



This week at St. Andrew's

Thursday, March 20, 2025

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



March 23, 2025

3 Lent

8:00am Holy Eucharist Rite I

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Suzannah Rohman
Organist: Sean Fleming
Altar Guild: Ruth Piper
Eucharistic Minister/Intercessor: Martha Elliott
Lector: Jim Swan
Usher: Jack & Carol Dexter
Vestry Announcer: Ruth Piper

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

10:00am Holy Eucharist Rite II

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Suzannah Rohman
Organist: Sean Fleming
Choir Director: Linda Blanchard
Altar Guild: Maryanne & John Ward
Eucharistic Minister/Intercessor: Kelley Kash
Lectors: Fred Kraeuter & John Ward
Livestream Operator: Bill Judd
Ushers: Fred Kraeuter & Sara Sandberg
Vestry Announcer: Kirk Holbrook

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

Livestreaming: We now livestream through our youtube channel. Please click [here](#) to access St. Andrew's YouTube channel. If you have a "Smart TV" with the YouTube app installed, you can watch the service Live or play it later.

To find our channel on the YouTube app, enter: [@st.andrewsepisopalchurchn5752](#)

Problems, send an email to stastech@tidewater.net. Facebook messenger will no longer be used.

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

The Great Litany this Sunday

This Sunday we will pray The Great Litany at both services. Bishop Brown has a wonderful short video about The Great Litany which can be viewed by clicking [here](#)

Note about the anthem for this Sunday, March 23

This Sunday's anthem, "On the Willows," from the Broadway musical *Godspell* by Stephen Schwartz, offers a poignant setting of Psalm 137. *Godspell*, a 1971 musical based in part on the Gospel of Matthew and featuring many parables, presents the teachings of Jesus with energy, humor, and heartfelt sincerity. St. Andrew's parishioners who are unfamiliar with *Godspell* most likely will recognize two numbers from the musical which we've used frequently in worship: "Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord" and "Day by Day." In *Godspell*, "On the Willows" accompanies the Last Supper, evoking themes of loss, transition, and trust in God. Its gentle melody and reflective text make it especially fitting for Lent. —Linda Blanchard

Sunday Lenten Series continues through Lent

Please join me (Suzannah) during the Sundays of Lent following the 10 am service to discuss Bishop Mariann Budde's book, *How We Learn to Be Brave: Decisive Moments in Life and Faith*. Bishop Budde is the Bishop of the Diocese of Washington (DC) who preached about mercy at the prayer service in the National Cathedral (Episcopal) in Washington DC following the inauguration of the president. We will read a chapter each week for the six weeks of Lent.

The Lenten Series will be held after the 10am service and will continue through Lent. The book is available on Amazon and may be available at area bookstores or libraries. There is also a copy of the book in the church library which may be signed out.



Easter Flowers

This year Easter Sunday is April 20. If you would like to make an Easter flower donation in thanksgiving for or memory of a loved one, envelopes can be found on the backs of the pews. Please fill out the outside, include your donation (cash or check) and place in the offertory plate. You may also mail or bring them to the office. Please contact the church office (563-3533) with any questions.

Holy Women, Holy Men Patrick Fifth Century Bishop and Missionary

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 Patrick. Please click [here](#) to learn more about him.

A Message from the Earth Keepers Team:

March 30 Meat-Free Potluck: Join the St. Andrew's Earth Keepers Team for a meat-free potluck on March 30th at 12:15 in the undercroft. Bring a meat-free dish to share! Anyone participating in the book discussion can come after that has wrapped up.

4:00pm on the last Saturday of each month, starting March 29th:

I would like to invite you all to a monthly gathering to practice Lectio Terra, or Terra Divina, which invites all to find the divine in the greater-than-human world. The ancient practice of Lectio Divina uses a scripture reading to find greater meaning. In our practice we will have a short reading which we will use for meditation. We then will immerse ourselves in our surroundings to read the natural world around us, hoping to find greater meaning and divinity.

Sessions will last 45-90 minutes depending on the weather or other factors, though most sessions will be about 90 minutes. The first session will be *March 29th, at 4:00*. We will meet every last Saturday indefinitely. I am also open to other days, which can be in addition to these gatherings.

The first session will be at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, and will include a scripture reading, though this will be an ecumenical group, so we can expand to other venues and readings as we continue our journey together.

For more information on this practice look [at this guide](#) or contact me, Lili Pugh I hope you can join us! Feel free to pass this along as well!

Frances Perkins article

The latest DownEast magazine (March, 2025 - donut on the cover) contains a short article about Frances Perkins and her homestead in Newcastle. If you do not subscribe, there is a copy in the office that you may read.



St. Andrew's Church Calendar

St. Andrew's Church calendar is available online. If you would like to access it, please click [here](#)

Weekday Worship

Compline: Monday-Friday 8:30 PM
Zoom Meeting

Wednesday Healing Service: Wednesdays at 11:30am

Please note: The next luncheon after this service will be on Wednesday, April 2

Meetings

Benedictine Group: 10:00 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.

St. Andrew's Choir Rehearsal: Thursdays at 7:00pm. Please contact the choir director, Linda Blanchard or the organist, Sean Fleming if you are interested in more information about the choir.

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, Val Gorrill, Tom Belanger, Dick, Tyler & Christine, Bruce & Julie, Cynthia Troxel, Nathan Hargreaves, Janice Roman, Beth, Emily Goodspeed, Anne Ogden, Tony Sousa, Joanne Sousa, Ian J., Emily Goodchild, Jennie Zerges

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Clerk: Terry Marsh - Treasurer: Mark Freese
Organist: Sean Fleming - Choir Director: Linda Blanchard
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