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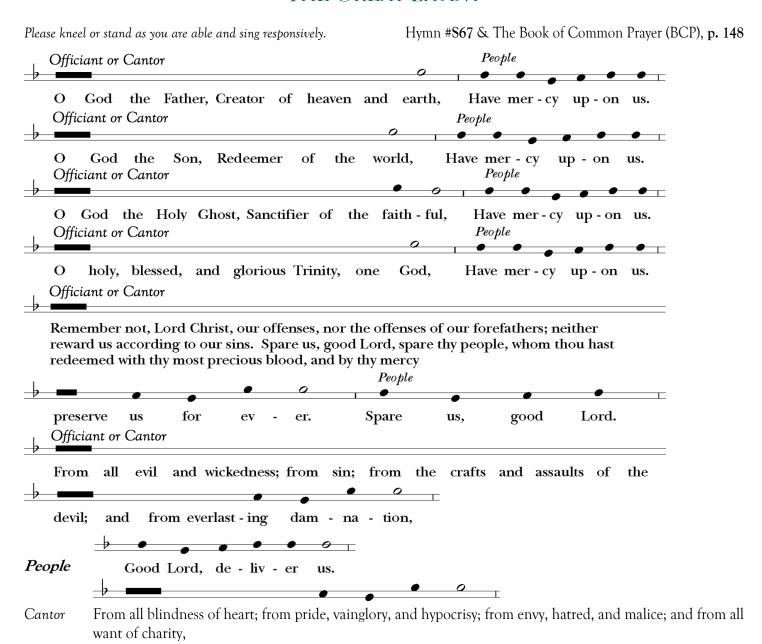
DECEMBER 7, 2025: 10:00 A.M. St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

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

THE GREAT LITANY



People Good Lord, de - liv - er

Cantor From all inordinate and sinful affections; and from all the deceits of the world, the flesh, and the devil,

People Good Lord, deliver us.

Cantor From all false doctrine, heresy, and schism; from hardness of heart, and contempt of thy Word and commandment,

People Good Lord, deliver us.

Cantor From lightning and tempest; from earthquake, fire, and flood; from plague, pestilence, and famine,

People Good Lord, deliver us.

Cantor From all oppression, conspiracy, and rebellion; from violence, battle, and murder; and from dying suddenly and unprepared,

People Good Lord, deliver us.

Cantor By the mystery of thy holy Incarnation; by thy holy Nativity and submission to the Law; by thy Baptism, Fasting, and Temptation,

People Good Lord, deliver us.

Cantor By thine Agony and Bloody Sweat; by thy Cross and Passion; by thy precious Death and Burial; by thy glorious Resurrection and Ascension; and by the Coming of the Holy Ghost,

People Good Lord, deliver us.

Cantor In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our prosperity; in the hour of death, and in the day of judgment,

People Good Lord, deliver us.

Cantor We sinners do beseech thee to hear us, O Lord God; and that it may please thee to rule and govern thy holy Church Universal in the right way,

People We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Cantor That it may please thee to illumine all bishops, priests, and deacons, with true knowledge and understanding of thy Word; and that both by their preaching and living, they may set it forth, and show it accordingly,

People We beseech thee to hear us, Good Lord.

Cantor That it may please thee to bless and keep all thy people,

People We beseech thee to hear us, Good Lord.

Cantor That it may please thee to send forth laborers into thy harvest, and to draw all mankind into thy kingdom,

People We beseech thee to hear us, Good Lord.

Cantor That it may please thee to give to all people increase of grace to hear and receive thy Word, and to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit,

People We beseech thee to hear us, Good Lord.

Cantor That it may please thee to bring into the way of truth all such as have erred, and are deceived,

People We beseech thee to hear us, Good Lord.

Cantor That it may please thee to give us a heart to love and fear thee, and diligently to live after thy commandments,

People We beseech thee to hear us, Good Lord.

Cantor That it may please thee so to rule the hearts of thy servants, the President of the United States, and all others in authority, that they may do justice, and love mercy, and walk in the ways of truth,

People We beseech thee to hear us, Good Lord.

Cantor That it may please thee to make wars to cease in all the world; to give to all nations unity, peace, and concord; and to bestow freedom upon all peoples,

People We beseech thee to hear us, Good Lord.

Cantor That it may please thee to show thy pity upon all prisoners and captives, the homeless and the hungry, and all who are desolate and oppressed,

People We beseech thee to hear us, Good Lord.

Cantor That it may please thee to give and preserve to our use the bountiful fruits of the earth, so that in due time all may enjoy them,

People We beseech thee to hear us, Good Lord.

Cantor That it may please thee to inspire us, in our several callings, to do the work which thou givest us to do with singleness of heart as thy servants, and for the common good,

People We beseech thee to hear us, Good Lord.

Cantor: That it may please thee to preserve all who are in danger by reason of their labor or their travel,

People: We beseech thee to hear us, Good Lord.

Cantor That it may please thee to preserve, and provide for, all women in childbirth, young children, and orphans, the widowed, and all whose homes are broken or torn by strife,

People We beseech thee to hear us, Good Lord.

Cantor That it may please thee to visit the lonely; to strengthen all who suffer in mind, body, and spirit; and to comfort with thy presence those who are failing and infirm,

People We beseech thee to hear us, Good Lord.

Cantor That it may please thee to support, help, and comfort all who are in danger, necessity, and tribulation,

People: We beseech thee to hear us, Good Lord.

Cantor That it may please thee to have mercy upon all mankind,

People We beseech thee to hear us, Good Lord.

Cantor That it may please thee to give us true repentance; to forgive us all our sins, negligences, and ignorances; and to endue us with the grace of thy Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to thy holy Word,

People We beseech thee to hear us, Good Lord.

Cantor That it may please thee to forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers, and to turn their hearts,

People: We beseech thee to hear us, Good Lord.

Cantor That it may please thee to strengthen such as do stand; to comfort and help the weak-hearted; to raise up those who fall; and finally to beat down Satan under our feet,

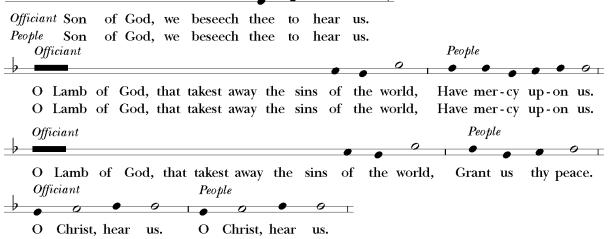
People We beseech thee to hear us, Good Lord.

Cantor That it may please thee to grant to all faithful departed eternal life and peace,

People We beseech thee to hear us, Good Lord.

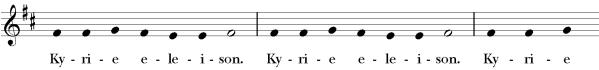
Cantor That it may please thee to grant that, in the fellowship of St. Andrew and all the saints, we may attain to thy heavenly kingdom,

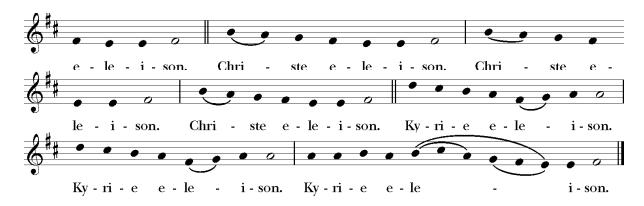
People We beseech thee to hear us, Good Lord.



Kyrie Eleison Hymn #S-86

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





THE WORD OF GOD

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.

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.

The First Lesson Isaiah 11:1-10 NRSV

Please be seated.

A reading from the book of the Prophet Isaiah.

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Response

Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19

Psalter for the Christian People

Sung by all. Please stand as you are able.



Give the king your justice, O / God, *
 and your righteousness to the king's / son;

- 2. That he may rule your people / righteously * and the poor with / justice;
- 3. That the mountains may bring prosperity to the / people, * and the little hills bring / righteousness.
- 4. He shall defend the needy among the / people; * he shall rescue the poor and crush the o - / ppressor.
- 5. He shall live as long as the sun and moon en -/ dure, * from one generation to a -/ nother.
- 6. He shall come down like rain upon the mown / field, * like showers that water the / earth.
- 7. In his time shall the righteous / flourish; * there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no / more.
- 18. Blessed be the Lord God, the God of / Israel, * who alone does wondrous / deeds!
- 19. And blessed be God's glorious Name for / ever! * and may all the earth be filled with the glory of the Lord. Amen. A - / men.

Glory to the Father, and to the / Son * and to the Holy / Spirit: *

As it was in the beginning, is / now, * and will be for ever. A / men.

The Second Lesson Romans 15:4-13 NRSV

Please be seated.

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name;" and again he says, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people"; and again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him;" and again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope." May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn O day of peace Hymn #597, verse 1

Sung by all. Please stand as you are able.

The Gospel Matthew 3:1-12 NRSV

Please remain standing as you are able.

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.'" Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the

river Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. "I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sequence Hymn (continued) O day of peace

Hymn #597, verse 2

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

The Sermon The Rev. Canon Dr. Lynn Collins

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 Peace

Please stand as you are able.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

The Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Welcome & Announcements

Please be seated.

The Offertory

The loose offering this morning will go to support St. Andrew's Pastoral Discretionary Fund.

Offertory Anthem

E'en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come

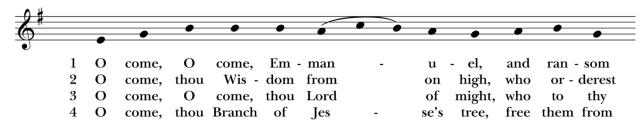
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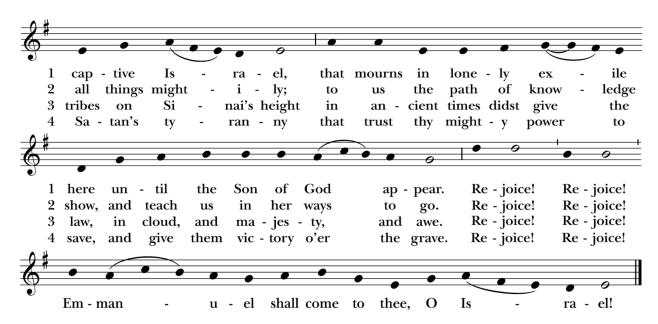
Presentation Hymn

O come, O come, Emmanuel

Hymnal #56, verses 1-4

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.

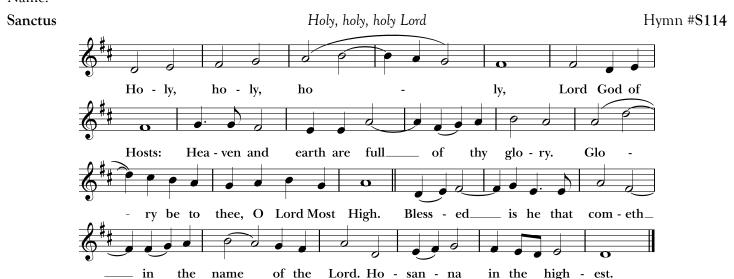
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

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:



Music: From Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena, Healey Willan (1880-1968). By permission of Oxford University Press.

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,

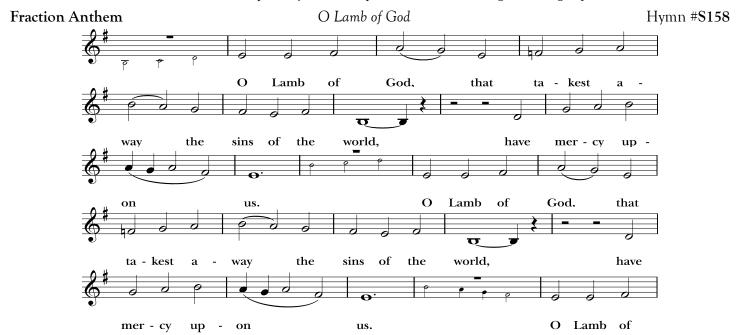
The Lord's Prayer BCP, p. 364

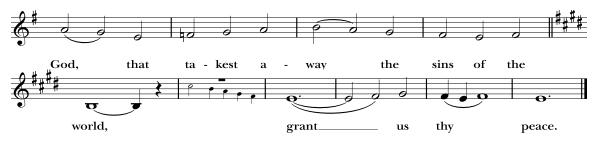
Said by all. Please remain standing or kneeling as you are able.

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.



Sending of Eucharistic Visitors

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 Prepare the way, O Zion! Hymn #65

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. Canon Dr. Lynn Collins Pianist & Choirmaster: Demas Boudreaux

Crucifer: Belinda Brugh Altar Guild: Dale Holcomb

Lay Reader & Healing Prayer: Pat Bridgewater Vestry Person of the Day: Chris Catanzaro

Soft Space Volunteer: Skylar Ingram Lead Greeter: Mike Culver

Sunday Steward of the Day: Chris Prior Email your vestry: vestry@standrewsoregonhill.org

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THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

- Pat Bridgewater, Barbara Butler, the Clark family, The Comissiong and Williams family, Tom Davis, Vicky Davis, Ellen Field, Patrick Getlein, Sandra Heitzler, Bill Jackson, Allison Keill, Steve Kincer, John Kunz, Crystal Munnings, Lizzie Schrass, Carol Slonaker, Chris Vega.
- Pray for those who live and work and go to school on Oregon Hill and for the Blessings Fence ministry.
- Pray for the families of Metropolitan Richmond: For single-parent families, adoptive families, foster families, and for households that are communities of friends. For elderly persons living in their own homes, in retirement communities, and in nursing institutions.
- Pray for those who are celebrating birthdays this week.

ST. ANDREW'S CALENDAR

Sunday, December 7: The Second Sunday of Advent

- Holy Eucharist Rite II: 10:00 a.m., church and on Facebook Live
- Coffee Hour and Formation: directly following the service, chapel

Saturday, December 13:

• Shelter Lunches: 8:30 a.m., chapel

Sunday, December 14: The Third Sunday of Advent

- Holy Eucharist Rite II: 10:00 a.m., church and on Facebook Live
- Coffee Hour and Formation: directly following the service, chapel

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

- Shelter Lunches: On the second Saturday of the month, St. Andrew's assembles and delivers 115 lunches to shelters near our neighborhood. We hope you'll join us on December 13. If you can't pack lunches, you can always donate (please go to tinyurl.com/GiveToStA, then choose Shelter Lunches in the dropdown menu). If you plan to come or have questions, please contact Chris Prior at cprior70@gmail.com. Thank you for your support of Shelter Lunches!
- Fellowship Ministry: Fellowship is more than just coffee and cookies after church. It is ministry. It is fundamental to our mission and includes loving and serving God's purposes through and for each other. Please consider getting involved with your fellow parishioners to help bring joy and deeper connection to our church family. Bring your gifts for hospitality, organization, creativity or just a warm smile and a helping hand. You don't have to make a long-term commitment. Help with one-time events or small tasks. It's fun and greatly appreciated! Please reach out to our fellowship team at fellowship@standrewsoregonhill.org.
- Coffee Hour Sign-Up: We invite you to sign up to bring snacks for a coffee hour! Snacks can be as simple as you'd like, home-made or store-bought, and you don't have to worry about providing or setting up drinks. The sign-up sheet is available on the organ or the snack table in the chapel.
- Blessings Fence: 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 need put it right out on the fence. Thanks for your support of one of our longest-running ministries!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

• We celebrated ingathering already, but it's not too late to pledge! Pledge cards are available in the narthex or you can <u>pledge online</u> using this QR Code to the right.



- Advent 2025 Reminders:
 - * Today, December 7: Please read Chapter 11 on Prayer in *An Altar in the World*. This thoughtful book is for sale for \$10 in the chapel. Money well spent! We'll gather to reflect together on this chapter in the chapel at 11:45 a.m.
 - * Sunday, December 14: We will read Chapter 6 on Community in *An Altar in the World* and enjoy small group discussions in the chapel at 11:45 a.m.
 - * Sunday, December 21: Join our Altar Guild for the *Greening of the Church*! Help deck the halls of our beautiful sacred space after our 10:00 a.m. service

Many thanks to the formation team: Mike Culver, Paula Harper, Felicity Blundon, Beth Raper, Dale Holcomb, and Laura Boucher.

• Poinsettias for Christmas – Orders Due TODAY: You are invited to honor a loved one and help make St. Andrew's festive and beautiful for Christmas! Order forms for the poinsettias that will decorate St. Andrew's for Christmas are due today and are included in this bulletin, available in the narthex, and available online by using the QR code to the right or the following link to the form - standrewsoregonhill.org/christmaspoinsettia.



- Bishop Harris' Upcoming Visit: An Opportunity to be Baptized, Confirmed, Renew Baptismal Vows, and More! We are excited to welcome the Rt. Rev. Gayle E. Harris, Assistant Bishop of the Diocese of Virginia, on Sunday, January 18! She will preside over our 10:00 a.m. service. If you or your child(ren) would like to be baptized, received into the church, confirmed, or renew your baptismal vows during that service, please email Britton today at office@standrewsoregonhill.org. If you have questions or would like to learn more, please see Rev. Lynn today or email her at clergy@standrewsoregonhill.org. The group preparing for baptism, confirmation, renewal, and reception will meet with Rev. Lynn via Zoom on 12/9, 12/16, 12/30, 1/5, and 1/13.
- Updated 2025 Directory Available: If you would like a copy, have changes to your information, or have questions or concerns, *please see or email Britton Trimble for the new, updated link* at office@standrewsoregonhill.org. Please do not share your copy of the directory and please do not distribute information contained in this directory outside of our parish family.

SPECIAL EVENTS AT ST. ANDREW'S

- December 7 & 14 the *Second & Third Sundays of Advent* we'll meet in the chapel after church for formation for all ages, with discussions on *An Altar in the World* by Barbara Brown Taylor.
- December 21 the *Fourth Sunday of Advent* after church, you are invited to help with the Greening of the Church as we prepare St. Andrew's for Christmas!
- December 24 *Christmas Eve* we'll celebrate the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ with a festive service of Holy Eucharist at 5:30 p.m.
- December 25 *Christmas Day* gather with us as we enjoy a more intimate celebration of the birth of Jesus with a 10:00 a.m. service of prayer and carols in the chancel.
- January 4 the Second Sunday of Christmas -
 - We will continue our celebration of the Christmas season with our **annual pageant** during the 10:00 a.m. church service.
 - We wrap up our celebration of the season with our beloved service of **Epiphany Lessons & Carols at** 5:30 p.m.
- January 18 *The Second Sunday after the Epiphany* s- join us as we welcome The Rt. Rev. Gayle E. Harris, Assistant Bishop of the Diocese of Virginia, on her first official visit to St. Andrew's!



Seekers, believers, and doubters of all ages:
Welcome home to St. Andrew's!
Together we are building a community in Christ that gathers to worship joyfully, love abundantly, and serve wholeheartedly.