



This week at St. Andrew's

Thursday, December 2, 2021

Welcome to St. Andrew's Weekly E-mail Newsletter. In an effort to keep the congregation better informed we will be sending out this newsletter on Thursdays to cover events happening at the church through the following Wednesday. We hope you find it useful.



The Mission of St. Andrew's Parish is to worship God, grow in discipleship, and share Christ's love.
St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 2018

2 Advent

December 5, 2021

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Suzannah Rohman

Organ/Keyboard: Sean Fleming

Choir Director: Linda Blanchard

8:00am Holy Eucharist Rite I (inside with masks)

Altar Guild: Terry Marsh

Intercessor/Eucharistic Minister: Terry Marsh

Lector: Brett Donham

Usher: Jim Swan

Vestry Announcements: David Blanchard

9:15am Morning Prayer on Zoom

10:00am Holy Eucharist (inside with masks)

Altar Guild: Ann Kash

Intercessor/Eucharistic Minister: Sherrie Holbrook

Lectors: Fred Kraeuter & Sara Sandberg

Livestream Operator: Bill Judd

Ushers: Kirk Holbrook & Kelley Kash

Vestry Announcements: Marilyn Cheney

Please note: We will have seating available in the atrium for the 10am service. The service will be shown on the tv screen in the atrium. For safety purposes, we will be limiting seating in the nave (known as sanctuary by some, the church itself) to 50. Those sitting in the atrium may enter the church to receive communion at the appropriate time.

Readings for 2 Advent

First Reading: Malachi 3:1-4

Canticle 16: The Song of Zechariah (Luke 1:68-79)

If you would like to read the lessons on the Lectionary Page website, please [click here](#)

Once you are at lectionarypage.net, you may choose **NEW Resource:** [RCL Daily Readings](#). If you scroll to the bottom you can sign up to receive daily readings via your email.

A letter from Suzannah about our December worship services:

Dear Friends,

Our vestry met on Tuesday afternoon and discussed our December worship at length. After considering the topic from multiple angles (safety, needs of various parishioners and so on), we decided on the following worship schedule for the month of December:

Beginning Sunday, December 5th:

8 AM Rite I Holy Eucharist inside the church, masked with no singing

9:15 AM Sunday Morning Prayer: On Zoom, led by seminarian and postulant for Holy Orders, Ben Cooke. He will be using the New Zealand Book of Common Prayer.

10 AM Rite II Holy Eucharist inside the church and live-streamed and recorded, masked with no singing

Wednesdays, 10 AM Rite II Holy Eucharist with healing (with masks)

Monday-Friday 9 PM Zoom Compline

Monday-Friday 7 AM Zoom Morning Prayer

Christmas Schedule:

12/24 Christmas Eve:

4 PM Family Service with simple pageant, masked with no singing inside

7:30 PM Holy Eucharist Rite II, masked with no singing inside

One of these services will be recorded and live-streamed.

12/25 Christmas Day:

10 AM Holy Eucharist inside the church, masked with no singing

12/26 1st Christmas:

10 AM Rite II Holy Eucharist inside the church live-streamed and recorded, masked with no singing

The vestry sees worship as an "essential service" of the church and is making it a priority over other meetings. For safety reasons, the vestry is continuing to place limitations on other gatherings in the building.

We thank you in advance for your incredible flexibility and adaptability.

Peace,
Suzannah +

The Way of Love: Practices for Jesus-Centered Life An Advent Adult Formation Offering

"The Way of Love" is a movement started by our Presiding Bishop, Michael Curry who believes our vocation is to live as the Episcopal branch of the Jesus Movement. The foundation of his movement is made up of ancient spiritual practices that bring us together as a community, center us on Jesus, and form us into followers of Jesus. These practices are: Turn--Learn--Pray--Worship--Bless--Go--Rest. For the four Sundays of Advent (beginning Nov. 28) at 11 am in the Undercroft and via Zoom, Suzannah will facilitate the Episcopal Church Advent Curriculum, Journeying the Way of Love. Together we will move through the first two chapters of the Gospel of Luke. Luke's gospel provides a pattern for understanding how we can live the Way of Love as individuals, as families and friends, as a community, and out in the world. Participants will be encouraged to "try on" the spiritual practices of the Way of Love throughout the days of Advent. When the group gathers each week, participants will use the first two chapters of Luke to reflect with one another on how they experienced taking up the practices.

Please contact Suzannah with any questions: Stasrector@tidewater.net

Please join Suzannah as we seek to together better understand what it means to be follow the way of Love.

To join on zoom:

Meeting ID:

Vestry openings

This is an exciting time of year when we ask parishioners to prayerfully consider running for Vestry. We have three places to fill, as outgoing members have fulfilled their three year stint. Election of new Vestry members takes place in late January, at the Annual Meeting.

Please give it some thought, or perhaps nominate a fellow parishioner who would like to run.

Being a member of the Vestry is interesting and informative, and is a great way to get to know other parishioners and enter more deeply into the workings of our wonderful Church. Meeting once a month, and having a delightful half-day retreat during one of the warmer months gives the Vestry, in conjunction with the Rector, a chance to consider a variety of issues. Among them are parish property concerns - (care, use and upkeep of our exquisite, historic church building of course, and our beautiful grounds), and financial decisions. In addition, they discuss and vote on parish matters as they arise. It is the governing body of the Church, and it's a terrific way to serve.

If you are interested, or want to learn more please speak to any Vestry member, or more specifically to one of those who are stepping down: David Blanchard, Marilyn Cheney, Cindy Freese or Ed Ross. We are here to help.

Thank you.

October Vestry Minutes

The October vestry minutes were approved at the November meeting and can be viewed by clicking [here](#)



Advent greens and Christmas flowers

If you would like to give thanks for or remember your loved ones with flowers at Christmas, there are envelopes available in the back section of each pew. Please drop the completed envelopes, with your donation, in the plate or bring to the office. You may also mail in your remembrances and donations to St. Andrew's Church, PO Box 234, Newcastle, ME 04553. Thank you.

Please note:

Next Tuesday, December 7,
12:15pm Bible Study is cancelled

A Message from the Stewardship Committee

Results of our pledge campaign for 2022 are encouraging. 86 pledgers have committed to giving \$222,827. Thank you! In 2021, we had 120 pledgers. We hope to have at least the same number of pledgers for 2022. To those who have not yet pledged for 2022, please consider doing so. Our thanks to everyone."

Please contact the church office (563-3533) if you would like a pledge card.

A Music Note for this Sunday, December 5

On December 5 I will play two settings based on the hymn tune *Psalm 42*, also known as *Freu dich sehr, o meine Seele*; a fantasia by Johann Ludwig Krebs (1713-1780), and a partita (a set of variations) by Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706). The *Psalm 42* tune is set in The Hymnal 1982 to the text "Comfort, comfort ye my people."

-Sean Fleming, organist

People to People is collecting NEW items to distribute for Christmas

Donations can be put in the box in the atrium. Deadline for donations is December 12. Please pick up a flyer in the back of the church with more information on what is needed or you may click [here](#) for the full list.

On almost every day of the year, the Episcopal Church honors faithful followers of Jesus who went before us. Every Wednesday at St. Andrew's during our Healing Eucharist, we remember one or more of these Holy Men and Women. We take time to remember these people for three important reasons. First, they deserve to be remembered. The people chosen for our calendar, are remembered because they were particularly remarkable followers of Jesus. The second reason we remember them is because in remembering we are connected to Christians throughout time. And last but not least, we remember them because in remembering we can learn how to be better followers of Jesus in our day and time.

This week we remember Charles de Foucauld. Please click [here](#) to learn more about him.

Sunday Worship - December 5, 2021

8AM Indoor Sunday service of Holy Eucharist Rite I

The worship booklet for the 8AM Sunday service is available by clicking [here](#)

9:15AM Sunday service of Morning Prayer (on Zoom):

Meeting ID:

Or you may click [here](#) for the zoom link. To see the bulletin for this service, please click [here](#)

10AM Indoor Sunday service of Holy Eucharist Rite II

Livestreamed on St. Andrew's Facebook page. Recorded to St. Andrew's Facebook and YouTube pages. The recording on the YouTube page will be available by the next day.

The worship booklet for the 10AM livestreamed indoor service of Holy Eucharist Rite II is available by clicking [here](#)

You can get to our Facebook page by clicking [here](#)

You can get to our YouTube channel by clicking [here](#)

Weekday Worship

Compline: Monday-Friday 9 PM

Zoom Meeting ID:

Morning Prayer: Monday–Friday 7:00 am

Zoom Meeting:

Wednesday Healing Service: 10:00am inside service of Holy Eucharist Rite II with Prayers for Healing

Meetings

Poetry Reading: 4PM Monday

Zoom Meeting ID:

Bible Study: 12:15 PM Tuesday

Zoom Meeting ID:

**** Please note: Bible study has been canceled for Tuesday, December 7****

Benedictine Group: 11:15 AM Wednesday

Zoom Meeting ID:

Knitting Group: 2-4pm Fridays AND 2-4pm Sundays on Zoom

All welcome: not necessary to be a knitter!

Zoom Meeting ID:

You can get to our Facebook page by clicking [here](#)

You can get to our YouTube channel by clicking [here](#)

You can get to our Website by clicking [here](#)

Ring those Christmas Bells - Tapestry Singers

St. Patrick's Church, Newcastle

Saturday, December 11 at 7:30pm

Sunday, December 12 at 4:00pm

*Tickets are \$16 for adults (students are free) and must be purchased online at tapestrysingersmaine.org

*The audience and singers are to be masked

*Adults 18 and over must show their vaccination card at the door.

*Seating will be limited to 175 people

Intercessory Prayer List

"The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words." (Romans 8:26)

We pray for those who are ill or with special needs:

Rob & Irma Hargreaves, Alan Hargreaves, Phil Bartley, Robert Hodge, Amanda Smith, Stephen Gorrill, Val Gorrill, Bob Gorrill, Ellen B., Allie, Anne Rossideas, Bruce Rinker, Virginia White, Felicia McAllister, Tom Sullivan, John, Todd, Donald Johnson Olderson, Tom Belanger, Dick, Catherine Fleming, Alex Place, Mark Place, Donna & David Badgley, Tyler, Bruce, Chandler Stephenson, Cynthia Troxel, Jane Ferris, Maureen McNiff, Geoff & Rachel Titherington, Sam Young, Brad & Tina Reynolds, Victoria, Nicholas Collins, Robin Schneider, Matthew Schneider, Judy McMahan, Lorrie Buchanan, Jane Gear, Louise Bessire.

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Treasurer: Ed Ross Organist: Sean Fleming Director of Choirs: Linda Blanchard

Parish Administrator: Ann Kash

Ministers: All Members of the Parish

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