



This week at St. Andrew's

Thursday, December 15, 2022

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

December 18, 2022

4 Advent

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Suzannah Rohman
Organist: Sean Fleming
Choir Director: Linda Blanchard

8:00am Holy Eucharist Rite I

Altar Guild: Ruth Piper
Intercessor/Eucharistic Minister: Martha Elliott
Lector: Brett Donham
Ushers: Jack & Carol Dexter
Vestry Announcer: Terry Marsh

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

10:00am Holy Eucharist Rite II

Altar Guild: Ann Kash
Eucharistic Minister/Intercessor: Christine Benken
Lectors: Alex Pugh & Steve Ward
Livestream Operator: Fred Kraeuter
Ushers: Kelley Kash & Ed Ross
Vestry Announcer: Christine Benken

The worship booklet for the 10am Sunday service is available by clicking [here](#). This service is also livestreamed to St. Andrew's Facebook page where it can be viewed live or recorded.

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](#)

Readings for Sunday, December 18 can be found on the Lectionary Page website.

If you would like to access the 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.

St. Andrew's Christmas services

Christmas Eve (Sat, 12/24): 4:00pm Family service with Holy Eucharist

Christmas Eve (Sat, 12/24): 7:30pm - Music of the Season with Holy Eucharist

Christmas Day (Sun, 12/25): 10:00am - Holy Eucharist Rite II

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Christmas Pageant Details

On Christmas Eve we will be having a pop-up pageant for the 4pm family service. That means it is okay for families to just show up; there is no rehearsal. We ask that you show up at 3:30. We will be handing out costumes between 3:30-3:45pm. Children/tweens can be a shepherd, a wise person, an animal, an angel, or Mary or Joseph.



Christmas Wreaths and 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 (cash or check made out to St. Andrew's Church) in the plate. You may also drop them off in the office. Please contact the church office (563-3533) with any questions.

Please note: Remembrances as due into the office by Tuesday morning, December 20. Thanks!

Note about the music for December 18

We'll sing a new hymn setting "The starry splendors of the night" at the 10:00 service. This setting uses the poem from the *Advent Devotional Calendar*, created by the Revs. Thomas Mousin and Merry Waters, and set to the tune of *Puer Nobis* by John R. Clarke. Thanks to Bill Judd for telling me about this new hymn! -Sean Fleming

Continued Opportunities to Grow Spiritually in the New Year

I would like to call your attention to a couple of opportunities here at St. Andrew's that will be continuing in 2023 – Opportunities to be with others who can help to support you as you desire to grow spiritually.

The Benedictine Group meets via Zoom at 11:15 on Wednesday mornings for about an hour, ending with a Midday Prayer Office a bit after noon. We read Scripture together, study a portion of the Rule of Saint Benedict, and share prayer requests, and generally support each other. We are about to finish one book, and start another one in studying the Rule, so it would be an ideal time to join or rejoin the Group. All are welcome.

I would also like to ask that you consider joining the few of us who meet at 9:00 PM Monday-Friday to read Compline from the Book of Common Prayer. This is also via Zoom. In the past year we have had people who regularly attended die or move away. It would be wonderful to have others join us. Those approximately 10 minutes are a wonderful way to end the day – and to support each other.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to call (563-3402) or e-mail me (abbathrest@juno.com).
Fran Hargreaves



Haitian Art and Crafts Sale
The Haiti art and craft sale held at St. Andrew's last weekend was visited by many. Over \$1,800 was

Pledge Envelopes for 2023

Pledge Envelopes are available in the atrium for those who have pledged and requested them. If you

raised to support Haiti. Thanks go to Susie and Frazier Meade and their many helpers.

do not see your name and would like to have envelopes for 2023, please contact the office at 563-3533.



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.

New Lighting System at the church

Surge. Illuminare is an appropriate canticle during this period of short days. Let there be light is also appropriate to the interior of our worship space. Our 19th century church is in the process of getting a 21st century lighting system. This Sunday you can observe that new LED spotlights have been installed over the pews. Over the next several weeks new lights will be installed in the "gutters" (where the ceiling meets the walls) and a Lutron computer system to control all of the lights (no longer will they be just on/off, each circuit can have its level of brightness controlled). The Christmas Eve services should be quite spectacular! - Bill Judd

***Please note that when you flip the main light switch for the church, there is about an 8 second delay before the lights come on.*



Flowers at St. Andrew's

One of our significant ministries became a victim of the pandemic. With the New Year almost upon us, it is time to revitalize the flowers at St. Andrew's. This is a two part process. First is getting a volunteer to do the scheduling of parishioners wanting to sponsor flowers on a Sunday. Due to inflation we have to increase this charge to \$60.

The second part is getting volunteers to join the Flower Guild. It has been a tradition at St. Andrew's to have flowers on either side of the altar throughout the year except during Lent. The weekly flowers are sponsored by parishioners who would like to remember or give thanksgiving for loved ones. Every effort is made to have flowers weekly. Flower guild members are informed by the church office of any preferences of the donor as to type of flowers. And then to coordinate with the Willow Rose Flower Shop (next to Subway) for the arrangements by delivering vases and then picking up the flowers on Saturday. Members also have the option when local blooms are available in their gardens to make their own arrangements. Members can also purchase flowers at Hannafords and make their own arrangements. For more information or to volunteer to be the scheduler or Flower Guild member please contact Bill Judd 563-3854 or the church office.

Holy Women, Holy Men John of the Cross

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 of 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 John of the Cross. Please click [here](#) to learn more about him.

Upcoming Holiday Concerts

Tapestry Singers

Tapestry Singers will perform "Home for the Holidays" on Saturday, December 17 at 7:30pm and Sunday, December 18 at 4:00pm at Damariscotta Baptist Church. Tickets are \$15 at tapestrysingersmaine.org Advanced purchase is recommended.

Hey, Ho, the Holly concert

Hey, Ho, the Holly featuring Kaity Newell and company returns to St. Andrew's Church on Sunday, December 18 at 2:00pm. All donations will go to support Heifer International

Weekday Worship

Compline: Monday-Friday 9 PM
Zoom Meeting ID:

Wednesday Healing Service: Wednesdays at 10:00am

Meetings

Benedictine Group: 11:15 AM Wednesday
Zoom Meeting ID:

Knitting Group: 2-4pm Fridays
All welcome: knitters, non-knitters and everything in between
Zoom Meeting ID:

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, Amanda Smith, Stephen Gorrill, Val Gorrill, Bob Gorrill, Ellen B., Allie, Anne Rossideas, Bruce Rinker, Virginia White, Felicia McAllister, Tom Sullivan, Todd, Donald Johnson Olderson, Tom Belanger, Dick, Catherine Fleming, Alex Place, Mark Place, Donna Badgley, Tyler, Bruce & Julie, Cynthia Troxel, Jane Ferris, Maureen McNiff, Geoff & Rachel Titherington, Sam Young, Brad & Tina Reynolds, Victoria, Robin Schneider, Matthew Schneider, Lorrie Buchanan, Jane Gear, Janice & Paul Roman, Bob Gault, David Harris, Katrina Wozich, Peter Blanchard, John Banta, The Sikora Family, Eileen, Tim Badgley

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Junior Warden: Christine Benken - Clerk: Terry Marsh
Treasurer: Mark Freese - Organist: Sean Fleming - Director of Choirs: Linda Blanchard
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