



# This week at St. Andrew's

Thursday, December 23, 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

## Christmas Eve

**December 24, 2021**

### **4:00pm Holy Eucharist Rite II Family Service (inside with masks)**

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Suzannah Rohman  
Organ/Keyboard: Sean Fleming  
Choir Director: Linda Blanchard  
Altar Guild: Maryanne Ward  
Intercessor/Eucharistic Minister: Martha Elliott  
Lectors: Charlotte Saxl & Rose Dupuis  
Livestream Operator: Bill Judd  
Ushers: Jim Swan & Kay Liss

### **7:30pm Holy Eucharist Rite II (inside with masks)**

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Suzannah Rohman  
Organ/Keyboard: Sean Fleming  
Choir Director: Linda Blanchard  
Altar Guild: Ann Kash  
Intercessor/Eucharistic Minister: Nancy Gault  
Lectors: Ann Creamer & Judy Weislogel  
Ushers: Kelley & Ann Kash

## Christmas Day

**December 25**

### **10:00am Holy Eucharist Rite II (inside with masks)**

Celebrant & Preacher:  
Organ/Keyboard: Sean Fleming  
Choir Director: Linda Blanchard  
Altar Guild: Sarah Houghton  
Intercessor/Eucharistic Minister: Sara Sandberg

Lectors: Phoebe & Alex Pugh  
Ushers: The Pugh Family

## 1 Christmas

**December 26**

**10:00am Holy Eucharist Rite II (inside with masks)**

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Suzannah Rohman  
Organ/Keyboard: Sean Fleming  
Choir Director: Linda Blanchard  
Altar Guild: Marianne Pinkham  
Intercessor/Eucharistic Minister: Laurie Gray  
Lectors: Steve Ward & Marianne Pinkham  
Livestream Operator: Bill Judd  
Ushers: Marianne Pinkham & Jim Swan

**Please note:** We will have seating available in the atrium for overflow for the various services. 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.

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### **Readings for Christmas Weekend**

The lessons for the various services this weekend can be found on the Lectionary Page website. If you would like to go to that 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.

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### **A Letter from Suzannah about our Christmas Services this year**

Dear Friends,

I am so thankful that we will be able to worship together in person on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. It is a blessing to be able to gather together as a community. And because of the COVID numbers at this time, worship will not yet look like it did prior to the pandemic.

Our 4 PM service will focus on families with children and youth. We will have a pageant, but it won't be the pageant we have traditionally held. In place of the Gospel and sermon we will hold a simple pageant. A narrator or two will tell the story and at appropriate points during the pageant will ask for volunteers to come forward from our children and youth to take on certain parts in the pageant (no speaking parts). So our children and youth will have the opportunity to be various animals, shepherds, angels and the like. Adult volunteers will help the children and youth quickly put on simple costumes and join the manger scene at the front of the church. We will not be singing.

Our 7:30 PM service will have an instrumental soloist, but will not have the usual pre-service singing by the choir that we would normally have.

Both services will have organ playing and anthems recorded in advance by our choir. Both services will end with the congregation processing out into the courtyard to sing Christmas carols together (so bundle up).

Our Christmas Day Service also will not have singing. It will be celebrated by Byron Stuhlman and be Rite II.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Peace,  
Suzannah +

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### **Musical highlights at St. Andrew's for the rest of December**

#### **Friday, December 24, Christmas Eve 4:00 PM**

In addition to a wonderful youth pageant, at the 4:00 service we will have a violin quartet led by Kaity Newell playing Christmas tunes, two anthems by Rutter and Bach sung by the Senior Choir (recorded), and caroling outside.

#### **Friday, December 24, Christmas Eve 7:30 PM**

At the 7:30 service we will have pieces played by the Bell Choir, two anthems by Rutter and Bach sung by

the Senior Choir (recorded), and caroling outside.

### **Saturday, December 25, Christmas Day 10:00 AM**

At the 10:00 Christmas Day service we will have pieces played by the Bell Choir, two anthems by Rutter and Bach sung by the Senior Choir (recorded), and caroling outside.

### **Sunday, December 26, 1 Christmas 10:00 AM**

At the 10:00 Dec. 26 service we will have a special treat, the Castlebay duo. Castlebay members Julia Lane and Fred Gosbee will play instrumentals fitting for Christmas and Saint Stephen's Day.

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### **Snowy Weather**

In case of snowy weather, please check your email or the church phone message (563-3533) for any service changes due to the weather.

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### **Office hours after Christmas**

During the week after Christmas, there will be no set office hours at the church. Email and phone messages will be checked often.

Next week we will not be holding the Tuesday Bible Study or the Wednesday Healing Service.

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### **Christmas Trees for Goats**

If you are wondering what to do with your old Christmas trees, for the next few weeks we will be collecting them in the front yard of the church. Christine Benken will transport them to her goats for a tasty treat!

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### **St. Andrew's Annual Meeting**

St. Andrew's annual meeting will be held on Sunday, January 30. There will be a single service of Holy Eucharist Rite II at 9:00am followed by the Annual Meeting. The meeting will be in person and also on Zoom.

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### **Stewardship message**

With the generous response of our parishioners, we are pleased to announce that we have surpassed our 2022 pledge campaign goal with pledges totaling \$254,707. MANY thanks! The ministry of St. Andrew's depends on the active involvement and generosity of all of us.

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### **Pledge Envelopes**

Pledge envelopes for 2022 are available in the atrium for those who have pledged and requested them. If you do not see your name and would like to have envelopes for the coming year, please contact the office at 563-3533

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### **Vestry Minutes from the November 16 meeting**

If you would like to read the vestry minutes from the November meeting, please click [here](#)

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### **Holy Men and Holy Women: Katharina von Bora**

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 Katharina von Bora. Please click [here](#) to learn more about her.

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### **Christmas Eve Worship - December 24, 2021**

#### **4:00PM Christmas Eve service of Holy Eucharist for youth and families**

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 4:00PM Christmas Eve livestreamed indoor service of Holy Eucharist**

Rite II is available by clicking [here](#)

## **1 Christmas Sunday Worship - December 26, 2021**

### **9:15AM Sunday service of 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.

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

**\*\*Please note: There will be no Healing service on Wednesday, Dec. 29th\*\***

## **Meetings**

Poetry Reading: 4PM Monday

Zoom Meeting ID:

Bible Study: 12:15 PM Tuesday

Zoom Meeting ID:

**\*\*Please note: There will be no Bible Study on Tuesday, December 28th\*\***

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:

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## **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 & Julie, 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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Junior Warden: Christine Benken Clerk: Cindy Freese  
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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