

# ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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*St. John the Baptist, 1911*

Jacek Malczewski, 1854-1929

*Welcome to St. Andrew's*

**The Second Sunday of Advent**

**10:00 AM Holy Eucharist • December 7, 2025**

## Thank you for joining us for worship today!

Please fill out a welcome card, found in the pew rack, then put it in the offering plate or give it to one of the clergy following the service so that we can be in touch with you. For more information about St. Andrew's please visit our website at [standrewsaa.org](http://standrewsaa.org).

If you have a hearing aid equipped with telecoil capability, please note that the church sanctuary has been equipped with this technology.

As a courtesy to others, please turn off or silence your cellphone during the service.

### The Rev. Paul Frolick, Rector

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### Children

We welcome children of all ages at worship, and hope you will help them follow along in the service as best they can. Busy Bags are available in the narthex for young children. Please return them at the end of the service for others to use.

A Nursery for infants through toddler age is available during the service, located on the second floor of the Parish Hall. Children and youth in preschool through high school attend Sunday School from 9:45 am until they join their families during the Children's Entrance Hymn. *Preschoolers need to be picked up by a parent.*

### Sunday, December 7, 2025

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist  
8:45 AM Coffee Hour (LOBBY)  
9:15 AM Family Service (CHAPEL)  
9:45 AM Sunday School  
10:00 AM Holy Eucharist  
11:15 AM Coffee Hour (LOUNGE)  
11:45 AM Hymn Sing (CHAPEL)  
6:30 PM Compline  
7:00 PM Music for Meditation

### UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR



Scan for a  
printable  
calendar of  
December  
events!

### Anglican Cycle of Prayer

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for *The Church of Bangladesh*.

In our own diocese we pray for the clergy and people of *Canterbury House (Ann Arbor)*.

We pray for the clergy and people of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America.

And we pray for all those throughout the world who suffer for their faith.

### Leaders in Today's Liturgy

*Celebrant/ Preacher:* Paul Frolick

*Assisting:* Sally Boelter

*Deacon:* Felicity Thompson

*Director of Music & Organist:* Deborah Friauff

*Organ Scholar:* Oliver Steissberg

*Acolytes:* Henry Miller, Ann Scott, Sam Halgren

*Lectors:* Jeanie Mack-Powers, Barb Kelly

*Intercessor:* Joel Seguine

*Eucharistic Ministers:* Dave McCreddie, Marty

Gillen, Carmela Brown, Kathryn Barnes

*Ushers:* Jeanie Mack-Powers, Dennis Powers

*Bell Ringer:* Leah Tremonti

*Lay Eucharistic Visitor:* Linda Hastings

*Coffee Hour Host:* Sarah Inwood

*Altar Guild:* Kristine Wise, Paul Wise, Carmela

Brown, Jim Wortley, Judy Woods, Floice Frazer

*Bread Baker:* Elaine Mouradian

### Prayer List

*We're grateful to be able to pray for our parishioners, family members, and friends who are in need, and we think it is important to make these concerns known to our community. If we've removed a prayer request which should still be active, please contact Fr. Paul or the church office.*

Margaret Bennett, Bry Dennison, Richard Engdahl, Leslie Henry, Hilli Hockett, Luke, Nunu Lysloff, Tish Neidhardt, Virginia Nordby, Jean Peirce, Barbara Powers, David Powers, Teres Raglow, Veena Kulkarni-Rankin, Mary Richards, Ann Staiger, Nancy Stanley, Marcia Stillwagon, Nan Sudia, Larry Tweedle, Carlotta Wilson, Leslie Stainton, Deborah Fries, Dan Berry, Charlie Gillen, Matilda, Bertha Blount, Nancy Borgeson, Anne Zwart, Tim, Peggy, Maureen Zatirka, Charles Witke, Bill Colsman, Kari Paetzold, Marty Gillen, Critter, Lisa Jaqua, John Ramsey, Maria Trombley, Ramon Howing, Amy Schulte and family, Edward White, Bill Harper, Jim Medlock, George Varghese, Read Gignilliat, Kristen, Austin, and Eloise Gignilliat, Tom Kinnear, Joshua Jackson, and Martin & Saloni Bridgeman

Today's altar flowers are given to the glory of God and  
in loving memory of in thankful memory of  
JIM HENRICHS JIM WESSEL WALKER  
by *The Henrichs Family* by *his family*

## PRELUDE

*Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland, BWV 659*

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

## THE WORD OF GOD

### HYMN

*Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding*

#59, *The Hymnal 1982* (Blue Book)

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
*People* **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

*All* **Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### KYRIE

*Lord, have mercy*

#S 96, *The Hymnal 1982*

### COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

**THE FIRST LESSON** *Isaiah 11:1-10*

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse,  
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.  
The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him,  
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,  
the spirit of counsel and might,  
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.  
His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.

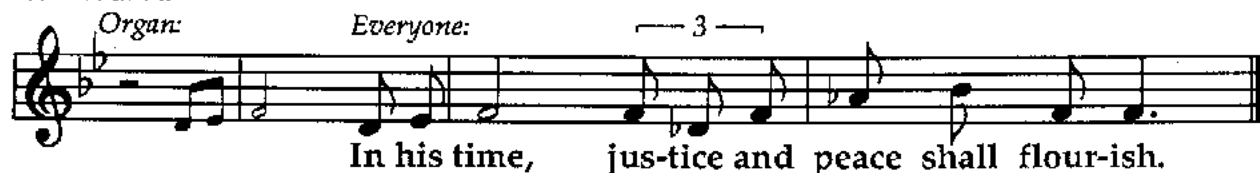
He shall not judge by what his eyes see,  
or decide by what his ears hear;  
but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,  
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;  
he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,  
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.  
Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist,  
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

The wolf shall live with the lamb,  
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,  
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,  
and a little child shall lead them.  
The cow and the bear shall graze,  
their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.  
The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,  
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.  
They will not hurt or destroy  
on all my holy mountain;  
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD  
as the waters cover the sea.

On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations  
shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

<i>Reader</i>	The Word of the Lord.
<i>People</i>	<b>Thanks be to God.</b>

## PSALM 72:1-8



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- <sup>1</sup> Give the King your justice, O God, \*  
and your righteousness to the King's Son;
- <sup>2</sup> That he may rule your people righteously \*  
and the poor with justice; **All Sing Antiphon**
- <sup>3</sup> That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, \*  
and the little hills bring righteousness.
- <sup>4</sup> He shall defend the needy among the people; \*  
he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor. **All Sing Antiphon**
- <sup>5</sup> He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, \*  
from one generation to another.
- <sup>6</sup> He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, \*  
like showers that water the earth. **All Sing Antiphon**
- <sup>7</sup> In his time shall the righteous flourish; \*  
there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.
- <sup>8</sup> He shall rule from sea to sea, \*  
and from the River to the ends of the earth. \* **All Sing Antiphon**

## THE SECOND LESSON *Romans 15:4-13*

Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our LORD Jesus Christ.

Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name"; and again he says, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people"; and again, "Praise the LORD, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him"; and again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope."

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

*Reader*        The Word of the Lord.  
*People*        **Thanks be to God.**

#### SEQUENCE HYMN

*Comfort, comfort ye my people*

#67, *The Hymnal* 1982

#### THE GOSPEL        *Matthew 3:1-12*

*Reader*        The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.  
*People*        **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:  
‘Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make his paths straight.’”

Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor’; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

“I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

*Reader*        The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People*        **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

#### THE SERMON

The Rev. Paul Frolick

## THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *Please stand or kneel.*

*People*

As we prepare the way of the Lord and await the dawn of God's new creation, let us pray for the Church, the world, and all who long for God's peace. *A brief silence* God of all goodness and hope, we give you thanks for the blessings of this life: for the beauty of creation that sings of your majesty; for the promises of Scripture that sustain our hearts; for the saints and prophets who prepared the way before us, and for communities of faith that strengthen and encourage us. **God of hope and promise, hear our prayer.**

God of steadfastness, strengthen your Church to proclaim the Good News with courage and joy. Give us repentant hearts and renewed lives, that we may bear good fruit for your kingdom. Inspire bishops, clergy, and lay leaders to welcome all people with the generosity of Christ. **God of hope and promise, hear our prayer.**

God of justice, you judge with righteousness and deliver the poor with equity. Give wisdom to the leaders of the nations, that they may defend the vulnerable, restrain violence, and seek the things that make for peace. We pray especially for Ukraine, Gaza, Sudan, and all places where conflict overwhelms daily life. **God of hope and promise, hear our prayer.**

God of life, renew the face of the earth. Heal lands scarred by fire, drought, storm, and pollution. Inspire us to live more gently and wisely, that creation may flourish as you intend and reflect the peaceable kingdom you promise.

**God of hope and promise, hear our prayer.**

God of harmony, make us signs of your peace in this city and county. Strengthen the work of our Breakfast Program and all ministries that care for our neighbors in need. Help us welcome one another as Christ welcomes us, and guide us into deeper community and grace. **God of hope and promise, hear our prayer.**

God of mercy, draw near to the sick, the lonely, the anxious, and all who carry heavy burdens. We remember especially those on our prayer list and those we name in our hearts. *Pause* Surround them with your comfort and renew their strength. **God of hope and promise, hear our prayer.**

God of eternity, we remember those who have died and now rest in your peace, remembering especially Jim Henrichs and Jim Wessel Walker, in whose memory the flowers are given this morning, and all those we love but see no longer. *Silence* Bring us, with them, into the joy of your realm, where all creation is restored and your glory shines in all things. **God of hope and promise, hear our prayer.**

God of redemption, you bring life out of what seems dead, peace out of deep division, and hope out of despair. Hear the prayers we offer this day, and prepare our hearts for the coming of your Son, in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

*Celebrant* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. *Silence*  
*People* **Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Celebrant* Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

### THE PEACE

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**

### ANNOUNCEMENTS



**GIVE ONLINE!**

Ushers will receive your offering during the Offertory or you can give online via [Realm eGiving](#) using the QR code.

**OFFERTORY VOLUNTARY**

*Matin Responsory (I look from afar)*

The St. Andrew's Adult Choir  
Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina  
(1525-1594)

*I look from afar: and lo, I see the power of God coming, and a cloud covering the whole earth.*

*Go ye out to meet him and say: Tell us, art thou he that should come reign over thy people Israel? High and low, rich and poor, one with another, go ye out to meet him and say: Hear, O thou Shepherd of Israel, thou that leadest Joseph like a sheep, tell us, art thou he that should come? Stir up thy strength, O Lord, and come to reign over thy people Israel.*

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.*

**CHILDREN'S ENTRANCE HYMN**

*The desert shall rejoice*



The des - ert shall re - joice and blos - som as a rose: 1. It shall  
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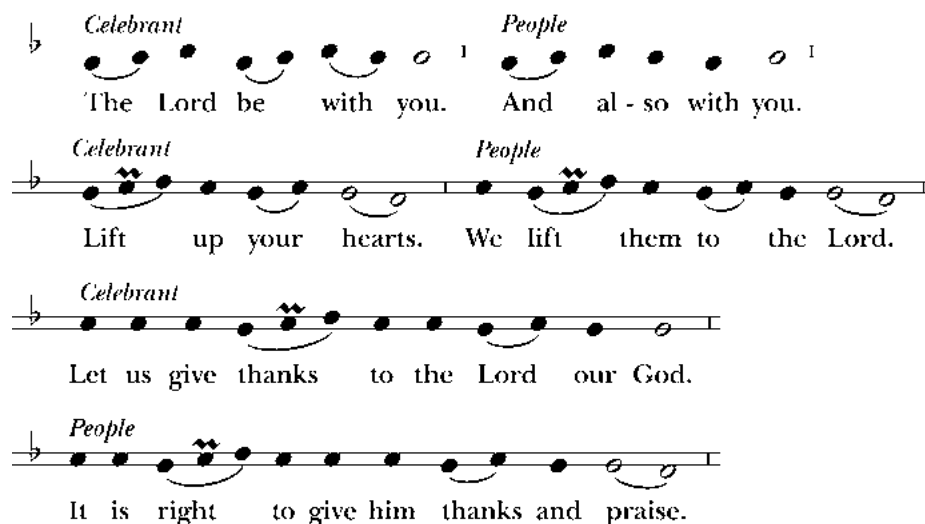
blos - som a - bun - dant - ly and re - joice with praise and sing - ing.  
ears of the deaf shall hear And the blind, their eyes be o - pened.  
tongue of the mute shall sing and the lame will dance with glad - ness.  
ground will be - come a pool and the dry land springs of wa - ter.

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| 5. The desert shall rejoice<br>and blossom as a rose:<br>as the ransomed return to God<br>and come singing back to Zion. | 6. The desert shall rejoice<br>and blossom as a rose:<br>unto Zion we come with joy,<br>for our God has come to save us. |
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# THE HOLY COMMUNION

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

## Eucharistic Prayer B



*Celebrant*      *People*  
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

*Celebrant*      *People*  
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

*Celebrant*  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People*  
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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*Celebrant* It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

## SANCTUS

*Holy, holy, holy Lord*

#S 130, *The Hymnal* 1982

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore, according to his command, O Father,"

**We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.*

*A period of silence is kept.*

#### **FRACTION ANTHEM**

*Christ Our Passover*

#S 152, *The Hymnal* 1982

*Please come forward and stand or kneel at the rail. The priest will place the bread in your outstretched palm (Consecrated rice wafers are available for those with wheat allergies - simply ask the priest). You may dip (intinct) the bread in the wine in the small cup held by the first Eucharistic minister, or drink from the large chalice held by the second Eucharistic minister.*

*Please know that Christ is fully present in both the bread and the wine - there is no requirement to receive both. If you do not wish to receive communion, you may come forward, cross your hands over your chest, and receive a blessing.*

## MUSIC AT COMMUNION

*Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland, BWV 599*

Parks Mason, Organ

J.S. Bach

## COMMUNION ANTHEM

*O Come Divine Messiah*

The St. Andrew's Junior Choir

James Biery (b. 1956)

*O come, Divine Messiah, the world in silence waits the day when hope shall sing its triumph, and sadness flee away. Dear Savior, haste! Come, come to earth. Dispel the night and show your face, and bid us hail the dawn of grace. O come, Divine Messiah, the world in silence waits the day when hope shall sing its triumph, and sadness flee away.*

*O come, Desired of nations, whom priest and prophet long foretold, will break the captive fetters, redeem the long-lost fold. Dear Savior, haste! Come, come to earth. Dispel the night and show your face, and bid us hail the dawn of grace. O come, Divine Messiah, the world in silence waits the day when hope shall sing its triumph, and sadness flee away.*

*Dear Savior haste! Come, come to earth. Dispel the night and show your face, and bid us hail the dawn of grace. O come, Divine Messiah, the world in silence waits the day when hope shall sing its triumph, and sadness flee away.*

## COMMUNION HYMN

*Prepare ye the way of the Lord*

#11, LEVAS II (Red and Black Book)

## COMMISSIONING OF LAY EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

*Celebrant* In the name of this congregation, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

*People* **We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.**

## POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*People* **Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## THE BLESSING

## CLOSING HYMN

*Prepare the way, O Zion*

#65, *The Hymnal 1982*

*The young people are invited to come forward to offer the dismissal after the choir processes out.*

*Young people* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

*Toccata on "Creator alme siderum"*

Oliver Steissberg, Organ

Pietro Yon (1886-1943)

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### Children's Library

### December Featured Books

Our children's library is at the top of the 2nd floor stairs. Come check it out! Our December theme is *Christmas*. We have books about Christmas for all ages, including:

- *The First Christmas*
- *Waiting for Christmas*
- *The Christmas Star*
- *Story of Christmas with its own Advent Calendar*
- *The Donkey of Nazareth*
- *The Birth of Baby Jesus*
- *The Christ Child*
- *The Legend of the Poinsettia*
- *One Night in Bethlehem*
- *Dog in the Manger*

Borrow a book to enjoy then bring it back and find another!

## THIS WEEK

### Sunday, December 7

- 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist (C)
- 8:45 AM Coffee Hour (Lobby)
- 9:15 AM Family Service (Cpl)
- 9:45 AM Sunday School
- 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist (C)
- 11:15 AM Coffee Hour (L)
- 11:45 AM Hymn Sing (Cpl)
- 6:30 PM Compline (C)
- 7:00 PM *Music for Meditation:*  
Juan Riveros, Harp (C)

### Monday, December 8

- 4:00 PM History & Memorials

### Wednesday, December 10

- 7:00 AM Holy Eucharist (Cpl)
- 10:00 AM Centering Prayer (Cpl/Z)
- 4:30 PM Jr Handbell Choir (C)
- 4:30 PM Cherub Choir (CL)
- 5:15 PM Junior Choir (CL)
- 6:00 PM Evensong (Cpl)
- 6:30 PM Handbell Choir (C)

### Thursday, December 11

- 10:00 AM Bible Study (Z)
- 12:15 PM Division Street Pipes (C)
- 5:15 PM Holy Eucharist (Cpl)
- 7:15 PM Adult Choir (CL)

### Friday, December 12

- 8:15 AM Walking Group
- 12:15 PM Holy Eucharist (Cpl)
- 7:00 PM Alcoholics Anon (PH)

### Saturday, December 13

- 10:00 AM Christmas Pageant Rehearsal (C)

### Sunday, December 14

#### Gift Ingathering

- 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist (C)
- 8:45 AM Coffee Hour (Lobby)
- 9:15 AM Family Service (Cpl)
- 9:45 AM Sunday School
- 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist (C)
- 11:15 AM Christmas Cookie Coffee Hour (PH)

(C): Church; (CL): Choir Loft; (Cpl): Chapel;  
(L): Lounge; (PH): Parish Hall; (Z): Zoom

## TODAY AT ST. ANDREW'S

**Children's Christmas Store:** Today instead of Sunday School, the children will make or buy (for free) and wrap gifts at our Christmas Store on the second floor! *Ages 3 - high school.*

Make your spirits bright this morning at our **Advent/Christmas Hymn Sing** in the Chapel after Coffee Hour. Kids and adults of all ages are invited to get into the musical spirit of the season as we sing favorite Advent and Christmas hymns. *Toys and percussion instruments available; song requests are welcome.*

**Music for Meditation: Juan Riveros, Harp** · Tonight at 7:00 pm in the Church. Principal harpist of the Detroit Opera Orchestra Juan Riveros presents a recital of exquisite music, including arrangements of seasonal music. *This concert is free and open to the public.* Come early! *Compline will be sung at 6:30 pm by the St. Andrew's Early Music Ensemble and Compline Choir.*

**Gift Tags for the Ann Arbor Community Center's Adopt-A-Family Christmas** are available in the Lobby. The ingathering of gifts and gift cards will be next Sunday, December 14. You can also donate by check (payable to St. Andrew's with "Community Center Christmas" in the memo line) or online at <https://bit.ly/StA-Christmas> by selecting the 'Community Center Christmas' Fund by Tuesday, December 9. *Thank you for your generosity!*

**If you would like to contribute to the purchase of rice and beans** for the widows of Stephen Uche's village in Nigeria, please make a check out to St. Andrew's with 'Stephen Uche' in the memo line or give to the "Uche" fund online at <https://bit.ly/StA-Christmas> by Sunday, December 14. He is also collecting donations of gently used phones, tablets, etc. through December 14. *May God bless you!*

**2026 Church Directory Available!** We have produced a new church directory with current contact information for our members. If you find your information is incorrect or incomplete, or if you would rather not be listed, please let us know. *For changes or to be mailed a copy of the directory, please contact our parish administrator, Jonathan Gardner. He can be reached at [jgardner@standrewsaa.org](mailto:jgardner@standrewsaa.org) or 734-663-0518 ext. 200.*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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**Centering Prayer & Psalms:** Please join Paul on Wednesday mornings at 10:00 am in the Chapel. We will spend about twenty minutes in silence, read and reflect on a psalm together, and then return to silence. If you are unable to join us in person in the Chapel, you can join us on Zoom (Meeting ID: 881 1661 6360 Passcode: 508660), or sit in silence at home. On Wednesday, December 10, we'll read and reflect on Canticle 15, found on page 91 in the *Book of Common Prayer*. All are welcome.

**Christmas Cookie Coffee Hour:** Next Sunday, December 14, You're invited to celebrate the season with a special Coffee Hour downstairs in the Parish Hall following the 10:00 am service. Bring a plate of your favorite Christmas cookies or other holiday treats to share—family recipes, childhood favorites, or something new you'd like to try. *If you're able, please include a label with the name of your treat and note any common allergens (nuts, gluten-free, etc.).* Whether or not you bring something, please come enjoy good food and warm conversation as we share the sweetness of the season together.

**Choral Sundays: 66<sup>th</sup> Annual Lessons and Carols** Sunday, December 21 at 4:00 pm in the Church. Join the St. Andrew's Adult, Junior, and Cherub Choirs and the St. Dunstan Handbell Choir for this traditional Anglican service of nine lessons from Scripture alternating with sacred hymns, voluntaries and carols for the Christmas season.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**Wanted: Socks for Breakfast Guests** • The Breakfast Program would greatly appreciate donations of men's socks - especially thick, warm, winter socks- to give to the guests for Christmas. *Donations can be dropped in the black bin at the Memorial Garden entrance through Wednesday, December 17.*

### **Sunday School: Coins for Emmanuella**

During Advent, Sunday School members are reminded to save coins for the Sunday School's foster child, Emmanuella Jaica, a 7-year-old girl who lives in Haiti. Coin collection boxes are available in the lobby outside the chapel if you

didn't already get one. Bring your container of coins to the 4:00 pm service on Christmas Eve (or sooner!).

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

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**Division Street Pipes at St. Andrew's! Thursdays at 12:15 pm in the Church.** Each recital will feature talented students and faculty of the U-M Organ Department. These 30-minute performances are free and open to the public.

**Don't miss the conclusion of the fall series this Thursday, December 11** with J.S. Bach's vibrant cantata for advent, *Nun komm der Heiden Heiland*, BWV 61, along with organ chorales for the Advent season. Led by director Joseph Gascho, the musicians will be members of the Baroque Chamber Orchestra, Basso Continuo Class, and Organ Studios. *Division Street Pipes will return in early 2026.*

## MUSIC NOTES

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### **LEVAS 11: Prepare Ye the Way**

This contemporary hymn quotes extensively from Isaiah's prophecy that is the basis of John the Baptist's self-identification in the Gospel lesson this morning. The triplet-based rhythm gives the hymn its sense of urgency while retaining a lyrical beauty. Thus it expresses the fervency and joy of John's message. Its composer, James E. Moore, wrote several hymns, all deeply beloved, that continue the Black gospel song tradition in a sophisticated musical idiom. Mr. Moore taught liturgy and music at the Athenaeum in Cincinnati before moving to Vienna, where he died in 2022. -- *Donna Wessel Walker*

### **Matin Responsory**

This morning's anthem by Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (1525/26–1594) is an adaptation of a Magnificat, together with words which are a translation of the First Responsory of Advent Sunday in the Office of Mattins in the early medieval Roman rite. This adaptation has become widely known through its usage at the Advent Carol Service at King's College Chapel in Cambridge. -- *Dennis Powers*

# Christmas

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## CHRISTMAS APPEAL + FLOWERS



Use this QR code to contribute to the Christmas Appeal or toward greens and flowers in memory of or in thanksgiving for the special people in your life via the *Christmas Flowers Fund*. Christmas Flower dedications are due by December 21 and will be included in the bulletins on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

## THE 66<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF CHRISTMAS LESSONS & CAROLS

Sunday, December 21  
4:00 pm in the Church \*

Enjoy beautiful seasonal favorites of hymns, voluntaries, and carols in response to nine lessons that recount the events leading to Christ's birth.

*With music from the*  
Adult Choir - Junior Choir - Cherub Choir -  
Junior Handbell Choir - Handbell Choir

## Christmas Eve

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24

### FAMILY SERVICE & PAGEANT

3:45 pm Prelude \*  
4:00 pm Service \*

A family friendly service with traditional hymns and popular carols, including a presentation of this year's Christmas Pageant *Good News of Great Joy*.

**All ages welcome!**

*With music from the* Junior Choir -  
Cherub Choir - Brass Quartet -  
Junior Handbell Choir - Handbell Choir

### CANDY CANE RECEPTION

in the Lounge after  
the 4:00 pm service

Stop in for cookies and punch,  
fun and fellowship after the  
Family Service.

#### ATTENTION BAKERS!

*Cookie donations needed! If you  
can donate a dozen, please sign up  
in the narthex or lobby, or text Linda  
at 734-665-8112 with your name  
and "will bring cookies."*

### FESTIVAL CHORAL EUCCHARIST

9:00 pm Prelude \*  
9:30 pm Service \*

The St. Andrew's Adult Choir and  
Harpist Juan Riveros present  
Margaret Burk's *This Holy Hour*  
during the prelude, followed by  
a Festival Choral Eucharist filled  
with familiar carols.

*With music from the*  
Adult Choir - Chamber Orchestra -  
Amy Porter, Flute - Juan Riveros, Harp

## Christmas Day New Year's

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25 #

### HOLY EUCHARIST

10:00 am in the Church

Celebrate good news of great  
joy at this Holy Eucharist with  
traditional Christmas hymns,  
sermon, and Holy Communion.

*With music from*  
Jonathan & Melissa Gardner -  
Deborah Friauff

THURSDAY, JANUARY 1 #

### HOLY EUCHARIST

10:00 am in the Church

Let the God of hope fill you with  
joy and peace as you greet the  
new year with a **spoken Holy**  
Eucharist with sermon and Holy  
Communion.

### Can't be with us in person this Christmas?



Scan the QR  
code to watch  
services live on  
our YouTube  
channel!

\* Service will be livestreamed  
on YouTube

# The 5:30 pm Holy Eucharist  
and Healing service will not  
be held on these dates