

THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

2023

CHRISTMAS EVE

5:30 P.M.

SAINT ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
TAMPA, FLORIDA

Ryan Hebert, *Director of Music/Organist*
Coleman Flentge, *Associate Director of Music*

The Louise Lykes Ferguson Memorial Choir

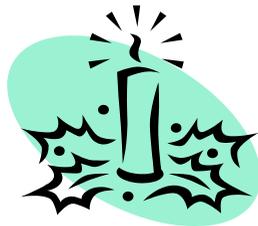
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String Quartet

Natalie Yu - *1st violin*
Jina Lee - *2nd violin*
Jonas Benson - *viola*
Laura Smith - *cello*

A Christmas Prayer

Light of the world so clear and bright,
Enter our homes on Christmas night;
Re-light our souls so tenderly
That we may grow to be like Thee.



PLEASE SILENCE ALL ELECTRONIC DEVICES

CHRISTMAS EVE
24 December 2023

PRELUDE • 5:00 P.M.

Prelude Concert	Various Carol Arrangements for String Quartet
	Joy To the World <i>arr. John Rutter (b. 1945)</i>
	In the Bleak Mid-Winter <i>Harold Darke (1888–1976)</i>
	Gloria <i>Antonio Vivaldi (1678–1741)</i>
	O Holy Night <i>Adolphe Adam (1803–1856)</i>

Marshall Corzette, *baritone*

HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE TWO • 5:30 P.M.

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 83 *Stanzas 1-3,6*

Adeste fideles

1 O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant, O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem; come and behold him, born the King of angels;

Refrain O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord.

2 God from God, Light from Light eternal, lo! he abhors not the Virgin's womb; only begotten Son of the Father; *Refrain*

3 Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation, sing, all ye citizens of heaven above; glory to God, glory in the highest; *Refrain*

6 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning; Jesus to thee be glory given. Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing; *Refrain*

The Blessing of the Crèche

Celebrant Behold, the dwelling of God is with men.
People He will dwell with us and we shall be his people.
Celebrant God himself is with us. Alleluia.
People O come, let us adore him. Alleluia.
Celebrant Let us pray.

Eternal Father, you sent your only-begotten Son to take our human nature upon him, and to be born of a pure virgin: Bless, we pray, this crèche, that it may be to us a sign of his humble birth; and grant that we who joyfully behold his appearing may be strengthened to greet him when he comes again in glory; even the same Jesus Christ our Lord and Redeemer, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

Hymn 93

Regent Square

1 Angels, from the realms of glory, wing
your flight o'er all the earth; ye, who sang
creation's story, now proclaim Messiah's
birth:
Refrain come and worship, come and
worship, worship Christ, the newborn
King.
2 Shepherds in the field abiding, watching
o'er your flocks by night, God with you is
now residing; yonder shines the infant
Light: *Refrain*

3 Sages, leave your contemplations;
brighter visions beam afar: seek the great
Desire of nations; ye have seen his natal
star: *Refrain*
4 Saints before the altar bending, watching
long in hope and fear, suddenly the Lord,
descending, in his temple shall appear:
Refrain

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Collect for Purity

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

Gloria

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.

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Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:

have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,

Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, you make us glad by the yearly festival of the birth of your only Son Jesus Christ: Grant that we, who joyfully receive him as our Redeemer, may with sure confidence behold him when he comes to be our Judge; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Reading (*sit*)

Isaiah 9:2-7

A Reading from the Book of Isaiah.

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

After the Lesson, the Reader says: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Hymn 107 (*stand*)

In dulci jubilo

1 Good Christian friends rejoice with heart
and soul and voice; give ye heed to what
we say: Jesus Christ is born today; ox and
ass before him bow, and he is in the manger
now. Christ is born today! Christ is born
today!

2 Good Christian friends rejoice with heart
and soul and voice; now ye hear of endless
bliss; Jesus Christ was born for this! He
hath opened heaven's door, and we are
blest forever more. Christ was born for
this! Christ was born for this!

3 Good Christian friends rejoice with heart
and soul and voice; now ye need not fear
the grave: Jesus Christ was born to save!
Calls you one and calls you all to gain his
everlasting hall. Christ was born to save!
Christ was born to save!

The Holy Gospel

Luke 2:1-20

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

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.” And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!” When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.” So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon (*sit*)

Father Reese

Nicene Creed *said by all, standing*

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.

The Prayers of the People: *(kneel)*

The Leader and People pray responsively

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble, especially the people of Ukraine, Israel, and Gaza;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed, especially those in whose memory the flowers and music have been given, eternal rest;
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

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

Priest: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

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.**

The Peace (*stand*)

Priest The Peace of the Lord be always with you.
People And also with you.

The Greetings (*sit*)

Holy Communion

At the Offertory:

Carol

Charles Wood (1866–1926)

Ding dong merrily on high, In heav'n the bells are ringing:
Ding dong! verily the sky Is riv'n with angel singing. Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis!

E'en so here below, below, Let steeple bells be swungen,
And "Io, io, io!" By priest and people sungen. Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis!

Pray you, dutifully prime Your matin chime, ye ringers;
May you beautifully rime Your evetime song, ye singers. Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis!

George Ratcliffe Woodward (1848–1934)

Hymn 100 (*stand*) Stanzas 1,2,4

Antioch

1 Joy to the world! the Lord is come: let earth receive her King; let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing, and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

4 He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove the glories of his righteousness, and wonders of his love, and wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.

2 Joy to the world! the Savior reigns; let us our songs employ, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains, repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

The Great Thanksgiving: *Eucharistic Prayer A*

The people remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and says

	The Lord be with you.
<i>People</i>	And also with you.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Lift up your hearts.
<i>People</i>	We lift them to the Lord.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
<i>People</i>	It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant

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 gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children.

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. Then 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.

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.

The 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 Christians are welcome to receive Communion.

Music During Communion:

Hymn 82 (*sit*)

Divinum mysterium

1 Of the Father's love begotten, ere the worlds began to be, he is Alpha and Omega, he the source, the ending he, of the things that are, that have been, and that future years shall see, evermore and evermore!

2 O that birth forever blessed, when the Virgin, full of grace, by the Holy Ghost conceiving, bore the Savior of our race; and the Babe, the world's Redeemer, first revealed his sacred face, evermore and evermore!

3 Let the heights of heaven adore him; angel hosts, his praises sing; powers, dominions, bow before him, and extol our God and King; let no tongue on earth be silent, every voice in concert ring, evermore and evermore!

4 Christ, to thee with God the Father, and, O Holy Ghost, to thee, hymn and chant and high thanksgiving, and unwearied praises be; honor, glory, and dominion, and eternal victory, evermore and evermore!

Lully, lulla, thou little tiny child, bye bye, lully, lullay. O sisters too, how may we do for to preserve this day? This poor youngling for whom we do sing, "Bye bye, lully, lullay"? Herod the king, in his raging, charged he hath this day. His men of might in his own sight all young children to slay. That woe is me, poor child, for thee, and ever morn' and day for thy parting neither say nor sing, "Bye bye, lully, lullay."

From the Pageant of the Shearmen and Tailors (15th century)

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray (*kneel*)

Celebrant and People

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

May Almighty God, who sent his Son to take our nature upon him, bless you in this holy season, scatter the darkness of sin, and brighten your heart with the light of his holiness. *Amen.*

May God, who sent his angels to proclaim the glad news of the Savior's birth, fill you with joy and make you heralds of the Gospel. *Amen.*

May God, who in the Word made flesh joined heaven to earth and earth to heaven, give you his peace and favor. *Amen.*

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

Hymn 111 (*kneel*)

Stille Nacht

1 Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is
bright round yon virgin mother and child.
Holy infant, so tender and mild, sleep in
heavenly peace. Sleep in heavenly peace.

2 Silent night, holy night, shepherds quake
at the sight, glories stream from heaven
afar, heavenly hosts sing alleluia; Christ,
the Savior, is born! Christ, the Savior, is
born!

3 Silent night, holy night, Son of God,
love's pure light radiant beams from thy
holy face, with the dawn of redeeming
grace, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth. Jesus, Lord,
at thy birth.

1 Hark the herald angels sing, glory to the newborn King! Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled! Joyful all ye nations, rise, join the triumph of the skies; with the angelic host proclaim Christ is born in Bethlehem! Hark! the herald angels sing glory to the newborn King!

2 Christ, by highest heaven adored; Christ, the everlasting Lord; late in time behold him come, offspring of the Virgin's womb. Veiled in flesh the God-head see; hail the incarnate Deity. Pleased as man with us to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel! Hark! the herald angels sing glory to the newborn King!

3 Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die, born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth. Risen with healing in his wings, light and life to all he brings, hail, the Sun of righteousness! hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hark! the herald angels sing glory to the newborn King!

Dismissal

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

Postlude: *In Dulci Jubilo*, BWV 729

J.S. Bach (1685–1750)

THOSE SERVING TODAY: December 24, 5:30 p.m.

Celebrant and Preacher: Fr. Reese

Assisting Priest: Fr. Stadel

Organist: Ryan Hebert

Choral Assistant: Coleman Flentge

Vergers: Richard Ferlita, Allison Besseliu

Crucifers: Thomas Adams, Kate Turlington

Torchbearers: Abby Turlington, Shea Polley, Rayanne Crawford, Winona Crawford

Lector: Ray Vince

Lay Eucharistic Ministers: Brad Hall, George Bedell

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

Ushers: Richard Chapman, Derrick Brown, Eric Hargens, Paul Bentschner

Altar Guild: Anne Paige, Adrienne Love

Bambino Bearer: Henry Thatcher



The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in joyful celebration of the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace. We are thankful for St. Andrew's Episcopal Church and for the peace, love and joy we all share during this beautiful Christmas season.

Merry Christmas,
Jan and Earl Smith



Annual Parish Meeting
Sunday, February 4, Noon
following the 10:30am service

Decorating Elves

Many thanks to all those wonderful people who worked so hard to beautify the church for our Lord's birthday. We are grateful for the generosity of Nancy Turner, who donated all the Christmas trees and wreaths. We appreciate the hard work of Charlotte Churchill, Jan Smith and Linda McGhee, who directed the greening. Thanks to those who spent many hours this past Sunday making St. Andrew's look so grand and festive!

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.

We have currently 109 pledges for \$366,408

END OF YEAR GIVING: According to IRS tax rules for charitable deductions, donors must deliver checks on or by December 31, 2023 in order to claim a charitable contribution deduction for 2023. Checks that are placed in the church offering during the first worship service in 2024 (January 1st) will not qualify for a charitable contribution deduction in 2023, even if the check is predated to 2023 or was actually written in 2023. However, checks that are written, mailed and post-marked in 2023 will be deductible in 2023 though they are not received by a church until 2024.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS – 2023

James Abbitt
Patricia and DeHart Ayala, Jr. in memory of Jean and DeHart Ayala; Robbie
and Joseph Pendino

Irene & Peter Baker in thanksgiving for family and friends
George Bedell

Benjamin, Jeannie & Emily Borsch in memory of Fred & Bara Borsch, and
Sarah Sampson Moody

Nicole Carr in memory of Janet Schrat
Stephanie Chapman in memory of John M. Chapman
Holly Clemmons & Katie Pastorius in memory of Kay Hart, Andrew Pastorius,
Daniel Clemmons and Charles Clemmons

Chris & Martha Cobb in memory of Meg and Rene, Mary Lou & Carl
The Cote Family

Gary Cotter & Sharon Colucci in memory of our parents
David & Jan Dees in memory of Nell and Curtis Rorebeck
Jerry Divers in memory of Jean Bacon Divers
Wallace A. Dixon in memory of my parents, Nehemiah F. Dixon & Rachel
Worrell-Dixon, my aunts; Janie Brownell and Rachel
White and my darling Bettye J. Kirkland

Lindell Dye and Family in memory of Virginia Mullen and William Dye
Dr. James & Sunny Endicott in memory of William & Beede Greeson & Jason Krivy
R.J. Erskine in memory of Mary Louise & Mary Vanessa Erskine
Richard A. Ferlita & James Carmichael in thanksgiving for the parishioners of St. Andrew's

MaryBeth Harris in thanksgiving for family & friends
Dawn Headland in memory of dear friends & family
in thanksgiving for all our blessings

Tricia and Staige Hoffman in memory of John & Betty Ireland
Christopher Hunt in memory of Rheba Jean Hunt
Michael & Christean Hursey in memory of Florence Lopez, Cpt. Robert Hursey,
and Jack & Dianne Hursey

Michael & Christean Huarsey in thanksgiving for St. Andrew's parish members
Sharon & Patrick Keogh in memory of James & William Keogh
Margo Kemm in memory of William & Barbara Faber
Thanksgiving for Joseph's 40th birthday

Fran Kerr in thanksgiving for Sandi and Charlie
Susan Kiniry in memory of Margaret Grenier
Anne & Jack Kutchmire in memory of Virginia Mullen & William Dye

Adrienne Love Sue MacIsaac	in memory of Mary & Joseph Carnes in thanksgiving for Savannah & Braxton Hicks and Michael MacIsaac
The McAteer Family Linda & Michael McGhee	in memory of Derrill Selwyn McAteer in memory of the loved ones of the Spotts and McGhee families
Franciso & Kristin Mora Michael & Michele Morris	in memory of Elsa Acosta in memory of Gerald & Helen Zalewski, Phil Morris, Cindy Ruff, Jay Wolf and Parker Whitehead
Anne Paige The Rev. John & Jeanette Reese	in thanksgiving for my wonderful family in thanksgiving for the leadership and dedication of the St. Andrew's Vestry
Kristi Roberts & Adrienne Brightwell Jane & Nathan Simpson	in thanksgiving for Caroline & Pierce Brightwell in memory of Nathan B. Simpson, Jr. and John G. Simpson
Don & Virginia Sink	in memory of Bill & Sandy Starrett and Don and Annette Sink
Greg & CJ Smith Jan & Earl Smith	in thanksgiving for all our many blessings in memory of our parents, grandparents, brother, and sister
Jaret West Pat Wolfe	in thanksgiving for my children and families: John, Brian, Katy, Maggie, Emmy & James

The Charles A. and Irene M. McKay and Mary Irene Falk Fund
within the Community Foundation of Tampa

The new aisle candle holders were graciously donated by Wallace A. Dixon and Nehemiah F.
Dixon, Jr. to the Glory of God and in loving memory of their parents,
Nehemiah F. Dixon, Sr. & Rachel Worrell-Dixon.

CHRISTMAS MUSIC – 2023

Patricia and DeHart Ayala, Jr. Irene & Peter Baker	in thanksgiving for Family and Friends in memory of Sonia Wallers
George Bedell Benjamin, Jeannie & Emily Borsch Stephanie Chapman	in thanksgiving for the St. Andrew's music ministry in memory of John M. Chapman
Holly Clemmons & Katie Pastorius Martha & Chris Cobb	in thanksgiving for God's unconditional love! in thanksgiving for our sons, James, Douglas and David and our grandchildren, Brody, Aubrey, Grayson, Jack and Leo
Gary Cotter & Sharon Colucci	in thanksgiving for our St. Andrew's family

David and Jan Dees	in thanksgiving for Richard, Jan, Earl, Cathy & Sue
Jerry Divers	in memory of Jean Bacon Divers
Lindell Dye and Family	in thanksgiving for Charles Mullen, Jr.
Dr. James & Sunny Endicott	in memory of Elizabeth Nicholson, Eleanor Rogers, & Bob Endicott
Richard A. Ferlita & James Carmichael	in thanksgiving for the parishioners of St. Andrew's
Dawn Headland	in memory of dear friends & family
MaryBeth Harris	in memory of James Thomas Harris, Owen Williams Meats, and John Isaac Meats
Tricia and Staige Hoffman	in memory of John & Betty Ireland
Michael & Christean Hursey	in memory of the birth of Christ
Fran Kerr	in thanksgiving for the good work of St. Andrew's
Sharon & Patrick Keogh	in memory of Jenette
Anne and Jack Kutcmire	in memory of James & William Keogh
Adrienne Love	in thanksgiving for Charles G. Mullen
Sue MacIsaac	in memory of my brother, Michael Eliot Collier
The McAteer Family	in memory of Raphael & Marie Jane Bentschner
Barbara & Lloyd McFarquhar	in memory of Derrill Selwyn McAteer
Franciso & Kristin Mora	in thanksgiving for the musicians
Michael & Michele Morris	in thanksgiving for William & Alexander Mora
Anne Paige	in memory of Gerald & Helen Zalewski, Phil Morris, Cindy Ruff, Jay Wolf and Parker Whitehead
The Rev. John & Jeanette Reese	in thanksgiving for our fabulous Choir & Organist
Kristi Roberts & Adrienne Brightwell	in thanksgiving for St. Andrew's Musicians and choristers
Sandra Robinson & Dennis Clarke	in memory of Vi and Wally Smith
Jane & Nathan Simpson	in memory of the loss of loved ones
Donald & Virginia Sink	in thanksgiving for each other
Greg & CJ Smith	in memory of Kay Hoyle Rankin
Jan & Earl Smith	in thanksgiving for our children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren
Paula Stewart	in thanksgiving for all our many blessings
The Thomas-Carl Family	in thanksgiving for family, friends & faith in God
Ray and Jeanne Vince	in memory of my family & church family
Jaret West	in thanksgiving for our choirmaster and choir
Pat Wolfe	in thanksgiving for my grandchildren, Elijah, and Akayla
	in memory of Charlie Carl, Allen Arthur, Carol Ann Carl
	in thanksgiving for our family, and Nancy Turner
	in thanksgiving for our St. Andrew's family
	in memory of John Wolfe

Thursday evenings at 7:00pm Adult Inquirers' Class

New to St. Andrew's and the Episcopal Church? Or just trying to brush up on the faith? Then join us for this seven week series exploring the Episcopal Church. We will use *Looking at the Episcopal Church*, a book by The Rev. William Sydnor. We will comprehensively cover the church's symbols, customs, practices, history, creeds, sacraments, and mission. If you plan to attend, please contact the Rector so he can order the correct number of books. The cost is \$15. This class is required if you wish to be confirmed or received into the church during Bishop Scharf's visitation on **Sunday, February 25th** at the 10:30 service.

Here is the line-up:

- January 11 – Introduction to the Episcopal Church (*this session meets in the church*)
- January 18 – The Worship of the Church
- January 25 – History of the Church
- February 1 – The Holy Scriptures and Creeds
- February 8 – The Church Year and Sacraments
- February 15 – The Ordained Ministry and the Mission of the Church
- February 22 – Ministry of the Laity

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

The Lord's Prayer: The Meaning and Power of the Prayer Jesus Taught

Most Christians know the Lord's Prayer by heart. We pray it often, at different times and in different settings. We remember it as the prayer that Jesus taught his disciples. But do we really understand and appreciate the meaning and power of its words, what we ask of God each time we pray it?

When the disciples asked Jesus how to pray, Jesus gave them this prayer. He likely taught it to his followers often, not just one time. He never intended the Lord's Prayer to be a museum piece, framed and placed on a mantel or in a display case. It was Jesus teaching God's people, through his disciples, how to pray.

In the video series *The Lord's Prayer: The Meaning and Power of the Prayer Jesus Taught*, pastor and bestselling author Adam Hamilton guides us to really know—and really pray—the Lord's Prayer. He explores each of its rich lines and their meaning in the Bible,

illuminating what we ask of God and what we ask of ourselves through its words. And he teaches us how to use it as a pattern for our own prayer life. Hamilton is senior pastor of The United Methodist Church of the Resurrection in Leawood, Kansas.

Here is the line-up:

January 7 - Our Father, Who Art in Heaven, Hallowed Be Thy Name

January 14 - Whose Will Be Done?

January 21 - Our Daily Bread

January 28 - Forgive...As We Forgive

February 4 - And Lead Us, Not into Temptation

February 11 - For Thine Is the Kingdom, Power, and Glory

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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 Rzad, 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, Jenette Kerr, Kay Rankin

THOSE FOR WHOM PRAYERS HAVE BEEN ESPECIALLY REQUESTED:

Mark Caro, Sgt. Billy Gudzak, Charlene Maxwell, Joan Hoppe, Carlton Hart, Stephen Tedrowe, Virginia Sink, Charlie Richardson, Christine Hudson, Janet Norona, Michael Norona, Christopher Hunt, Charles Mullen, Jack Plimmer, Corinne Gaile, Jack Boyet, Jean Turner, Analee Mayes, Rick Ostman, Linda Barry, Dawn Headland, Beth Luensman, Carole Fields, Roy Collins, Judy Van Valkenburgh, Joe Daurril, Georgia Vahue, Sean Heavey, Janet Cook, Linda Liconti Longo, Holly Clemmons, Katie Pastorius (*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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Wednesday Healing Service: 12:10 p.m.

Sunday Service Schedule: Holy Eucharist at 8 and 10:30 a.m.

The Rt. Rev. Dr. Douglas Scharf, *VI Bishop of Southwest Florida*

The Rev. John Reese, *Rector*

The Rev. Canon Jerold R. Stadel, *Assisting Priest*

Ryan Hebert, *Director of Music/Organist*

Coleman Flentge, *Associate Director of Music*

Pamela Frost, *Parish Administrator*

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

Anguel Dimitrov, *Sexton*

Vestry

Class of 2024: Pam Curry, Richard Ferlita, *Senior Warden*, Kathy Lawless,

Paul Scheuer, Lori Taplow, *Clerk of the Vestry*

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

Richard Chapman, *Junior Warden*, Brad Hall

Class of 2026: Allison Besselieu, Holly Clemmons, Martha Cobb, Wallace Dixon,

Eric Hargens, *Treasurer*

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.