



# This week at St. Andrew's

Thursday, December 22, 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.



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*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

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**December 24, 2022**

## **Christmas Eve**

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Suzannah Rohman

Organist: Sean Fleming

Choir Director: Linda Blanchard

### **4:00pm Family Service with Holy Eucharist Rite II**

Altar Guild: Maryanne Ward

Eucharistic Minister: Laurie Gray

Intercessor: Martha Elliott

Pageant Readers: Hermione Blanchard-Fleming, Rose Dupuis and Charlotte Saxl

Children/Youth Ministries Coordinator: Sherrie Holbrook

Ushers: Kay Liss & Seth Stewart

Livestream Operator: Kirk Holbrook

The worship booklet for the 4pm Christmas Eve 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.

### **7:30pm Music of the Season with 8:00pm Holy Eucharist Rite II**

Altar Guild: Sarah Houghton

Eucharistic Minister/Intercessor: Nancy Gault

Lectors: Ann Creamer & Ann Kash

Ushers: Kelley & Ann Kash

The worship booklet for the 7:30pm Christmas Eve service is available by clicking [here](#).

**December 25, 2022**

## **Christmas Day**

**10:00am Holy Eucharist Rite II**

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Suzannah Rohman  
Organist: Sean Fleming  
Choir Director: Linda Blanchard  
Altar Guild: Ruth Piper  
Eucharistic Minister/Intercessor: Lili Pugh  
Lector: Seth Stewart  
Ushers: Alex Pugh & Jennifer Meade  
Livestream Operator: Bill Judd  
Vestry Announcer: Seth Stewart

The worship booklet for the 10:00am Christmas Day 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](#)

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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.



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### **Readings for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day 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.

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### **Musical highlights at St. Andrew's for the rest of December and the 1st of January**

**Saturday, December 24, Christmas Eve 4:00 PM Family Service with Holy Eucharist Rite II**  
At the 4:00 service we will have a wonderful pageant, musical offerings by the youth of St. Andrew's, a violin and viola trio led by Kaity Newell, and familiar Christmas carols.

**Saturday, December 24, Christmas Eve 7:30PM Music for Choir and Congregation/8:00PM Holy Eucharist Rite II**

At the 8:00 PM service we will have three anthems by Charles Wood and Johann G. Ebeling sung by the Senior Choir, and familiar Christmas carols.

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

At the 10:00 Christmas Day service we will have familiar Christmas carols.

**Sunday, January 1, The Holy Name of Our Lord Jesus Christ 10:00 AM**

At the 10:00 service on the 1st of January we will have a special treat, the Castlebay duo. Castlebay members Julia Lane and Fred Gosbee will play instrumentals befitting Christmas and the Feast of the Holy Name of Jesus.

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### **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 [sabbathrest@juno.com](mailto:sabbathrest@juno.com).  
Fran Hargreaves

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### Christmas week church schedule

\*The church offices will be closed on Monday and there will be no set hours for the rest of the week. Email and voicemail will be checked regularly.

\*The 10am Wednesday Healing service is cancelled for December 28

\*All previously scheduled groups/meetings will continue as on the calendar.

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### Pledge Envelopes for 2023

Pledge Envelopes 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 2023, please contact the office at 563-3533.

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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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### Memorial Garden renovation

If you have been by the church recently, you have noticed a lot going on in the Memorial Garden. After several decades all of the railroad ties/landscaping timbers have outlived their usefulness and have to be replaced. The upper set of steps will be closed off with a stone wall. The middle set of steps will be replaced with granite steps. The timbers in the path will be removed and not replaced. A stone paving material called ledge-pack will cover the path for smooth walking. The bridge has been removed and will be replaced with a path from the parking lot to the parking area by the church. No steps so smooth walking (and easy snow removal). This is all hardscaping, once complete we can start on the landscaping (new plants and trees). - The Property Committee

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### Holy Women, Holy Men Dorothy Sayers

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 Dorothy Sayers. Please click [here](#) to learn more about her.

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### Weekday Worship

Compline: Monday-Friday 9 PM

Zoom Meeting ID:

Wednesday Healing Service: Wednesdays at 10:00am

**\*\*Please Note: There will be no Healing Service on Wednesday, December 28**

### 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:

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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, 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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