



HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE TWO  
THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST: CHRISTMAS EVE  
DECEMBER 24, 2025: 5:30 P.M.  
ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

*Seekers, believers, and doubters of all ages, welcome home to St. Andrew's!* Everything you need for the spoken parts is found in your bulletin. Music may be found in this bulletin and 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

*O come, all ye faithful*

Hymn #83

*Sung by all. Please stand as you are able. Children of all ages are invited to follow the celebrant up to the soft worship space towards the front of the church.*

## THE WORD OF GOD

### Opening Acclamation

*Please remain standing as you are able.*

*Celebrant* The glory of the Lord has been revealed.

*People* And all flesh shall see the salvation of our God.

### 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.

# Song of Praise


Angels we have heard on high

Hymn #96, verses 1-3

Sung by all. Please remain standing as you are able




1 An - gels we have heard on high, sing - ing sweet - ly through the night,  
 2 Shep-herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why these songs of hap - py cheer?  
 3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;

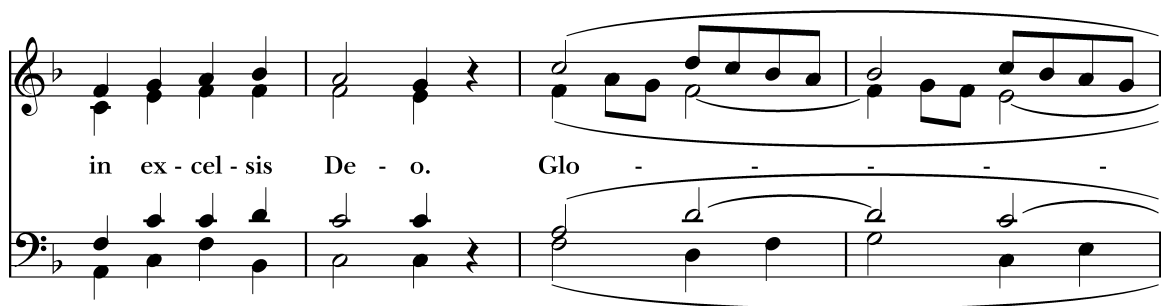


and the moun-tains in re - ply ech - o - ing their brave de - light.  
 What great bright-ness did you see? What glad tid - ings did you hear?  
 come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ, the Lord, the new - born King.

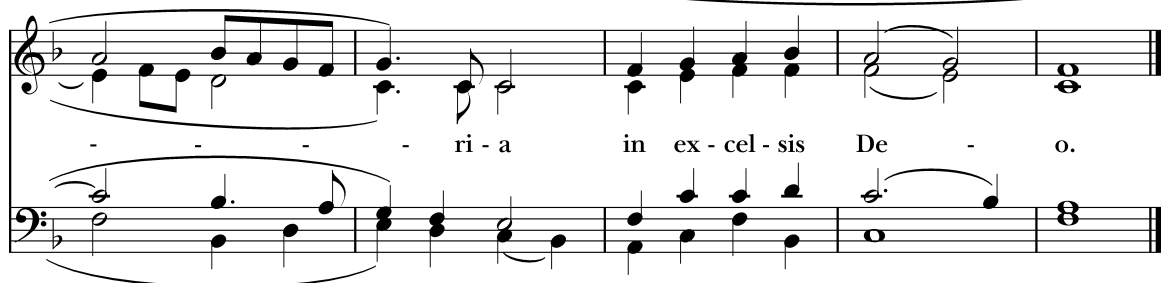
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## The Collect of the Day

BCP, p. 212

*Please remain standing as you are able.*

*Celebrant*      The Lord be with you.

***People***      **And also with you.**

*Celebrant*      Let us pray.

O God, you have caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light: Grant that we, who have known the mystery of that Light on earth, may also enjoy that great mystery perfectly in heaven; where with you and the Holy Spirit Christ lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

## The First Lesson

Isaiah 9:2-7

NRSV

*Please be seated.*

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

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

*Reader*      The Word of the Lord.

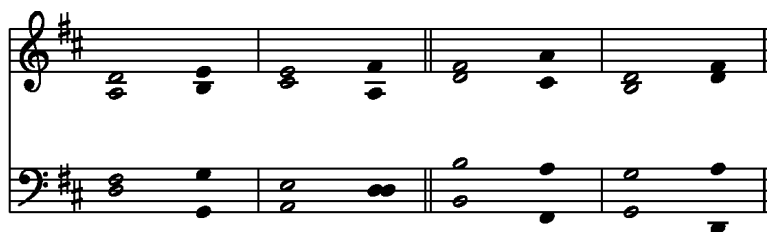
***People***      **Thanks be to God.**

## The Response

Psalm 96:1-4, 10-13

*Psalter for the Christian People*

*Sung by all. Please stand as you are able.*



1. Sing to the Lord a new / song; \*  
sing to the Lord, all the whole / earth.
2. Sing to the Lord and bless the Lord's / Name; \*  
proclaim the good news of salvation from day to / day.
3. Declare the glory of the Lord among the / nations \*  
and the wonders of the Lord among all / peoples.
4. For great is the Lord and greatly to be / praised; \*  
more to be feared than all / gods.

10. Tell it out among the nations: "The LORD is / Sovereign! \*  
the LORD has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved;  
and will judge the peoples with / equity."
11. Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;  
let the sea thunder and all that is / in it; \*  
let the field be joyful and all that is there / in.
12. Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy  
before the LORD who is / coming, \*  
who is coming to judge the / earth.
13. The LORD will judge the world with / righteousness \*  
and the peoples with his / truth.  
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**

*Titus 3:4-7*

NRSV

*Please be seated.*

A reading from the Letter of Paul to Titus.

When the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but according to his mercy, through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. This Spirit he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.

***People***            **Thanks be to God.**

## **Sequence Hymn**

*Joy to the world!*

Hymn #100

*Sung by all. Please stand as you are able.*

## **The Gospel**

*Luke 2:1-14*

NRSV

*Please remain standing as you are able.*

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

***People***            **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood

before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for see- I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.” And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!”

*Celebrant*      The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*          Praise to you, Lord Christ.

## 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 Prayers of the People

*Praying the Scriptures*

*Please remain standing or kneel as you are able.*

*Leader*          Come let us adore Christ the Lord. Let us pray, Glorious Lord,

*People*          **Grant us your peace.**

*Leader*          Christ the Lord, we humbly adore you: make joyful our hearts. Strengthen your Church with humility and faith that we might triumph over the power of evil. Glorious Lord,

*People*          **Grant us your peace.**

*Leader*          Christ the Lord, we humbly adore you: you abhor neither the simple nor the lowly. Shine your light on all the world that the nations may look upon your truth and find their salvation. Glorious Lord,

*People*          **Grant us your peace.**

*Leader*          Christ the Lord, we humbly adore you: may all of creation burst forth in songs of praise. May all the works of your hand glorify you. Glorious Lord,

*People*          **Grant us your peace.**

*Leader* Christ the Lord, we humbly adore you: summon the people of the city to yourself. May all of the distractions and heartache of our lives fade away in the joy of your presence.  
Glorious Lord,

*People* **Grant us your peace.**

*Leader* Christ the Lord, we humbly adore you: you love us so dearly. Grant your healing grace to sinners, to the poor, to those in need of love. Open your arms to the sick and the lonely.  
Glorious Lord,

*People* **Grant us your peace.**

*Leader* Christ the Lord, we humbly adore you: all glory be given to you. You blessed our earthly bodies with your birth; and you promise to raise us to new life by your death and resurrection. Glorious Lord,

*People* **Grant us your peace.**

*Celebrant* Splendor of eternal glory, grant that we may be faithful witnesses to the light that shatters the power of darkness, proclaiming in acts of justice and mercy the peace and salvation of Christ.

*People* **Amen.**

## The Peace

BCP, p. 360

*Please stand as you are able.*

*Celebrant* The peace of Christ be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

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

## Welcome and Announcements

*Please be seated.*

## Offertory Anthem

*Please remain seated.*

## Presentation Hymn

*Hark! The herald angels sing*

Hymn #87

*Sung by all. Please stand as you are able. Children of all ages are invited to come forward and worship with the celebrant at the altar.*

# 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 al - so with you.

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts. *People* We lift them to the Lord.



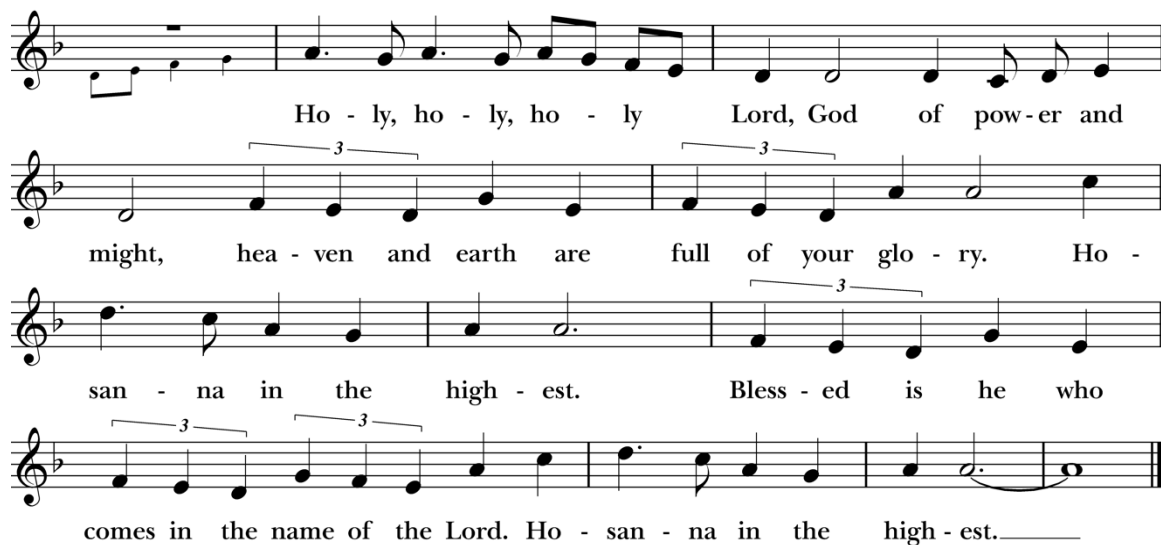
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

### The Sanctus

*Holy, holy, holy Lord*

Hymnal S-129

*Sung by all. 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.*

### **Fraction Anthem**

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

### **Invitation to Communion**

*All are welcome at Christ's table. 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.*

### **Communion Hymns**

*Sung by all.*

*It came upon the midnight clear*

Hymn #89

*What child is this*

Hymn #115

*Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming*

Hymn #81, verses 1-2

### **Post-Communion Prayer**

*Please stand or kneel as you are able.*

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

**All** Almighty God, whose Word has come among us in the Holy Child of Bethlehem: may the light of faith illumine our hearts and shine in our words and deeds; through him who is Christ the Lord. Amen.



## The Christmas Blessing

*Please remain standing as you are able.*

**Celebrant** May Christ, who by his Incarnation gathered into one thing earthly and heavenly, fill you with his joy and peace; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always

**People** Amen.

## The Dismissal

**Celebrant** Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

**People** Thanks be to God!

## Candlelight Carol Sing

*Sung by all. We will light our candles as we begin singing.*

O little town of Bethlehem

Hymn #79 Verses 1-3, 5

Silent night, holy night

Hymn #111

*Please blow out your candles and place them in the basket when you leave.*

## WORSHIP LEADERS

**Celebrant & Preacher:** The Rev. Canon Dr. Lynn Collins      **Organist & Choirmaster:** Demas Boudreaux

**Trumpet:** Allen Finch      **Guitar:** Andy Chess

**Crucifer:** Paula Harper      **Lay Readers:** Tim Williams & Pat Bridgewater

**Intercessor:** Ally Getlein      **Steward:** Jack McHale

**Vestry Person of the Day:** Tracey Miles      **Lead Greeter:** Mike Culver      **Altar Guild:** Pat Bridgewater

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## ST. ANDREW'S CALENDAR

*Parish Office Closed: December 25 - January 4*

**Thursday, December 25: Christmas Day**

- **Morning Prayer & Carols:** 10:00 a.m., chapel

**Sunday, December 28: The First Sunday after Christmas**

- **Holy Eucharist with Beloved Carols:** 10:00 a.m., church and on Facebook
- **Coffee Hour:** 11:15 a.m., chapel

**Sunday, January 4: The Second Sunday after Christmas**

- **Holy Eucharist with the Epiphany Pageant:** 10:00 a.m., church and on Facebook
- **Coffee Hour:** 11:15 a.m., chapel
- **Epiphany Lessons and Carols:** 5:30 p.m., church

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Parish Office Closed for Christmas:** Staff will be on break for Christmas through January 3. Work-from-home resumes on Monday, January 5; normal office hours resume Wednesday, January 7, at 10:00 a.m. We wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!
- **The Pageant:** Our annual pageant will take place during the 10:00 a.m. service on Sunday, January 4. All children are welcome to participate, and we may need a few adults, too! We will meet in the undercroft at 9:00 a.m. on January 5 to get everyone in costumes and do a walk-through.
- **Epiphany Lessons & Carols:** Our beloved Epiphany Lessons & Carols returns on Sunday, January 4, at 5:30 p.m. We hope you'll join us for this beautiful service that wraps up the Christmas season, which will include a festive reception in the chapel after the service.
- **Candlemas Evensong:** Mark your calendars now and plan to join us on Sunday, February 1, at 5:30 p.m. for this lovely, contemplative service.

**The Poinsettias are given to the Glory of God ...**

- by Philip Scranage

**... and in memory of:**

- Cathy MacLeod by Sue Barrett
- Charles and Elizabeth Baur by Elaine and Chuck Baur
- David Baur by Elaine and Chuck Baur
- Karen Evans by Fynleigh Baur-Millward
- David Baur, Elaine McKee, Gran'ma and Gran'daddy Baur, and Craig Millward by the Baur-Millward family
- Danny Curran by Laura Boucher

- My mother and father, Mac and Sarah Bridgewater by Pat Bridgewater
- Wayne Clark by Belinda Brugh
- Jayne and Bernie Catanzaro by Chris Catanzaro
- Larry Dale and Josephine Hall by Patrick Hall and Chris Catanzaro
- George and Mary Chess by Rick, Diane, and Andrew Chess
- Edward Francis and Shirley Ferguson Dolan by Rick, Diane, and Andrew Chess
- Charles, Elizabeth, and David Baur by Cathy and Buddy Creamer
- Edna and Charles Creamer by Cathy and Buddy Creamer
- Karen Evans and Don Riefner by The Evans Family
- Mr. Mario Xavier Rodríguez González by The Rosa and Allen Finch Family
- Karen Evans by Ally, Patrick, and Sasha Getlein
- Eric Wilkerson by Ally, Patrick, and Sasha Getlein
- Jack Pollard by Jill Pollard
- Jerry Allen by Steve and Karen Salter
- C. L. Slonaker by Carol Slonaker and family

**... and in thanksgiving for:**

- Christine, Brian, Nayeli, Fynleigh, and Teagan Elaine Baur-Millward by Elaine and Chuck Baur
- The Rev. Canon Dr. Lynn Collins by Elaine and Chuck Baur
- Karen and Steve Salter and Carleen Griffin by Teagan Baur-Millward
- Carlos Alvarez by Nayeli Baur-Millward
- St. Andrew's families - both old and new - and all parishioners by Belinda Brugh
- Mr. and Mrs. Jerald Allen Finch by The Rosa and Allen Finch Family
- Patrick and Sasha Getlein by Ally Getlein
- Sue Barrett by Ally, Patrick, and Sasha Getlein
- Demas Boudreaux and the Chancel Choir by Ally, Patrick, and Sasha Getlein
- The Rev. Canon Dr. Lynn Collins by Ally, Patrick, and Sasha Getlein
- Britton Trimble by Ally, Patrick, and Sasha Getlein
- Megan and Brad Gardner and Ian Leyen by Chris Leyen
- Tom and Shannon Leyen by Chris Leyen
- Demas Boudreaux by Steve and Karen Salter
- Britton Trimble by Steve and Karen Salter
- Britton, Paula, and Demas by St. Andrew's Vestry
- The Rev. Canon Dr. Lynn Collins by St. Andrew's Vestry

Merry Christmas  
from  
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.

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