



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

**CHRISTMAS DAY**  
**DECEMBER 25, 2023**  
**10:30 AM**

*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.

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 I, 10:30 a.m.

Prelude: Ding Dong Merrily on High

*Christopher Tambling (1964–2015)*

### Tower Bell

**Hymn 83** (*stand*) 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 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, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord.  
*Amen.*

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

## Hymn 96

*Gloria*

1 Angels we have heard on high, singing sweetly through the night, and the mountains in reply, echoing their brave delight.

*Refrain* Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo.

2 Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why these songs of happy cheer? What great brightness did you see? What glad tidings did you hear? *Refrain*

3 Come to Bethlehem and see him whose birth the angels sing; come, adore on bended knee Christ, the Lord, the newborn King. *Refrain*

4 See him in a manger laid whom the angels praise above; Mary, Joseph, lend your aid, while we raise our hearts in love. *Refrain*

## Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And with thy spirit.

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

O God, who makest us glad with the yearly remembrance of the birth of thy only Son Jesus Christ: Grant that as we joyfully receive him for our Redeemer, so we may with sure confidence behold him when he shall come to be our Judge; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

## First Reading (*sit*)

Isaiah 52:7-10

A Reading from the Book of Isaiah.

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns." Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices, together they sing for joy; for in plain sight they see the return of the Lord to Zion. Break forth together into singing, you ruins of Jerusalem; for the Lord has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem. The Lord has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

**Psalm 98** *Said by all*

- 1 Sing to the LORD a new song, \*  
for he has done marvelous things.
- 2 With his right hand and his holy arm \*  
has he won for himself the victory.
- 3 The LORD has made known his victory; \*  
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.
- 4 He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, \*  
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.
- 5 Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; \*  
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
- 6 Sing to the LORD with the harp, \*  
with the harp and the voice of song.
- 7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn \*  
shout with joy before the King, the LORD.
- 8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, \*  
the lands and those who dwell therein.
- 9 Let the rivers clap their hands, \*  
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD,  
when he comes to judge the earth.
- 10 In righteousness shall he judge the world \*  
and the peoples with equity.

## Second Reading

Hebrews 1:1-12

A Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs. For to which of the angels did God ever say, "You are my Son; today I have begotten you"? Or again, "I will be his Father, and he will be my Son"? And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says, "Let all God's angels worship him." Of the angels he says, "He makes his angels winds, and his servants flames of fire." But of the Son he says, "Your throne, O God, is forever and ever, and the righteous scepter is the scepter of your kingdom. You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your companions." And, "In the beginning, Lord, you founded the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands; they will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like clothing; like a cloak you will roll them up, and like clothing they will be changed. But you are the same, and your years will never end."

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.

*People*            Thanks be to God.

## Hymn 105 (*stand*)

*God Rest You Merry*

1 God rest you merry, gentlemen, let nothing you dismay; remember Christ our Savior was born on Christmas Day, to save us all from Satan's power when we were gone astray.

*Refrain* O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy; O tidings of comfort and joy!

2 From God our heavenly Father a blessed angel came and unto certain shepherds brought tidings of the same: how that in Bethlehem was born the Son of God by name. *Refrain*

3 "Fear not, then," said the angel, "Let nothing you affright; this day is born a Savior of a pure virgin bright, to free all those who trust in him from Satan's power and might." *Refrain*

4 Now to the Lord sing praises, all you within this place, and with true love and charity each other now embrace; this holy tide of Christmas doth bring redeeming grace. *Refrain*

## Holy Gospel

John 1:1-14

*Priest*            The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.  
*People*            Glory be to thee, O Lord

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

*Priest*            The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People*            Praise be to thee, O Christ.

## Sermon

### Nicene Creed (*stand*)

I believe in one God,  
    the Father Almighty,  
    maker of heaven and earth,  
    and of all things visible and invisible;  
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
    the only-begotten Son of God,  
    begotten of his Father before all worlds,  
    God of God, Light of Light,  
    very God of very God,  
    begotten, not made,  
    being of one substance with the Father;  
    by whom all things were made;

who for us men and for our salvation  
came down from heaven,  
and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered and was buried;  
and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,  
and ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of the Father;  
and he shall come again, with glory,  
to judge both the quick and the dead;  
whose kingdom shall have no end.  
And I believe in the Holy Ghost the Lord, and Giver of Life,  
who proceedeth from the Father and the Son;  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped  
and glorified;  
who spake by the Prophets.  
And I believe one holy catholic and apostolic Church;  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins;  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

### **Prayers of the People** (*kneel*)

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Lord in thy mercy. *Hear our prayer.*



Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers, especially Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Doug, our Bishop, and John and Jerry, our priests, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

Lord in thy mercy. *Hear our prayer.*

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

Lord in thy mercy. *Hear our prayer.*

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land, especially Joe, our President, Ron, our Governor, and Jane, our Mayor, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Lord in thy mercy. *Hear our prayer.*

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

Lord in thy mercy. *Hear our prayer.*

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity, including the people of Ukraine, Israel and Gaza.

Lord in thy mercy. *Hear our prayer.*

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Lord in thy mercy. *Hear our prayer.*

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*

## Confession of Sin

*The Celebrant says the following*

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

*Minister and People*

Almighty God,  
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
maker of all things, judge of all men:  
We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness,  
which we from time to time most grievously have committed,  
by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty,  
provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us.  
We do earnestly repent,  
and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings;  
the remembrance of them is grievous unto us,  
the burden of them is intolerable.  
Have mercy upon us,  
have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;  
for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,  
forgive us all that is past;  
and grant that we may ever hereafter  
serve and please thee in newness of life,  
to the honor and glory of thy Name;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*The Priest stands and says*

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. *John 3:16*

**Peace** (*stand*)

*Priest*            The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People*            And with thy spirit.

**Announcements**

**Holy Communion**

**At the Offertory:**

Voluntary: In the Bleak Midwinter (Cranham)

*Malcolm Archer (b. 1952)*

**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.

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.

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.

## Great Thanksgiving

*The people remain standing.*

*Celebrant*     The Lord be with you.  
*People*         And with thy spirit.  
*Celebrant*     Lift up your hearts.  
*People*         We lift them up unto the Lord.  
*Celebrant*     Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.  
*People*         It is meet and right so to do.

*The Celebrant proceeds*

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Because thou didst give Jesus Christ, thine only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Ghost, was made very Man of the substance of the Virgin Mary his mother; that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become thy children.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

### Sanctus

*Celebrant and People*

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:  
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.  
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.  
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.

*The people kneel. The Celebrant continues*

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. *AMEN.*

*The Celebrant then continues*

And now, as our Savior Christ hath 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**

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
*Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*

*Agnus Dei*

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
grant us thy peace.

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. *Amen.*

*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.***

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. *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 87 (stand)

*Mendelssohn*

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: I Saw Three Ships

*Richard Proulx (1937-2010)*



**THOSE SERVING TODAY: December 25, 2023**

**Celebrant:** Fr. Stadel

**Preacher:** Fr. Reese

**Organist:** Ryan Hebert

**Verger:** Richard Ferlita

**Crucifer:** Hamilton Reese

**Lay Eucharistic Ministers:** Susanna Fenhagen, Christopher Hunt

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

**Ushers:** George Bedell, Larry Kemm

**Altar Guild:** Susanna Fenhagen, Tony Morrison



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

**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 \$366,408.00**

**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 &	in thanksgiving for the parishioners of St. Andrew's
James Carmichael	
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
	in thanksgiving for St. Andrew's parish members
Michael & Christean Hursey	in memory of James & William Keogh
Sharon & Patrick Keogh	in memory of William & Barbara Faber
Margo Kemm	Thanksgiving for Joseph's 40 <sup>th</sup> birthday
	in thanksgiving for Sandi and Charlie
Fran Kerr	in memory of Margaret Grenier
Susan Kiniry	in memory of Virginia Mullen & William Dye
Anne & Jack Kutchmire	in memory of Mary & Joseph Carnes
Adrienne Love	in thanksgiving for Savannah & Braxton Hicks and Michael MacIsaac
Sue MacIsaac	
The McAteer Family	in memory of Derrill Selwyn McAteer
Linda & Michael McGhee	in memory of the loved ones of the Spotts and McGhee families
	in memory of Elsa Acosta
Franciso & Kristin Mora	in memory of Gerald & Helen Zalewski, Phil Morris, Cindy Ruff, Jay Wolf and Parker Whitehead
Michael & Michele Morris	

Anne Paige	in thanksgiving for my wonderful family
The Rev. John & Jeanette Reese	in thanksgiving for the leadership and dedication of the St. Andrew's Vestry
Kristi Roberts & Adrienne Brightwell	in thanksgiving for Caroline & Pierce Brightwell
Jane & Nathan Simpson	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	in thanksgiving for all our many blessings
Jan & Earl Smith	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.	in thanksgiving for Family and Friends
Irene & Peter Baker	in memory of Sonia Wallers
George Bedell	
Benjamin, Jeannie & Emily Borsch	in thanksgiving for the St. Andrew's music ministry
Stephanie Chapman	in memory of John M. Chapman
Holly Clemmons & Katie Pastorius	in thanksgiving for God's unconditional love!
Martha & Chris Cobb	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 in thanksgiving for the good work of St. Andrew's in memory of Jenette
Fran Kerr	in memory of James & William Keogh
Sharon & Patrick Keogh	in thanksgiving for Charles G. Mullen
Anne and Jack Kutchmire	in memory of my brother, Michael Eliot Collier
Adrienne Love	in memory of Raphael & Marie Jane Bentschner
Sue MacIsaac	in memory of Derrill Selwyn McAteer
The McAteer Family	in thanksgiving for the musicians
Barbara & Lloyd McFarquhar	in thanksgiving for William & Alexander Mora
Franciso & Kristin Mora	in memory of Gerald & Helen Zalewski, Phil Morris, Cindy Ruff, Jay Wolf and Parker Whitehead
Michael & Michele Morris	in thanksgiving for our fabulous Choir & Organist in thanksgiving for St. Andrew's Musicians and choristers
Anne Paige	in memory of Vi and Wally Smith
The Rev. John & Jeanette Reese	in memory of the loss of loved ones in thanksgiving for each other
Kristi Roberts & Adrienne Brightwell	in memory of Kay Hoyle Rankin
Sandra Robinson & Dennis Clarke	in thanksgiving for our children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren
Jane & Nathan Simpson	in thanksgiving for all our many blessings
Donald & Virginia Sink	in thanksgiving for family, friends & faith in God in memory of my family & church family in thanksgiving for our choirmaster and choir 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
Greg & CJ Smith	
Jan & Earl Smith	
Paula Stewart	
The Thomas-Carl Family	
Ray and Jeanne Vince	
Jaret West	
Pat Wolfe	in memory of John Wolfe

## **Adult Christian Education**

**Sunday mornings at 9:30 on December 31st.**

*The Wired Word*, facilitated by the Rector, examines a current event from the previous week and analyzes it through the use of Biblical references. Come and see how Scripture can help us make sense of what's happening in the world today.

*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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## **New Flower Chart**

The 2024 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)



### **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!

**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 7th) 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.

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**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*

Lauri Harder, *Administrative Assistant*

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.*