



This week at St. Andrew's

Thursday, December 18, 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

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December 21, 2025

8:00am Holy Eucharist Rite I

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Suzannah Rohman

Altar Guild: Ruth Piper

Eucharistic Minister: Marilyn Cheney

Lector: Brett Donham

Ushers: 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: Ann Kash

Eucharistic Minister: Christine Benken

Lectors: Alex Pugh & Fred Kraeuter

Livestream Operator: Bill Judd

Ushers: Ann Kash & Fred Kraeuter

Vestry Announcer: Alex Pugh

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

You may also watch this service on St. Andrew's YouTube channel. (Live or recorded)



Christmas Eve - Wednesday, December 24, 2025

4:00 pm - Family Service with Holy Eucharist

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Suzannah Rohman

Organist: Sean Fleming

Altar Guild: Maryanne Ward

Eucharistic Minister: Andrew Donaldson

Livestream Operator: Bill Judd

Ushers: Jim Swan & Fred Kraeuter

You may also watch this service on St. Andrew's YouTube channel. (Live or recorded)

Please note: There will be cookies and hot cider in the atrium between the services

6:00pm - Holy Eucharist with festive music

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Suzannah Rohman

Organist: Sean Fleming

Choir Director: Linda Blanchard

Altar Guild: Ann Kash

Eucharistic Minister: Bob Lundeen

Lectors: Nora Lundeen & Ann Kash

Ushers: Kelley & Ann Kash



Christmas Day - Thursday, December 25, 2025

10:00am - Holy Eucharist Rite II

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Suzannah Rohman

Altar Guild:

Eucharistic Minister: Sara Sandberg

Lectors: Steve Ward & Lili Pugh

Ushers: Alex & Lili Pugh



Helpers and Cookies needed!

St. Andrew's is planning a casual get-together between the two Christmas Eve services this year. It will be very simple — mulled and cold cider, coffee and cookies, and will be held in the atrium. We'd like people to feel they can take a minute and drop in for a cookie and a drink and say "Merry Christmas" between the 4:00pm and 6:00pm services. We need around 200 cookies and would appreciate donations! Cookies can be dropped off on the Sunday before (12/21) or during office hours (10am-2pm)

on Monday (12/22) and Tuesday (12/23). If anyone would like to help set up the afternoon of 12/23 or would like to help at the event, please contact Kelley Kash.

Holy Women, Holy Men

Lili'uokalani of Hawaii

Queen

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 Lili'uokalani of Hawaii. Please click [here](#) to learn more about her.

Coffee Hour Hosts needed

Coffee hour volunteers needed: We have now returned to a two-service schedule, which means two separate Coffee Hours. This means we will need twice as many volunteers to help us enjoy each other's company over coffee and treats. Coffee Hour hosts will continue to be responsible for set-up, coffee making, providing cream/milk and juice, and clean-up. The rest of us are encouraged to bring treats to coffee hour as the spirit moves us. If you'd like to host after either the 8am service or the 10am service, please contact Sara Sandberg or sign up on the clipboard in the Undercroft.



Winter Weather

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

Wednesday service at 11:30am

The Wednesday 11:30am service will not be held on December 24 and December 31. It will resume on January 7 and there will be lunch for all following that service.

Carpooling

"The Earth Keepers are reminding us that as snow accumulates, car pooling to church is a wise practice. Let's have lower emissions and fewer cars competing for space. Some of us would appreciate not having to navigate a snowbank or walking a distance on slippery ground. Some of us no longer drive but would like to get to church. There's a car pooling sign up at the rear of the church. Or call someone you know who would appreciate your friendly transportation on Sunday morning."

Hey, Ho the Holly

Many thanks to all who came out for the Hey Ho the Holly concert at St. Andrew's last Sunday afternoon. \$315 in good will offerings were donated to the CHIP Fuel Assistance Program.



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: The Compline service held Monday evenings has been put on hold for the time being.

Wednesday Healing Service: Wednesdays at 11:30am (There will be no service on 12/24 and 12/31)

Please note: The next luncheon after this service will be on Wednesday, January 7.

Meetings

Benedictine Group: 10:00 AM Wednesday

Senior Choir rehearsal: 7-9pm Thursdays

Knitting Group: 2-4pm Fridays

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

Upcoming Concerts

St. Cecilia Chamber Choir

St. Cecilia Chamber Choir will present its popular annual Lessons and Carols Christmas concerts on Saturday, Dec. 20 at 4:00 p.m. at Bowdoin College Chapel in Brunswick, and Sunday, Dec. 21 at 4:00 p.m. at Damariscotta Baptist Church. Linda Blanchard is St. Cecilia's artistic director, assisted by organist Sean Fleming. Advance tickets are strongly encouraged for these concerts.

A beautiful new setting of the Gerard Manley Hopkins poem "The Bethlehem Star" by former King's Singers member Bob Chilcott will be featured. The John Rutter favorites "Sing We To This Merry Company" and "Past Three O'Clock" will be performed, as well as Richard Francis' ever-popular "People, Look East" based on Eleanor Farjeon's Christmas poem. The Choir will sing a jazz-influenced setting of the Thomas Hardy poem "The Oxen" by former Swingle Singers music director Jonathan Rathbone. And "Drop Down, Ye Heavens" by the phenomenal organist Anna Lapwood. Also featured will be works by Stanford, Archer, and Taylor Scott Davis. A professional string quartet will accompany the group on select pieces. As a special treat, Eric Whitacre's "Glow," composed for the "World of Color – Winter Dreams" show which premiered at Disney California Adventure Park in California, will be performed.

With audience sing-along caroling using several of David Willcocks' arrangements, this concert is sure to be a treat for the whole family.

Tickets are \$25 for the Bowdoin Chapel concert and \$20 for the Damariscotta Baptist Church concert. Admission is free for students and children. Tickets are available online at ceciliachoir.org, and at Sherman's Maine Coast Book Shop in Damariscotta. For more information, please email info@ceciliachoir.org, or visit facebook.com/stceciliachamberchoir and ceciliachoir.org.

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, Tony Sousa, Joanne Sousa, Ian J., Emily Goodchild, Jennie Wildner, Elizabeth Lyon, Robin Schneider, Susan & Fred Murray, Nicole & Family, Susan O'Brien., Steve Busch, Lydia

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Organist: Sean Fleming - Choir Director: Linda Blanchard
Parish Administrator: Ann Kash

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