



This week at St. Andrew's

Thursday, December 21, 2023

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

4 Advent

Sunday, December 24, 2023

10:00am Holy Eucharist Rite II

(There will be a coffee hour after this service - bring cookies!)

Celebrant and Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Suzannah Rohman

Curate: The Rev. Ben Cooke

Organist: Sean Fleming

Choir Director: Linda Blanchard

Altar Guild: Ann Kash

Eucharistic Minister/Intercessor: Ann Kash

Lectors: Jeanne Titherington & Jennifer Meade

Ushers: Jennifer Meade & Kelley Kash

Livestream Operator: Bill Judd

Vestry Announcer: Martha Elliott

The worship booklet for the 10am Sunday service is available by clicking [here](#).

The 10am service will also be livestreamed to St. Andrew's Facebook page where it can be viewed live or from a recording.



Christmas Eve

Sunday, December 24, 2-23

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

Celebrant and Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Suzannah Rohman

Curate: The Rev. Ben Cooke

Organist: Sean Fleming

Pageant Director: Linda Blanchard
Altar Guild: Maryanne Ward
Eucharistic Minister/Intercessor: Laurie Gray
Ushers: Jim Swan & Kelley Kash

The worship booklet for the 4:00pm Christmas Eve service is available by clicking[here](#).

****Christmas Pageant Details****

The 4:00 Christmas Eve service will include an informal and very kid-friendly Christmas pageant. There's no need to sign up in advance or read lines. Children from the congregation will be invited to participate as we tell the Christmas story. All are welcome and encouraged to join in! If you are interested, 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.

7:00pm Christmas Eve Service with Holy Eucharist Rite II

Celebrant and Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Suzannah Rohman

Curate: The Rev. Ben Cooke

Organist: Sean Fleming

Choir Director: Linda Blanchard

Altar Guild: Sarah Houghton

Eucharistic Minister/Intercessor: Ann Kash

Lectors: Ann Creamer & Judy Weislogel

Ushers: Kelley Kash

The worship booklet for the 7:00pm Christmas Eve service is available by clicking[here](#).



Christmas Day

Monday, December 25, 2023

10:00am service with Holy Eucharist Rite II

Celebrant and Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Suzannah Rohman

Curate: The Rev. Ben Cooke

Organist: Sean Fleming

Choir Director: Linda Blanchard

Altar Guild: Sarah Houghton

Eucharistic Minister/Intercessor: Ann Kash

Ushers: Kelley Kash

Livestream Operator: Bill Judd

The worship booklet for the 10:00am Christmas Day service is available by clicking[here](#).

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Holiday Coffee Hours - Bring Cookies!

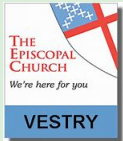
There will be coffee hours after the single (10 am) Sunday services on December 24 and December 31. Rather than ask anyone to add to their to-do lists in the final week of the year, we would like you to consider simply putting a dozen cookies on a plate and bringing them with you. That's it. We will make sure there is coffee. If even a dozen of us remember to bring our dozen cookies, we will get to enjoy each others'

company after the service with a minimum of fuss, a delicious nibble, and all the joy of the Christmas season.

Music for the 4 Advent service, this Sunday, December 24 at 10:00am

For the fourth Sunday of Advent, we have the option to read or sing the canticle known as the *Magnificat* or the Song of Mary. The text of the canticle is taken directly from the Gospel of Luke (1:46–55) where it is spoken by Mary upon the occasion of her Visitation to her cousin Elizabeth. In the narrative, after Mary greets Elizabeth, who is pregnant with John the Baptist, the latter moves within Elizabeth's womb. Elizabeth praises Mary for her faith (using words partially reflected in the Hail Mary), and Mary responds with the *Magnificat*.

No other musical text has been set to music more than the *Magnificat*. In Gregorian chant there were originally eight tunes or tones to which the *Magnificat* was sung. Later there were four more tones added. I will play a setting by Bach of the ninth of these *Magnificat* tones, called the *tonus peregrinus*. This tone is the one usually sung to Martin Luther's translation of the *Magnificat* text, and the one we will chant at the 10:00 service on Dec. 24. -Sean Fleming



Vestry Minutes

If you would like to read the vestry minutes from the November 17 meeting, please click [here](#). The minutes were approved at this week's vestry meeting.

Holy Women, Holy Men Frances Joseph-Gaudet, Educator, Social Worker, and Prison Reformer

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 celebrate Frances Joseph-Gaudet Please click [here](#) to learn more about her.

Weekday Worship

Compline: Monday-Friday 9 PM
Zoom Meeting

Wednesday Healing Service: Wednesdays at 10:00am

****Please note that there will not be a healing service on Wednesday, December 27.**

Meetings

Benedictine Group: 11:15 AM Wednesday
Zoom Meeting

Knitting Group: 2-4pm Fridays

All welcome: knitters, non-knitters and everything in between.
Meeting in the Undercroft unless otherwise announced.

Healthy Lincoln County LGBTQ+ Youth Quit Tobacco Support Group

Healthy Communities of the Capital Area (HCCA) is offering a free, virtual, statewide program to help teens quit vaping/tobacco. It is focused specifically on LGBTQ+ youth and facilitated by LGBTQ+ adults. For more information please click [here](#) to view the poster.

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, Nathan Hargreaves, Phil Bartley, Stephen Gorrill, Val Gorrill, Ellen B., Allie, Anne Rossideas, Bruce Rinker, Felicia McAllister, Tom Sullivan, Todd, Donald Johnson Olderson, Tom Belanger, Dick, Catherine Fleming, Tyler & Christine, Bruce & Julie, Cynthia Troxel, Jane Ferris, Janice & Paul Roman, Bob Gault, Beth, Shelby Owen, Peter Blanchard

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Junior Warden: Sara Sandberg - Clerk: Terry Marsh
Treasurer: Mark Freese - Organist: Sean Fleming - Choir Director: Linda Blanchard
Parish Administrator: Ann Kash
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