and says*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

**Peace** (*stand*)

*Celebrant*      The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People*            And also with you.

*Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

**Announcements**

## **Holy Communion**

**At the Offertory:**

Carol

*Bruce Neswick (b. 1956)*

Lo how a rose e'er blooming From tender stem hath sprung. Of Jesse's lineage coming As seers of old have sung. It came a blossom bright, Amid the cold of winter, When half spent was the night.

Isaiah 'twas foretold it The rose I have in mind. With Mary we behold it The virgin mother kind. To show God's love aright, She bore to us a Savior, When half spent was the night.

O Flow'r, whose fragrance tender with sweetness fills the air, dispel in glorious splendor the darkness everywhere; true man, yet very God, from sin and death now save us, and share our every load.

*St. 1-2, Theodore Baker (1851–1925); St. 3 Friedrich Layritz (1808–1859)*

*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**

*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.

Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

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*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People*

We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;

*The Celebrant continues*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.*

*Agnus Dei*

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Jesus, Lamb of God: Have mercy on us.  
Jesus, bearer of our sins: Have mercy on us.  
Jesus, redeemer of the world: Give us your peace.

*The Celebrant says*

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

***All baptized persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion.***

## Music during Communion:

Aria

*G.F. Handel (1685–1759)*

Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God. Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem, and cry unto her, that her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned. The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low; the crooked straight, and the rough places plain.

*Isaiah 40:1-4*  
Ethan Lucas, *tenor*

**Hymn 54** (*sit*)

*Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland*

1 Savior of the nations, come! Virgin's Son, make here your home. Marvel now, both heaven and earth, that the Lord chose such a birth.

2 Wondrous birth! Oh, wondrous child of the Virgin undefiled! Mighty God and Mary's son, eager now his race to run!

3 Thus on earth the Word appears, gracing his created spheres; hence to death and hell descends, then the heavenly throne ascends.

4 Come, O Father's saving Son, who o'er sin the victory won. Boundless shall your kingdom be; grant that we its glories see.

*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 priest blesses the people, saying*

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

## Hymn 76 (*stand*)

*Winchester New*

1 On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry announces that the Lord is nigh; awake and hearken, for he brings glad tidings of the King of kings.

2 Then cleansed be every breast from sin; make straight the way for God within, and let each heart prepare a home where such a mighty guest may come.

3 For thou art our salvation, Lord, our refuge, and our great reward; without thy grace we waste away like flowers that wither and decay.

4 To heal the sick stretch out thine hand, and bid the fallen sinner stand; shine forth, and let thy light restore earth's own true loveliness once more.

5 All praise, eternal Son, to thee, whose advent doth thy people free; whom with the Father we adore and Holy Spirit evermore.

## Dismissal

*Priest*            Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People*            Thanks be to God.

Postlude: Prelude in E minor

*J.S. Bach (1685–1750)*



The altar flowers are given to the glory of God in memory of A. Bronson Thayer by his wife, Stella, and daughter, Susannah. And, in memory of Chester & Louise Ferguson by their children, Stella Thayer & Howell Ferguson and their families.

## **THOSE SERVING TODAY: Sunday, December 15, 2024**

**Celebrant & Preacher:** Fr. Reese

**Assisting Priest:** Fr. Campbell

**Organist:** Ryan Hebert

**Choral Assistant:** Coleman Flentge

**Verger:** Allison Besselieu

**Crucifer:** Thomas Adams

**Torchbearers:** Rayanne Crawford, Winona Crawford

**Lectors:** Coleman Flentge, Tom Akins

**Lay Eucharistic Ministers:** George Bedell, Patrick Keogh

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

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

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

**Coffee Hour Hosts:** The Fellowship Team

**BIRTHDAYS:** Angel Coleman, Doug Rubottom, Joshua Dixon, Louise Polley,  
Eli Meriwether, Cynthia Bedell, Ann Scott Knight

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Jack & Linda Sparn, John & Susan Mueller

## **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.

## **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)





## Christmas Flowers & Music



Flowers amount \$

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In Thanksgiving for: \_\_\_\_\_

*Use this QR Code to make your donation online and send this completed form back to the office so we have your dedication information.*



**END OF YEAR GIVING:** According to IRS tax rules for charitable deductions, donors must deliver checks or make online donations on or by December 31, 2024 in order to claim a charitable contribution deduction for 2024. Checks that are placed in the church offering during the first worship service in 2025 (January 5th) will not qualify for a charitable contribution deduction in 2024, even if the check is predated to 2024 or was actually written in 2024. However, checks that are written, mailed and post-marked in 2024 will be deductible in 2024 though they are not received by a church until 2025. You can also make your donations online by using the QR code below. Just complete the description with EOY 2024.



## **Adult Christian Education**

**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 rest of the line-up:

12/15 – Do You Taste What I Taste?

12/22 – Do You Feel What I Feel?

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

## Children & 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 the rehearsals.** Rehearsals will be held the following weeks:

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!





## **RECTORY CHRISTMAS PARTY**

*You are invited to join the Reeses for a Christmas party  
on Friday, December 20<sup>th</sup> • 6:00—10:00pm  
159 W. Davis Boulevard  
(NE corner of W. Davis and Barbados, on Davis Islands)*

## **GREENING OF THE CHURCH SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22<sup>nd</sup>, after the 10:30am service**

All hands on deck to help load Christmas trees, poinsettias, lights and wreathes  
to decorate our beautiful church for the Christmas holidays!  
Volunteers ages 8 to 80 needed! With many hands this task can be accomplished quickly!

## **CHRISTMAS LESSONS & CAROLS SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22<sup>nd</sup> AT 5pm**

The Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols at King's College, Cambridge, was first held on Christmas Eve in 1918. Since then, churches around the world have continued this time-honored celebration. The service this year will be on **Sunday, Dec. 22 at 5p.m.** You don't want to miss this service, as it is a wonderful way to usher in the Christmas season. Plan to join us and to bring a friend or two. The parish Christmas party will follow in the parish hall.

## **PARISH CHRISTMAS PARTY**

Please join us for our annual Christmas party in the Parish Hall immediately following Lessons & Carols on **Sunday, Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup>**. Please bring an appetizer, side dish or dessert to share as we celebrate the joys of the season together. You may drop off your food (including items that need to be reheated with instructions) in the kitchen before or after morning services or before Lessons & Carols. Please contact Allison Besselieu at [allisonbesselieu@gmail.com](mailto:allisonbesselieu@gmail.com) if you have any questions.



*Saint Andrew's Holiday Schedule*

Friday, December 20 - 6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

**Rectory Christmas Party**

*159 W. Davis Boulevard*

*(NE corner of W. Davis and Barbados, on Davis Islands)*

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Sunday, December 22 - 10:30 a.m. service

**Christmas Pageant**

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Sunday, December 22 right after the 10:30 Service

**The Greening of the Church**

*Volunteers ages 8 to 80 needed! With many hands this task can be accomplished quickly!*

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Sunday, December 22 — 5:00 p.m.

**Christmas Lessons & Carols**

followed by Parish Christmas Party *(child care provided)*

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Tuesday, December 24

**Christmas Eve services**

5:30 p.m. — Choral Eucharist (Rite II)

9:00 p.m. — Choral Eucharist

(Rite I with incense)

A string ensemble will perform at both services,  
with pre-service music at 5:00 p.m. and 8:30 p.m.

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Wednesday, December 25

**Christmas Day service**

10:30 a.m.

## St. A's Book Club Meetings for Jan-Apr 2025

Founded on October 6, 2024, our Book Club has grown to over twenty members. Our first two choices were Ernest Hemingway, "The Snows of Kilimanjaro" (Nov 10) and Claire Keegan, *Small Things Like These* (Dec 8). We shall meet on the first Sunday of the month, after the 10:30 am Eucharist, in the third floor Library, room 302. Bring your coffee & snacks. If you enjoy good reading, challenging ideas, and cogent discussion, come and join us. Here are the 2025 dates and the books we shall discuss.

- ❖ Sun Jan 5 / 4<sup>th</sup> meeting / Charles Portis, *True Grit* (1968), 240 pp, \$17.
- ❖ Sun Feb 2 / 5<sup>th</sup> meeting / Hernan Diaz, *Trust* (2023), 416 pp, \$10.
- ❖ Sun Mar 2 / 6<sup>th</sup> meeting / H.P. Lovecraft, *The Case of Charles Dexter Ward* (1941), 118 pp, \$8.
- ❖ Sun Apr 6 / 7<sup>th</sup> meeting / Paulo Coelho, *The Alchemist* (1988), 197 pp, \$15.

Do come and join us. If you want to be on our mailing list or if you have any questions, please do email me, Ray Vince, Book Club secretary, at [rvince@hccfl.edu](mailto:rvince@hccfl.edu) or text me at 813-857-7419.

### You Must Get Past John

William Willimon, retired Chaplain at Duke University, says that John the Baptist reminds us of boundaries we must respect and gates we must pass through. At Duke, Willimon reminded the students, "If you are going to graduate, you must first get past the English Department. If you are going to practice law, you must pass the bar. If you want to get to medical school you must survive Organic Chemistry." Likewise, "If you want to get to the joy of Bethlehem in the presence of Jesus, you must get past John the Baptist in the desert." The word from John is "repent," which means "about-face" or turning 180 degrees.

**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 Biondillo, Charlene Maxwell, James Arthur "Bubba" Turner, Beth Sellas, Charles Cernuda, Callista Tolbert, Rebecca Blake

**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, Lee Barks, Nancy Martin, Debbie Bonsole *(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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for prayers by the Daughters of the King  
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The Rt. Rev. Dr. Douglas Scharf, *VI Bishop of Southwest Florida*

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

Anguel Dimitrov, *Sexton*

## Vestry

*Class of 2025:* Barbara Brotherton, Derrick Brown, Victoria Klug,

Richard Chapman, *Junior Warden*, Brad Hall

*Class of 2026:* Allison Besseliu, Jennifer Smith, Martha Cobb, Wallace Dixon,

Eric Hargens, *Treasurer*

*Class of 2027:* Nicole Carr, *Clerk of the Vestry*, Piers Curry, *Senior Warden*,

Don Crawford, Wayne Daley, Paul Henley

*In the name of Christ, we the people of Saint Andrew's Episcopal Church, in response to God's call, proclaim our belief that Jesus Christ is Lord and Savior, and thereby declare our purpose to be to glorify God through our worship and work, to serve the spiritual and temporal needs of others as Christ's disciples, and to build a lively, growing community in Christ's image.*