Holy Eucharist: Rite II

The First Sunday of Advent: Year B

November 29, 2026: 10:00 a.m.

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

Seekers, believers, and doubters of all ages, welcome home to St. Andrew's! *Everything you need for the Liturgy of the Word is found in your bulletin. Music may be found in this bulletin or in the blue 1982 Hymnal (in the pew rack). Restrooms are downstairs in the undercroft; our greeters can direct you to a more accessible restroom in the parish house as well.*

Children of all ages are welcome to join us in our Soft Space, located by the St. Andrew's flag up front, during worship. Please move around our space as you and your children are most comfortable. Visitors, we would love to get to know you, and we invite you to fill out one of our welcome cards and place it in the offering plate or hand it to one of our greeters. ***We are so glad you are here!***

Prelude

Opening Hymn *Lo! he comes, with clouds descending* Hymn #**57**

Sung by all. Please stand as you are able

The Word of God

Opening Acclamation BCP, p. **355**

Please remain standing as you are able.

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

The Collect for Purity The Book of Common Prayer (BCP), p. **355**

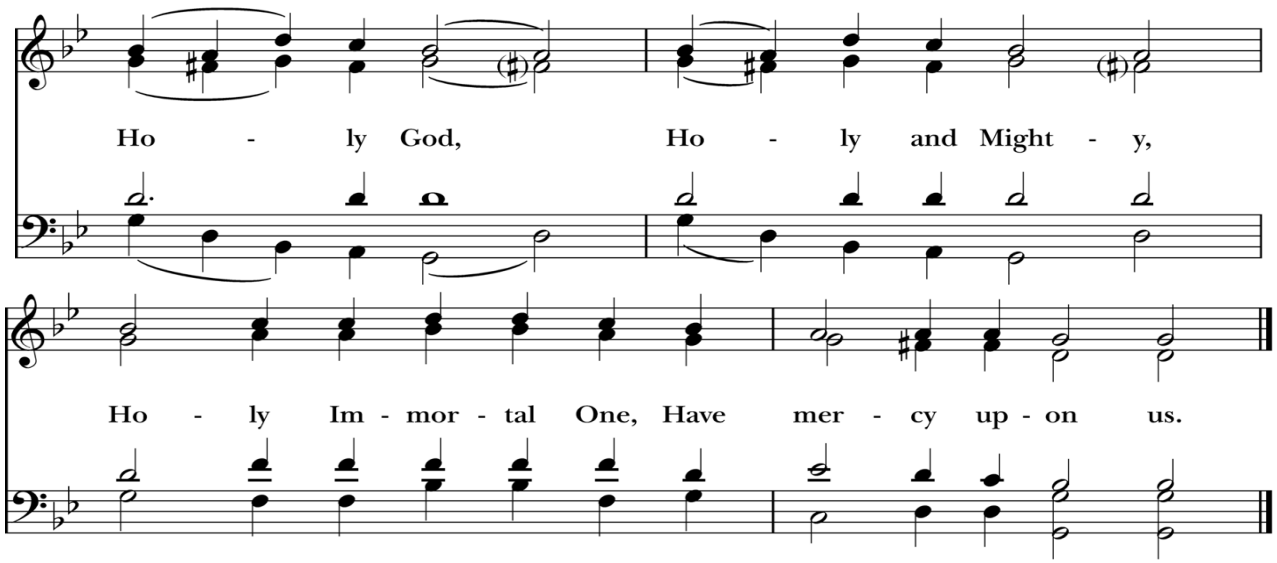
Please remain standing as you are able.

Celebrant Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid:

People **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 Trisagion *Holy God* Hymnal #**S-102**

Sung three times by all. Please remain standing as you are able



The Collect of the Day BCP, p. 211

Please remain standing as you are able.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

The First Lesson *Isaiah 64:1-9* NRSV

Please be seated.

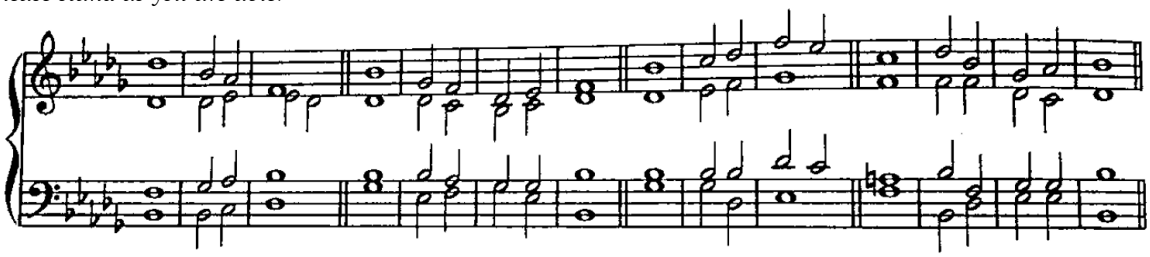
A reading from the book of the Prophet Isaiah.

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence--as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil--to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. Yet, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord, and do not remember iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people.

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

The Response *Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18* Psalter for the Christian People

Sung by all. Please stand as you are able.



1. Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph | like a | flock; ‖
   shine forth, you that are enthroned u- | pon the | cher-u- | bim.
2. In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, | and Ma- |nas- seh, ‖
   stir up your strength | and come | to help | us. ‖
3. Restore us, O | God of | hosts; ‖
   show the light of your countenance, | and we | shall be | savèd. ‖
4. O | LORD God | of | hösts, ‖
   how long will you be angered despite | the prayers | of your | people? ‖
5. You have fed them with the | bread of | tears; ‖
   you have given them | bowls of | tears to | drink. ‖
6. You have made us the derision | of our |neigh-bors, ‖
   and our enemies | läugh |us to | scorn. ‖
7. Restore us, O | God of | hösts; ‖
   show the light of your countenance, | and we | shall be | savèd. ‖

16. Let your hand be upon the one | at your | right hand, ‖
the one you have made | so strong | for your- | self. ‖
17. And so will we never turn a- | way from | you; ‖
give us life, that we may | call u- | pon your | Name. ‖
18. Restore us, O | LORD God | of hösts; ‖
show the light of your countenance, | and we | shall be | savèd. ‖
Glory to the Father, and | to the |Son, ‖
and | to the |Ho-ly | Spirit: ‖
as it was in the |be-ginning, | is now, ‖
and will be | for-ev- |er. **A- |men.** ‖

The Epistle 1 *Corinthians 1:3-9* NRSV

Please be seated.

A reading from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians.

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind– just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you– so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

Sequence Hymn *Sleepers, wake!* Hymn **#61, verse 1**

Sung by all. Please stand as you are able.

The Gospel *Mark 13:24-37* NRSV

Please remain standing as you are able.

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

Jesus said to his disciples, "In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. "From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away." But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake- for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

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

Sequence Hymn *(continued)* *Sleepers, wake!* Hymn **#61, verse 2**

Sung by all. Please remain standing as you are able.

The Sermon The Rev. Jenny Montgomery

Please be seated.

The Nicene Creed BCP, p. **358**

Said by all. Please stand as you are able.

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 *Praying the Scriptures*

Please stand or kneel as you are able.

Intercessor Siblings in Christ, what I say to you I say to all: keep awake. Let us appeal to God, saying, show the light of your countenance,

People **And let your kingdom come.**

Intercessor Restore your holy catholic Church, O Lord God of hosts. Give us eyes to see that together we are not lacking any spiritual gift. Strengthen us that we may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. Show the light of your countenance,

People **And let your kingdom come.**

Intercessor Restore justice throughout the world, O Lord God of hosts. You work for those who wait for you. Come to the help of the oppressed and the needy. Show the light of your countenance,

People **And let your kingdom come.**

Intercessor Restore your creation, O Lord God of hosts. Awesome are your deeds and wonderful are the works of your hands. We pray for all who live, work, and go to school on Oregon Hill; for all who are celebrating birthdays this week, including Paul Birmingham, Bill Butler, and Chuck Baur. Show the light of your countenance,

People **And let your kingdom come.**

Intercessor Restore peace in the city, O Lord God of hosts. Make us mindful of our interdependence. Help us to respect the dignity of our neighbors. Show the light of your countenance,

People **And let your kingdom come.**

Intercessor Restore the weak to strength, O Lord God of hosts. Come quickly with healing in your wings. We pray for those on our prayer list. Show the light of your countenance,

People **And let your kingdom come.**

Intercessor Restore our hope, O Lord God of hosts. Though we all fade like a leaf, still you are faithful. You have called your people into the fellowship of your Son forever. Show the light of your countenance,

People **And let your kingdom come.**

Intercessor God of wisdom who knows our path, we humbly ask you to guide our discernment committee: Christine, Patrick, Shar, Steve, and Vivien by the Holy Spirit towards the priest whom you have raised up to lead us. Quiet their hearts, keep them from sin, and strengthen Your gifts within them so they may better listen and respond to Your perfect counsel. We pray also for our future priest, that You may prepare them to aid us in continuing the mission of the church, began in the

apostles, continued in Grace Arents, us, and all St. Andreans, and perfected in the return of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Until that day, be close to St. Andrew's and strengthen our spirits, so we may continue in doing Your good work. AMEN.

The celebrant adds a concluding collect.

The Confession BCP, p. **360**

Please remain standing or kneeling as you are able.

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Celebrant 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.

Celebrant 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 BCP, p. **360**

Please stand as you are able.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The clergy and people greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Welcome & Announcements

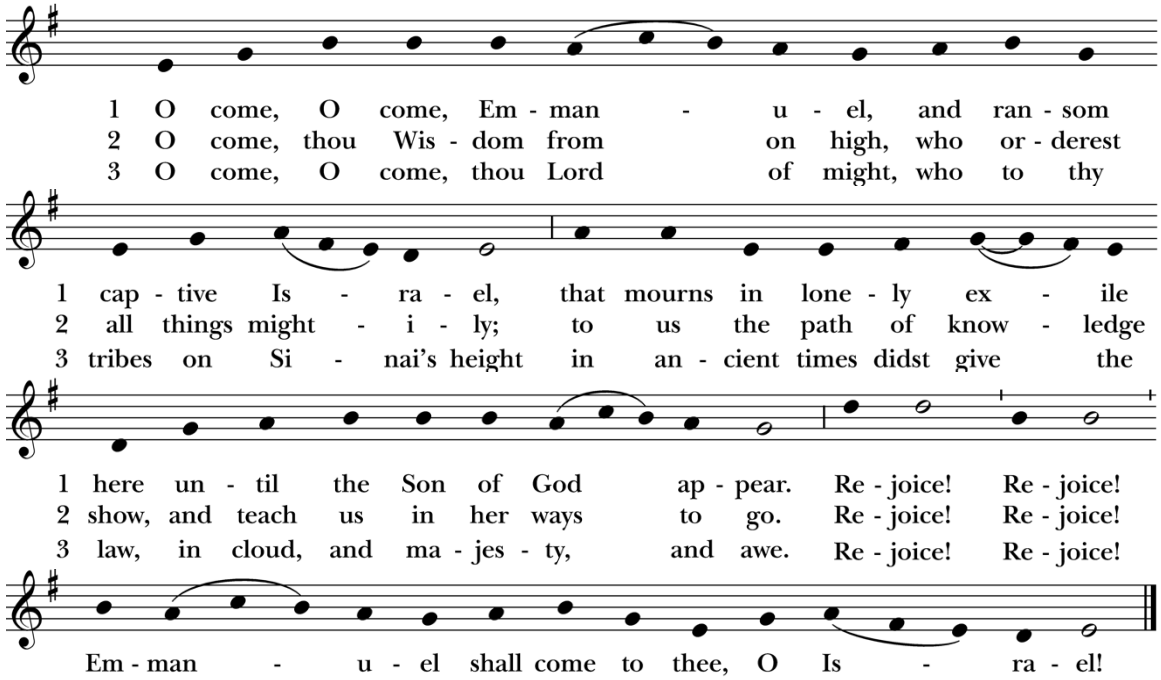
Please be seated.

The Offertory

Offertory Anthem

Presentation Hymn *O come, O come, Emmanuel* Hymnal **#56**, verses 1-3

Sung by all. Please stand as you are able.



The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving *Eucharistic Prayer B* BCP, p. **367**

Please remain standing as you are able.

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 God thanks and praise.**

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 *Holy, holy, holy Lord* Hymn #**S130**

Please remain standing or kneel as you are able.

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:

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

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 Andrew and 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 God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

The Lord's Prayer BCP, p. **364**

Said by all. Please remain standing or kneeling as you are able.

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 Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept. Please remain standing or kneeling as you are able.

Invitation to Communion

All are welcome at Christ's table. *You are invited to come forward to receive the bread and the wine. Communion is offered in both kinds, bread and wine. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. Those who do not wish to receive the Eucharist may come forward and simply cross their hands over their chest to receive a blessing or a healing prayer. Please let a greeter know if you would prefer to have communion brought to you in your seat.*

Healing Prayer in the Chapel

After receiving the Eucharist, you are invited to receive healing prayers from a member of our Pastoral Care Team through the doors of the chapel.

Communion Hymn *The King shall come when morning dawns* Hymn #**73**

Postcommunion Prayer BCP, p. **365**

Please stand or kneel as you are able.

Celebrant Let us pray.

All **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.**

The Blessing BCP, p. **366**

Please remain standing as you are able.

Closing Hymn *Come, thou long expected Jesus* Hymn #**66**

Sung by all. Please remain standing as you are able.

The Dismissal BCP, p. **366**

Please remain standing as you are able.

Celebrant Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude

This Morning's Leaders

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev. Jenny Montgomery *Organist & Choirmaster:* Demas Boudreaux
Bagpiper: Guy Blundon *Crucifer & Intercessor:* Paula Harper *Altar Guild:* Aimee Johnson
Lay Reader:: Elaine Baur *Lead Greeter:* Mike Culver *Healing Prayer:* Britton Trimble
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The Prayers of the People

- Alexandria Bluing, Jayne Jenkins Bowden, Pat Bridgewater, Cathy Creamer, Ellen Field, Mil Floyd, Patrick Getlein, Sandra Heitzler, Tracey Miles, Crystal Munnings, Deya Porter & family, Lizzie Schrass, the Thompson-White family.
- Pray for those who live and work and go to school on Oregon Hill and for ministry of St. Andrew's School.
- Pray for our discernment committee: God of wisdom who knows our path, we humbly ask you to guide our discernment committee: Christine, Patrick, Shar, Steve, and Vivien by the Holy Spirit towards the priest whom you have raised up to lead us. Quiet their hearts, keep them from sin, and strengthen Your gifts within them so they may better listen and respond to Your perfect counsel. We pray also for our future priest, that You may prepare them to aid us in continuing the mission of the church, began in the apostles, continued in Grace Arents, us, and all St. Andreans, and perfected in the return of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Until that day, be close to St. Andrew's and strengthen our spirits, so we may continue in doing Your good work.
- Pray for those in our armed forces, especially those deployed to combat zones.
- Pray for for persons in financial need in Metropolitan Richmond: For effective, affordable, regional public transportation to support job access. For sufficient employment to make healthy family life possible.
- Pray for those who are celebrating birthdays this week: Paul Birmingham (12/2), Bill Butler (12/3), Chuck Baur (12/3).
- **The Collect for the Feast of St. Andrew (November 30):** Almighty God, who gave such grace to your apostle Andrew that he readily obeyed the call of your Son Jesus Christ, and brought his brother with him: Give us, who are called by your Holy Word, grace to follow him without delay, and to bring those near to us into his gracious presence; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**.

Service Opportunities

- **Blessings Fence Returns:** With the advent of cold weather comes the return of one of our warmest ministries! You are invited to bring in new socks, gloves, hats, and scarves, and new or very gently worn and cleaned jackets of all sizes. All items get put on our fence for any in need to take. Knitters and crocheters: there is plenty of yarn for your use in the undercroft across from the choir area. We will put out a basket in the narthex for collecting your donations. Please let the office know if you are bringing in a jacket - we don't have much storage room and will likely put it right out on the fence. Thanks for your support of one of our longest-running ministries!

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Announcements

- **Honoring Andrew, our Patron Saint:** Tomorrow is the Feast of Saint Andrew. We invite you to honor and remember him by including the collect for his feast day, which you can find in the Prayers of the People section on the back of today's bulletin, in your prayers. Today, we are glad to welcome Guy Blundon, bagpiper, in honor of St. Andrew's feast day.
- **Vestry nominations close today!** We will elect five new vestry members at the Annual Meeting in January 2027: three people to serve full three-year terms and two others to one-year positions that will complete two unexpired terms. A printed nomination form is included in your bulletin; extras are available in the narthex. Alternatively, you can click the QR code to the right to use the online form. You must submit your nominations by today, November 29. Questions and completed print forms should go to the Nominating Committee: Chuck Baur, Jim Evans or Katrina Comissiong-Williams.
- **Your prayers are appreciated as our organ project nears its completion**. If you have any questions, please see Demas Boudreaux.

Sunday Christian Formation – Advent 2026

TODAY, November 29: ***Annual Advent Wreath Workshop*** in the chapel – Begins after the service. Saucers, oasis, and candles provided.

December 6, 13: ***The Sacraments, 11:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m., St. Andrew's House***

December 6 – ***Holy Baptism***

December 13 – ***Holy Eucharist***

This Week at St. Andrew's

The First Sunday of Advent, November 29

- **Choir Rehearsal**: 9:00 a.m., undercroft
- **Holy Eucharist Rite II**: 10:00 a.m., church and on Facebook Live
- **Coffee Hour & Advent Wreath Workshop**: directly following the service, chapel

Wednesday, December 2

- **Laundry Ministry**: 1:30 p.m., corner of Cary and Meadow Streets

The Second Sunday of Advent, December 6

- **Choir Rehearsal**: 9:00 a.m., undercroft
- **Holy Eucharist Rite II**: 10:00 a.m., church and on Facebook Live
- **Coffee Hour**: directly following the service, chapel
- **Formation – The Sacraments: Holy Baptism**: 11:30 a.m., St. Andrew's House

Poinsettias for Christmas 2026

Help us decorate St. Andrew's with poinsettias for Christmas! If you would like to order a poinsettia in memory of or in thanksgiving for a loved one, please fill out this form, attach a check or pay online in the amount of **$20** with "poinsettia" written in the memo section, and drop it in the offering plate or the office.

Please submit a separate form for each poinsettia!

Alternatively, you can scan or click the QR code to the right to order your poinsettia online.

submit your orders TODAY – We are submitting our order to the florist this evening.

Donor:_____

In Memory of / In Thanksgiving for:_____
(Please Circle one)

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Check here if you wish to give your poinsettia to someone unable to attend the service: _____

Poinsettias may be picked up after the 10:00 a.m. Christmas Day service.

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