This week at St. Andrew's

Thursday, November 26, 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

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November 29, 2026

8:00am Holy Eucharist Rite I

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Suzannah Rohman
Intern: Shanon Cotta
Altar Guild: Terry Marsh
Eucharistic Minister: Terry Marsh
Lectors: Rita McKinney & Allen Guignard
Ushers: Rita McKinney & Allen Guignard
Vestry Announcer: Rita McKinney

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: Sarah Monaghan-Houghton
Eucharistic Minister: Bob Lundeen
Lectors: Nora Lundeen & Kay Liss
Ushers: Belinda Nields & Kay Liss
Vestry Announcer: Belinda Nields

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.



Christmas Services at St. Andrew's

Christmas Eve - Thursday, December 24, 2026

4:00 pm - Holy Eucharist with carols and the Christmas story
6:00pm - Holy Eucharist with festive music

Christmas Day - Friday, December 25, 2026
10:00am - Holy Eucharist Rite II

Slow Gifting

The Earth Keepers invite you to participate in a “Slow Gifting” event. Re-gifting is another way to think of this. Bring in useful or decorative home goods in good, clean, condition that you no longer want but someone else would enjoy. Perhaps a beautiful old platter is sitting unused, or you have a fine cake pan but you're not baking. There are bins in the atrium to collect your contributions.

Then on Sundays Dec. 6 and 13, in the undercroft, ‘shop' for a meaningful, and no cost, 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

Our stewardship season is in the final phase. The generous response from so many reflects the love our parishioners have for St. Andrew’s Church. Our sincere thanks to those who have pledged. We encourage and appreciate pledges from those who have not yet pledged but are able to do so.

In celebrating Thanksgiving this week, we will reflect on the many gifts we have been given. We are particularly blessed with the enrichment, guidance and support that our church provides in our lives and in our community. We are immensely grateful for the gift of St. Andrew’s.

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.

Coffee Hour update

Please sign up for coffee hour in December 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 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
Theodore of Tarsus
Archbishop of Canterbury
c. 602-September 19, 690

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 Theodore.

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

For December we will be reading "Being Mortal" by Atul Gawande. We will meet in St Andrew's Library on **Wednesday, December 16th at 2:00 pm.** 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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Clerk: Les Foster - Treasurer: Ed Ross
Organist: Sean Fleming - Choir Director: Linda Blanchard
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