This week at St. Andrew's

Thursday, November 19, 2026

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

Last Pentecost

November 22, 2026

8:00am Holy Eucharist Rite I with Holy Baptism

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Suzannah Rohman
Intern: Shanon Cotta
Altar Guild: Marianne Pinkham
Eucharistic Minister: Sara Sandberg
Lector: Jim Swan
Usher: Marianne Pinkham
Vestry Announcer: Tanya Albert

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
Intern: Shanon Cotta
Organist: Sean Fleming
Choir Director: Linda Blanchard
Livestream Operator: Bill Judd
Altar Guild: Ann Kash & Beata Pruski
Eucharistic Minister: Ann Kash
Lectors: Ann Creamer & Steve Ward
Ushers: Kelley Kash & Fred Kraeuter
Vestry Announcer: Kelley Kash

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)

Weekly Wednesday Services

Wednesday Healing Service with the Holy Eucharist 11:30 am

Please join us for lunch on Wednesday, December 2nd.

RAMP DOOR

Someone has been coming in the building when the building is empty. When June and Suzannah are alone in the building the door to the ramp will be locked. Please knock and we will let you in.

Slow Gifting

The Earth Keepers invite you to participate in a Christmas “Slow Gifting” event.

Slow gifting prioritizes thoughtfulness and intention over convenience and mass consumerism, and conservation through ‘recycling'. You are invited to bring in useful or decorative items in good, clean, condition that you no longer want but someone else needs or would be delighted to receive. (Furniture and large items should be contributed elsewhere. Items that are ready for the trash will not be welcome.) Perhaps consider that you might have a house plant or spring bulb that you are ready to release. Maybe you've made hand-crafted items and have an extra one to share.

We’ll be ready to accept items in the undercroft starting Nov. 25. Then be ready to ‘shop’ on **Dec. 6 and 13**, choosing a meaningful gift for someone special. Volunteers to help set up and clean up for this event can get in touch with Cynthia Garrels (c-garrels@kellogg.northwestern.edu; 727-482-7356

Stewardship

Thanksgiving is fast approaching. We have learned to think of the often told stories about Samoset and the indigenous people being helpful, welcoming the strangers invading their lands. We celebrate “Thankfulness”with a special day to enjoy our family, friends and feasts. Rightfully, it is also a day to think about our many blessings. St. Andrew’s Church has been a major blessing in the lives of many generations including our own. It provides spiritual guidance and a supportive community for its parishioners, the wider twin villages and beyond. It sustains us in times of stress, celebrates our successes, and brings love and joy into our lives.
As we move quickly along in our Stewardship Drive, we are very thankful for those who have already given of their time and energy and have generously pledged financially to support the mission of St. Andrew’s in 2027. Practical demands are always present as we try to maintain the programs and our cherished building.
We hope and pray that those who have not yet decided on a pledge will consider with thankful hearts how important St. Andrew’s is in their lives and join us in donating.
Thank you for pledging again this year.
The Stewardship Committee
Laura, Malcolm, Ann, Rita and David

A Message from the Flower Guild

Silk Flower Arrangements: Many thanks to those who donated towards the silk altar flower purchase. The fall silk flowers were in church last Sunday and will be at the altar this Sunday as well. We plan on having a winter arrangement and a spring/summer arrangement as well.

Flower Chart: You may also have fresh flowers on the altar in memory of or thanksgiving for a friend or loved one. We have provided a flower chart beginning in November and running through 2027 which will be kept on a clip board in the undercroft. If you would like to reserve a Sunday, please put your name and phone number by the Sunday your would like flowers. A member of the flower guild will contact you a few weeks before your chosen date to discuss the type/color of flower, dedication for the bulletin and price if you want the flower guild to make arrangements with the florist. The cost of two fresh flower arrangements has gone up to $80 with the cost increasing up to $100 for specialty flowers (i.e. roses). You may also sign up and provide your own flowers (with or without a dedication).

If you have any questions, please contact Ann Kash.

The Advent Book Discussion Group
will meet in the library on the following
Sundays at 11:15 am
November 22 and 29; December 6, 13, and 20

Books have been ordered for those who have already signed up. Anyone who still wants to sign up will need to order their own book.

Liturgies for Resisting Empire
by Kat Armas

The Gospel writers speak often of the Kingdom of God or the Kingdom of Heaven, which they contrast with the kingdoms of this world. For many centuries of Christian history, churches closely aligned with worldly powers have encouraged Christians to think of the Kingdom of God primarily as something we enter after we die.

Yet biblical scholars and theologians have increasingly reminded us that when Jesus spoke of the Kingdom of God, he was not simply talking about what happens after death. He was proclaiming God's reign breaking into the world here and now—and inviting his followers to live in ways that reflect and participate in that reign.

This question feels especially urgent in a world marked by war, nuclear proliferation, white supremacy, patriarchy, and the many ways these forces harm women, LGBTQ+ people, people of color, and other marginalized communities. What does it mean for us, as followers of Christ, to recognize the powers and values of empire at work around us—and within us—and to choose instead the life-giving ways of Jesus?

Kat Armas explores these questions in her book Liturgies for Resisting Empire: Seeking Community, Belonging, and Peace in a Dehumanizing World. Through reflections and prayers, she invites us to notice the many ways empire is woven into how we live and move and have our being, and to begin untangling our lives from patterns that diminish human dignity, community, and belonging. Armas writes:

> "The capitalist world economy influences our relationship to time, our bodies, our families, and our sense of purpose. It shapes our priorities, our responsibilities, and how we understand ourselves

and others. My hope is that this book will help illuminate how this happened and how we can foster new, life-giving ways of belonging to each other in a world marked by division, discord, and individualism. Empire, after all, is not a relic of the past. It's alive, entrenched in our daily rhythms. This was true for the early followers of Jesus under Roman rule, and it is true for us today. As Palestinian scholar Edward Said notes, empire isn't just soldiers and weapons; it's ideas, attitudes, practices, and stories. It's a way of imagining the world.

"I wrote this book to uncover the imperial ideologies woven into our everyday lives—whether we are raising children, shopping, working, vacationing, or enjoying a meal with friends. More specifically, I wrote it to uncover the imperial ideologies woven into our spirituality, our churches, our study of the Bible. Understanding these ideologies is essential to understanding ourselves, our world, and our faith—and to imagine new ways of being and belonging."

—Kat Armas, Liturgies for Resisting Empire, p. 9

Peace,
Suzannah

Coffee Hour update

Please sign up for coffee hour in November and beyond! There are lots of opportunities to host Coffee Hour in the coming months. Hosts are responsible for set-up, keeping the coffee and tea water topped off and clean up. Members of the congregation are encouraged to bring sweet or savory nibbles as the spirit moves them. If you would like to sign up to host, please put your name on the clipboard in the Undercroft or contact Jim Swan or Sara Samdberg through the church office.

November 22
8:00 am: Laura Blanchard
10:00 am:

November 29
8:00 am: Jim Swan
10:00 am: Stephanie Stephenson, Christine Taylor, Cynthia Garrels

December 6
8:00 am: Ruth Piper
10:00 am: Pam Arnold

December 13
8:00 am: Ann Dibble
10:00 am:

December 20
8:00 am: Carol & Jack Dexter
10:00 am:

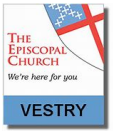
December 24
5:00 pm:

December 27
8:00 am: Jim Swan
10:00 am:

Holy Women, Holy Men
Ninian
c. 360-c. 430
Missionary and Bishop of Galloway

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 Ninian.

Please click here to learn more about him.



Vestry Meeting Minutes

If you would like to read the vestry minutes, please click here



St. Andrew's Book Club next meeting

Our November book is going to be "To the Lighthouse" by Virginia Woolf. We will meet at St Andrews on Thursday, November 19th at 2:30 in the Library. All are welcome!



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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Meetings

Benedictine Group: 10:00 AM Wednesday (Zoom only)
If you are interested in attending the meeting, please contact Fran Hargreaves or the church office at 207-563-3533.

Senior Choir rehearsal: 7-9pm Thursdays

Knitting Group: 2-4pm Fridays, in the church Library.
All are welcome -- knitters, non-knitters, and general conversationalists.
If you'd like to be part of the group but are not on the email list, please contact Sara Sandberg.
You don't have to be a knitter (or crocheter or quilter or embroiderer or anything else) to join us.
All that's required is enjoying one another's company on Friday afternoons from 2 to 4pm.

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, Tom Belanger, Dick, Tyler & Christine, Julie, Cynthia Troxel, Nathan Hargreaves, Janice Roman, Beth, Joanne Sousa, Ian J., Robin Schneider, Susan & Fred Murray, Nicole & Family, Susan O'Brien, Steve Busch, Lydia, Joe & Sherry, Anne, David, Matthew Schneider, Ellie Kuniholm, The Fr. Chad Williams Family, Pat Erb, Cally & Pete Pratt, Melinda Hayes, The Dickson-Smith Family, Julia Ruggieri, Beth Hoke, Jed

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