

Welcome to
SAINT ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
TAMPA, FLORIDA
THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 8, 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 659

J.S. Bach (1685–1750)

Tower Bell

Hymn 67 (*stand*)

Psalm 42

1 Comfort, comfort ye my people, speak ye peace, thus saith our God; comfort those who sit in darkness mourning 'neath their sorrows' load. Speak ye to Jerusalem of the peace that waits for them; tell her that her sins I cover, and her warfare now is over.

2 Hark, the voice of one that crieth in the desert far and near, calling us to new repentance since the kingdom now is here. Oh, that warning cry obey! Now prepare for God a way; let the valleys rise to meet him and the hills bow down to greet him.

3 Make ye straight what long was crooked, make the rougher places plain; let your hearts be true and humble, as befits his holy reign. For the glory of the Lord now o'er earth is shed abroad; and all flesh shall see the token that the word is never broken.

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.

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

First Reading (*sit*)

Malachi 3:1-4

A Reading from the Book of Malachi.

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Canticle 16, The Song of Zechariah *Sung by the choir to plainsong*

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; *
he has come to his people and set them free.

He has raised up for us a mighty savior, *
born of the house of his servant David.
Through his holy prophets he promised of old,
that he would save us from our enemies, *
from the hands of all who hate us.
He promised to show mercy to our fathers *
and to remember his holy covenant.
This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, *
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
Free to worship him without fear, *
holy and righteous in his sight
all the days of our life.
You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, *
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,
To give his people knowledge of salvation *
by the forgiveness of their sins.
In the tender compassion of our God *
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, *
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Second Reading

Philippians 1:3-11

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians.

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my

prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

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

Hymn 65 (*stand*)

Bereden vag for Herran

1 Prepare the way, O Zion, your Christ is drawing near! Let every hill and valley a level way appear. Greet one who comes in glory, foretold in sacred story.

Refrain Oh, blest is Christ that came in God's most holy name.

2 He brings God's rule, O Zion; he comes from heaven above. His rule is peace and freedom, and justice, truth, and love. Lift high your praise resounding, for grace and joy abounding. *Refrain.*

3 Fling wide your gates, O Zion; your Savior's rule embrace. His tidings of salvation proclaim in every place. All lands will bow before him, their voices will adore him. *Refrain.*

Holy Gospel

Luke 3:1-6

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

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'"

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:

Anthem

Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872–1958)

This is the truth sent from above, The truth of God, the God of love;
Therefore don't turn me from your door, But hearken all both rich and poor.

The first thing which I do relate Is that God did man create; The next thing
which to you I'll tell Woman was made with man to dwell.

And we were heirs to endless woes, Till God the Lord did interpose;
And so a promise soon did run That he would redeem us by his Son.

And at that season of the year Our blest Redeemer did appear;
He here did live, and here did preach, And many thousands he did teach.

Thus he in love to us behaved, To show us how we must be saved;
And if you want to know the way, Be pleased to hear what he did say.

Traditional English carol

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:

Hymn 75 (*sit*)

Ascension

1 There's a voice in the wilderness crying,
a call from the ways untrod: Prepare in the
desert a highway, a highway for our God!
The valleys shall be exalted, the lofty hills
brought low; make straight all the crooked
places, where the Lord our God may go!

2 O Zion, that bringest good tidings, get
thee up to the heights and sing! Proclaim to
a desolate people the coming of their King.
Like the flowers of the field they perish,
like grass our works decay, the power and
pomp of nations shall pass like a dream
away;

3 but the word of our God endureth, the
arm of the Lord is strong; he stands in the
midst of nations, and he will right the
wrong. He shall feed His flock like a
shepherd, the lambs he'll gently hold; to
pastures of peace he'll lead them, and bring
them safe to his fold.

Anthem

Paul Manz (1919–2009)

Peace be to you and grace from Him Who freed us from our sins,
Who loved us all and shed His blood That we might saved be.
Sing Holy, Holy to our Lord, The Lord, Almighty God,
Who was and is and is to come; Sing Holy, Holy, Lord!
Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell therein, Rejoice on earth, ye saints below,
For Christ is coming, is coming soon, For Christ is coming soon!
E'en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come, And night shall be no more;
They need no light nor lamp nor sun, For Christ will be their All!

Words related to Revelation, Chapter 22

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 59 (*stand*)

Merton

1 Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding.
"Christ is nigh," it seems to say; "Cast
away the works of darkness, O ye children
of the day."

2 Wakened by the solemn warning, from
earth's bondage let us rise; Christ, our sun,
all sloth dispelling, shines upon the
morning skies.

3 Lo! the Lamb, so long expected, comes
with pardon down from heaven; let us
haste, with tears of sorrow, one and all to
be forgiven;

4 so when next he comes with glory, and
the world is wrapped in fear, may he
with his mercy shield us, and with words
of love draw near.

5 Honor, glory, might, and blessing to
the Father and the Son, with the
everlasting Spirit, while unending ages
run.

Dismissal

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

Postlude: Nun Komm, der heiden Heiland *Andreas Nikolaus Vetter (1666–1734)*

THOSE SERVING TODAY: Sunday, December 8, 2024

Celebrant: Fr. Campbell

Preacher: Fr. Reese

Organist: Ryan Hebert

Choral Assistant: Coleman Flentge

Vergers: Piers Curry

Crucifer: Ethan Smith

Torchbearers: Wyatt Smith, Roy Collins

Lectors: Gary Cotter, Ray Vince

Lay Eucharistic Ministers: Derrick Brown, Donreece Brown

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

Ushers: George Bedell, Chris Sherman

Altar Guild: Cathy Szuba, Anna Putney

Coffee Hour Hosts: Gary Cotter and Sharon Colucci



The altar flowers are given to the glory of God
and in thanksgiving for family and friends
by Don & Campbell Burton

BIRTHDAYS: Derrick Brown, Carrie Mayes, Natalie Schmid, Milton Vahue,
Sophie Paige

ANNIVERSARIES: Katharine Pastorius & Holly Clemmons

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

Joy! A Winter Spectacular

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

	<h3>Christmas Flowers & Music</h3>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Flowers amount \$		<input type="checkbox"/> Music Amount \$
Donation made by: _____		
In Memory of: _____		

In Thanksgiving for: _____		

<p><i>Use this QR Code to make your donation online and send this completed form back to the office so we have your dedication information.</i></p>		

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:

12/8 – Do You Hear What I Hear?

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

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

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

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

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

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

Please contact Alicia Schmid today at aliciaschmid@rocketmail.com to find a part for your child or teen!

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.





RECTORY CHRISTMAS PARTY

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

GREENING OF THE CHURCH SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22nd, 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 22nd 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.22nd**. 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 if you have any questions.



Saint Andrew's Holiday Schedule

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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.

Music Notes

When I sit to write *Music Notes*, I never know what I'm going to write. I often dread it, honestly. I feel helpless because the bulletin information is due. I feel it's my job to help you hear the music more deeply. How can I do that when I feel helpless?

As you study music, you realize it has a vertical dimension. This is also true of writing. This is also true of being human. Some people seem to be very deep. Some make a lot of noise. Sometimes it's those who have experienced impactful things that learn what depth is. They don't push away their experiences, they *use* them to communicate deeply complex feelings.

Our two anthems this morning have that depth. For Ralph Vaughan Williams, the composer of our offertory, two episodes made notably deep impressions on him. He served in The First World War and twenty years later, though in his sixties and devotedly married, he was reinvigorated by a love affair with a much younger woman, who later became his second wife.

Paul Manz, the composer of our communion anthem, was also deeply affected by personal events. Our communion piece this morning was written during a time when his three-year-old son was critically ill. His wife Ruth wrote the lyrics. His son *did* recover, and this remains one of his most profound compositions. It seems to cry from "out of the deep."

Sometimes when we're faced with what seems like insurmountable obstacles, we feel utterly helpless, in a pit of despair that seems endless. Feeling helpless is a calling. So is being inspired. Impactful things open a portal of depth. I know when I have felt helpless, writing something or practicing or creating relieves that feeling.

Sometimes we just feel like the world is out of control and violence cannot be stopped. We feel helpless and hopeless. But in that emptiness, we often find deep strength, the *de profundis*. It was Leonard Bernstein who said, "This will be our reply to violence: to make music more intensely, more beautifully, more devotedly than ever before." Maybe that's what makes determination and hope possible – the feeling of helplessness.

I didn't know what I wanted you to hear in the music today until I started responding to my feeling of helplessness. I don't know what I will write each week. I don't know how

the playing will come out or how the singing will sound, but we will do it more intensely, more beautifully, and more devotedly than ever before. There is something to artistic expression and creativity that is related to helplessness. There is something about verticality that goes hand in hand with the impression and impact of profound events in our lives. If *Music Notes* makes an impression on you, then good. That's what I'm after. I'm after the vertical dimension, the impactful one where you hear the music more intensely, more beautifully, and more devotedly than ever before. If *Music Notes* helps, then good. It alleviates my feeling of helplessness and gives me a deeper sense of hope, much like the music you're hearing today. *Soli Deo Gloria!*

-Ryan Hebert

WE REMEMBER THOSE WHO HAVE DIED: Sarah Hudson, Charles Caro, Evelyn Smith, Mignon Grant-Levy, John Tomlinson, Nell Rorebeck, Marion Gustin, Jane Collins, Paul Cullen, Barbara Jones, Gerry Calahan, Mary Nichols, Peggy Kleven, Linda M. Delmasto, Angela Massari, Evelyn O. Jewell, Brycen Coyle, Anita Ramirez, Jane Cantler, Phyllis Sheaffer, Diane Kemker, Martha Medel, Sarah Moody, Larry Kleven, Isabelle Ferrell, William Shuler, Ian Snider, Libby Dickinson, Roma Plimmer, Patricia Maxfield, Jenette Kerr, Kay Rankin, Joe Daurril, Stephen Rosser, Rose Williams, Al Stein, Precious Montgomery, Nancy Honeycutt, Jerry Divers, Wayne Putney, Jean Turner, Matthew Borsch, Bennie Kay O'Brien, Jack Plimmer, Gerald Anthony Brozyna, Andrew Orestano, Marcia 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 Chiaramonte (*If you wish to add someone to the prayer list, please call Lauri in the church office at 813-221-2035.*)

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