



# This week at St. Andrew's

Thursday, December 25, 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.



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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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## 1 Christmas

December 28, 2025

### 8:00am Holy Eucharist Rite I

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Suzannah Rohman

Altar Guild: Marianne Pinkham

Eucharistic Minister: Terry Marsh

Lector: Martha Elliott

Usher: Marianne Pinkham

Vestry Announcer: Martha Elliott

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: Sarah Monaghan-Houghton

Eucharistic Minister: Fred Kraeuter

Lectors: Sara Sandberg & Kay Liss

Livestream Operator: Bill Judd

Ushers: Sara Sandberg & Kay Liss

Vestry Announcer: Sara Sandberg

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)

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### Music note for this Sunday, December 28

Please welcome John David Adams and Rick Humphrey to the 10:00 service this Sunday. They will be singing a piece by Johann Sebastian Bach; the duet Jesus soll mein alles sein from Cantata 190: Singet dem Herrn ein neues Lied (Sing unto the Lord a new song). This cantata was based on verses from Psalms 149 and 150, and was first performed in Leipzig on January 1, 1724.

The poem "Love came down at Christmas" was originally published by the English poet Christina Rossetti (1830-1894) in *Time Flies: a Reading Diary* (1885). The tune in *The Hymnal* 1982 is an old Irish tune first printed in *The Complete Collection of Irish Music as Noted by George Petrie* (1902-1905).

Another poem by Christina Rossetti, "In the bleak midwinter," was published, under the title "A Christmas Carol," in the January 1872 issue of *Scribner's Monthly*, and was first collected in book form in *Goblin Market, The Prince's Progress and Other Poems* (1875).

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### **Christmas Flowers are available to be adopted!**

The Christmas poinsettias and cyclamen are available after the services this Sunday to go to new homes. Please take one for yourself and/or to someone you know... Maybe to some of our parishioners who do not drive and cannot make it into church. Many thanks to all who donated towards the flowers in memory of or thanksgiving for loved ones and friends.

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### **Pledge update**

As of December 23, we have received 74 pledges for a total of \$254,165. Many thanks to all for your support of St. Andrew's. If you have not yet pledged and would like to, there are pledge cards available on the usher's table in the back of the church or you may contact the office.

### **Pledge Envelops for 2026**

If you have requested pledge envelopes for 2026, they are available in the atrium. If you would like envelopes and do not see them in the box, please contact the office and we can get you a packet.

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### **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.

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### **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.

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### **Wednesday service at 11:30am**

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

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### **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."

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### **St. Andrew's Church Calendar**

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

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### **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  
Zoom Meeting ID

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.

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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, 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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