



# This week at St. Andrew's

Thursday, November 25, 2021

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



## 1 Advent

**November 28, 2021**

**8:00am Morning Prayer on Zoom** (see meeting information below)

**10:00am Holy Eucharist (inside the building)**

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Suzannah Rohman

Organ/Keyboard: Sean Fleming

Choir Director: Linda Blanchard

Altar Guild: Sarah Houghton

Intercessor/Eucharistic Minister: Martha Elliott

Lectors: Jim Swan & Mark Freese

Livestream Operator: Bill Judd

Ushers: Cindy Freese & Jim Swan

Vestry Announcements: Cindy Freese

**Please note:** Beginning this Sunday, November 21, at the 10 AM Service only, we will have seating available in the atrium and the service will be shown on the tv screen in the atrium. For safety purposes, we will be limiting seating in the nave (known as sanctuary by some, the church itself) to 50. Those sitting in the atrium may enter the church to receive communion at the appropriate time.

## Readings for 1 Advent

First Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16

Psalm 25:1-9

Second Lesson: 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

Gospel: Luke 21:25-36

If you would like to read the lessons on the Lectionary Page website, please [click here](#)

Once you are at [lectionarypage.net](http://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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### A letter from Suzannah about our December worship services:

Dear Friends,

Our vestry met on Tuesday afternoon and discussed our December worship at length. After considering the topic from multiple angles (safety, needs of various parishioners and so on), we decided on the following worship schedule for the month of December:

#### **Beginning Sunday, December 5th:**

8 AM Rite I Holy Eucharist inside the church, masked with no singing

9:15AM Sunday Morning Prayer: On Zoom, led by seminarian and postulant for Holy Orders, Ben Cooke. He will be using the New Zealand Book of Common Prayer.

10 AM Rite II Holy Eucharist inside the church and live-streamed and recorded, masked with no singing

Wednesdays, 10 AM Rite II Holy Eucharist with healing (with masks)

Monday-Friday 9 PM Zoom Compline

Monday-Friday 7 AM Zoom Morning Prayer

#### **Christmas Schedule:**

##### 12/24 Christmas Eve:

4 PM Family Service with simple pageant, masked with no singing inside

7:30 PM Holy Eucharist Rite II, masked with no singing inside

One of these services will be recorded and live-streamed.

##### 12/25 Christmas Day:

10 AM Holy Eucharist inside the church, masked with no singing

##### 12/26 1 Christmas:

10 AM Rite II Holy Eucharist inside the church live-streamed and recorded, masked with no singing

The vestry sees worship as an "essential service" of the church and is making it a priority over other meetings. For safety reasons, the vestry is continuing to place limitations on other gatherings in the building.

We thank you in advance for your incredible flexibility and adaptability.

Peace,  
Suzannah +

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### **The Way of Love: Practices for Jesus-Centered Life An Advent Adult Formation Offering**

"The Way of Love" is a movement started by our Presiding Bishop, Michael Curry who believes our vocation is to live as the Episcopal branch of the Jesus Movement. The foundation of his movement is made up of ancient spiritual practices that bring us together as a community, center us on Jesus, and form us into followers of Jesus. These practices are: Turn--Learn--Pray--Worship--Bless--Go--Rest. For the four Sundays of Advent (beginning Nov. 28) at 11 am in the Undercroft and via Zoom, Suzannah will facilitate the Episcopal Church Advent Curriculum, Journeying the Way of Love. Together we will move through the first two chapters of the Gospel of Luke. Luke's gospel provides a pattern for understanding how we can live the Way of Love as individuals, as families and friends, as a community, and out in the world. Participants will be encouraged to "try on" the spiritual practices of the Way of Love throughout the days of Advent. When the group gathers each week, participants will use the first two

chapters of Luke to reflect with one another on how they experienced taking up the practices.

Please contact Suzannah with any questions: [Stasrector@tidewater.net](mailto:Stasrector@tidewater.net)

Please join Suzannah as we seek to together better understand what it means to be follow the way of Love.

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## October Vestry Minutes

The October vestry minutes were approved at the November meeting and can be viewed by clicking [here](#)

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### Advent greens and Christmas flowers

If you would like to give thanks for or remember your loved ones with flowers at Christmas, there are envelopes available in the back section of each pew. Please drop the completed envelopes, with your donation, in the plate or bring to the office. You may also mail in your remembrances and donations to St. Andrew's Church, PO Box 234, Newcastle, ME 04553. Thank you.

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## St. Andrew's Church services for November, 2021

### **Wednesdays at 10:00am: Service of Holy Communion with prayers for healing**

This service will be held inside the church, with masks

### **Sundays at 8:00am: Zoom Morning Prayer service (not inside the building)**

This service will not be livestreamed or recorded, but the link will be made available to all members through our weekly newsletter. This service will be a simplified version of what we did earlier in the Pandemic. There will be time to remain after the service is finished to have a virtual coffee hour. Anyone is welcome to join this virtual coffee hour at about 8:45, even if not attending the morning prayer service.

### **Sundays at 10:00am: Celebration of Holy Eucharist in person in the church**

On the first Sunday of the month we will use Rite I and on the other Sundays Rite II. We will be masked with no singing. This service will be livestreamed on Facebook and will be available later in the day on YouTube. We will hear recordings of the choir singing. There will be no coffee or food served following the service, as this would require the removal of masks, but anyone is welcome to gather for a time of fellowship in either the Atrium or the Undercroft.

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## A Message from the Stewardship Committee

This Thanksgiving week, we express gratitude for our many blessings...family, friends, community and so much more. A very special and unique gift we share is our church, St. Andrew's. Pledge season provides the opportunity for us to show gratitude for St. Andrew's. If you have not done so, please make a pledge for our church and our continued ministry in 2022. Thank you to all of our pledgers.

Please contact the church office (563-3533) if you would like a pledge card.

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## People to People is collecting NEW items to distribute for Christmas

Donations can be put in the box in the atrium. Deadline for donations is December 12. Please pick up a flyer in the back of the church with more information on what is needed or you may click [here](#) for the full list.

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## Holy Men and Holy Women: Catherine of Alexandria, Barbara of Nicomedia, Margaret of Antioch

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 or 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 Catherine of Alexandria, Barbara of Nicomedia, Margaret of Antioch Please click [here](#) to learn more about them.

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## **Sunday Worship - November 28, 2021**

### **8AM Zoom Morning Prayer service**

The worship booklet for the 8AM Sunday service of Morning Prayer is available by clicking [here](#)

#### **8am Sunday service of Morning Prayer:**

Meeting ID:

Or you may click [here](#)

### **10AM Indoor Sunday service of Holy Eucharist Rite II**

Livestreamed on St. Andrew's Facebook page. Recorded to St. Andrew's Facebook and YouTube pages. The recording on the YouTube page will be available by the next day.

**The worship booklet for the 10AM livestreamed indoor service of Holy Eucharist Rite II is available by clicking [here](#)**

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

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

## **Weekday Worship**

Compline: Monday-Friday 9 PM

Zoom Meeting ID:

Morning Prayer: Monday–Friday 7:00 am

Zoom Meeting:

Wednesday Healing Service: 10:00am inside service of Holy Eucharist Rite II with Prayers for Healing

## **Meetings**

Poetry Reading: 4PM Monday

Zoom Meeting ID:

Bible Study: 12:15 PM Tuesday

Zoom Meeting ID:

Benedictine Group: 11:15 AM Wednesday

Zoom Meeting ID:

Knitting Group: 2-4pm Fridays AND 2-4pm Sundays on Zoom

All welcome: not necessary to be a knitter!

Zoom Meeting ID:

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## **To view the 8am Sunday service and bulletins from St. Andrew's website:**

Below is the link to pages for the upcoming Sunday 8am service, on which you can find the bulletin

### **Sunday, November 28, Morning Prayer**

<https://standrewsnewcastle.org/2021/11/16/st-andrews-episcopal-church-1-advent-november-28-800-am-service/>

**To view the live stream video**, Please click [here](#) This is the link to view the 10:00am Sunday service on Facebook. It is a link to the video page, so you can use the same link on an ongoing basis. Sean Fleming

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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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## Faith In Maine Podcast is Available by Phone

Just a reminder that the Faith in Maine podcast (always the most recent episode) is accessible by telephone. This is put out by the Diocese of Maine.

The permanent phone number to listen to the Faith in Maine podcast is: 207-223-6402

The content will change each time a new podcast is published.

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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, Robert Hodge, Amanda Smith, Stephen Gorrill, Val Gorrill, Bob Gorrill, Ellen B., Allie, Anne Rossideas, Bruce Rinker, Virginia White, Felicia McAllister, Tom Sullivan, John, Todd, Donald Johnson Olderson, Tom Belanger, Dick, Catherine Fleming, Alex Place, Mark Place, Donna & David Badgley, Tyler, Bruce, Chandler Stephenson, Cynthia Troxel, Jane Ferris, Maureen McNiff, Geoff & Rachel Titherington, Sam Young, Brad & Tina Reynolds, Victoria, Nicholas Collins, Robin Schneider, Matthew Schneider, Judy McMahan, Lorrie Buchanan, Jane Gear, Louise Bessire.

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