



ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Joy, 2011

Wayne Stratz, Margaret Almon, Suzanne Halstead

Welcome to St. Andrew's

The Third Sunday of Advent

10:00 AM Holy Eucharist • December 14, 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.

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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 14, 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 Christmas Cookie Coffee Hour
(PARISH HALL)

Anglican Cycle of Prayer

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for *Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil*.

In our own diocese we pray for the clergy and people of St. Luke's (Shelby Township).

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: JoAnn Kennedy Slater

Preacher/ Deacon: Felicity Thompson

Assisting: Paul Frolick

Director of Music & Organist: Deborah Friauff

Organ Scholar: Oliver Steissberg

Acolytes: Giovanni Bickel, Leah Tremonti, Addison McCreadie

Lectors: Phil MacBride, Cindy Glovinsky

Intercessor: Barbara Mackey King

Eucharistic Ministers: Barb Kelly, Felicity Thompson, Ann Scott, Norm Richert

Ushers: Steph Barker, Kathryn Barnes, Kayla Ashbaugh, Alaric Ashbaugh

Bell Ringer: John Burhenn

Lay Eucharistic Visitor: Dennis Powers

Coffee Hour Hosts: Mary Bates, Sarah Ebaugh

Altar Guild: Ian McCaul, Joe Piffaretti, Lisa Osbeck, Claire McLaughlin, Carol Himelhoch

Bread Baker: Ian McCaul

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 Colman, Kari Paetzold, Marty Gillen, Critter, Lisa Jaqua, John Ramsey, Maria Trombley, Ramon Howing, Amy Schulte and family, Bill Harper, Jim Medlock, George Varghese, Read Gignilliat, Tom Kinnear, Joshua Jackson, Martin & Saloni Bridgeman, Jennifer Whiteford, Sandra Sloan, and Shirley Harden

Today's altar flowers are
given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of

MARTHA J. FORD
JOHN R. MACK
by Dennis & Jeanie Powers

PRELUDE

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

The St. Dunstan Handbell Choir

arr. Hart Morris (b. 1946)

THE WORD OF GOD

HYMN

On Jordan's Bank

#76, *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*

The musical score is written for two staves, Treble and Bass, in the key of D major (indicated by two sharps). The time signature is 4/4. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a mix of half and quarter notes. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes. The score is divided into two systems. The first system contains two lines of music, each with two staves. The lyrics for the first line are 'Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.' and for the second line are 'Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.' The second system also contains two lines of music, each with two staves. The lyrics for the third line are 'Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, -' and for the fourth line are 'Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.'

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

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Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

THE FIRST LESSON *Isaiah 35:1-10*

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad,
the desert shall rejoice and blossom;
like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly,
and rejoice with joy and singing.

The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it,
the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.
They shall see the glory of the LORD,
the majesty of our God.

Strengthen the weak hands,
and make firm the feeble knees.
Say to those who are of a fearful heart,
“Be strong, do not fear!

Here is your God.
He will come with vengeance,
with terrible recompense.
He will come and save you.”

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;
then the lame shall leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.
For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert;
the burning sand shall become a pool,
and the thirsty ground springs of water;
the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp,
the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

A highway shall be there,
and it shall be called the Holy Way;
the unclean shall not travel on it,
but it shall be for God’s people; no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray.
No lion shall be there,
nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it;
they shall not be found there,
but the redeemed shall walk there.
And the ransomed of the LORD shall return,
and come to Zion with singing;
everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;
they shall obtain joy and gladness,
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Reader
People

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM 146:4-9



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- 4 Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help! *
whose hope is in the LORD their God;
- 5 Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; *
who keeps his promise for ever; **All Sing Antiphon**
- 6 Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, *
and food to those who hunger.
- 7 The LORD sets the prisoners free;
the LORD opens the eyes of the blind; *
the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; **All Sing Antiphon**
- 8 The LORD loves the righteous;
the LORD cares for the stranger; *
he sustains the orphan and widow,
but frustrates the way of the wicked.
- 9 The LORD shall reign for ever, *
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.
Hallelujah! **All Sing Antiphon**

THE SECOND LESSON *James 5:7-10*

Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the LORD. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the LORD is near. Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the LORD.

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

SEQUENCE HYMN

Word of God

#633, *The Hymnal 1982*

THE GOSPEL *Matthew 11:2-11*

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

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?" Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me."

As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written,

'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way before you.'

"Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he."

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

THE SERMON

The Rev. Dcn. Felicity Thompson

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.*

As we rejoice in the nearness of Christ's coming and look for signs of God's kingdom breaking into our world, let us pray for the Church, the world, and all in need. *A brief silence* God of renewal, we give you thanks for the signs of your kingdom already among us: for the beauty of creation that lifts our spirits; for acts of healing and compassion that reveal your love; for communities that uphold us in hope; and for the promise that sorrow and sighing shall flee away. Fill us with gratitude as we await the coming of Christ, that our lives may overflow with joy and praise.

People

God of joy and mercy, hear our prayer.

God of gladness, strengthen your Church with the hope of Isaiah's vision, that the fearful may be made strong, the weak encouraged, and the joyful song of your salvation be heard in every place. Give bishops, clergy, and lay leaders patience of spirit and courage to proclaim good news to the poor. **God of joy and mercy, hear our prayer.**

God of justice, you lift up those bowed down and watch over the stranger. Guide the leaders of the nations in the ways of compassion and righteousness. Bring peace where war endures, especially in Ukraine, Gaza, Sudan, and all places where violence overwhelms daily life. **God of joy and mercy, hear our prayer.**

God of liberation, you set prisoners free and uphold the orphan and widow. We lament the suffering caused by gun violence, hatred, and division in our own land. Strengthen all who work for safety, justice, and reconciliation. Give us courage to labor for a world where none are forgotten or afraid. **God of joy and mercy, hear our prayer.**

God of life, renew the face of the earth. Restore habitats harmed by drought, wildfire, storm, and pollution. Inspire us to care tenderly for all creatures and to live in ways that allow your creation to flourish. **God of joy and mercy, hear our prayer.**

God of compassion, look with kindness on this city and county. Strengthen the work of the Ann Arbor Community Center, our Breakfast Program, and all who bring nourishment and dignity to those in need. Make us signs of your kingdom — communities where joy, justice, and welcome abound. **God of joy and mercy, hear our prayer.**

God of wholeness, draw near to the blind, the lame, the speechless, and all who long for relief. Be present with the sick, the lonely, the anxious, and the grieving. We pray especially for those on our prayer list and those whose suffering is known to you alone. *Pause* Strengthen their hearts and renew their hope. **God of joy and mercy, hear our prayer.**

God of glory, we remember Martha J. Ford and John R. Mack, in whose memory the greens are given this week, and all those who have died and now walk in your everlasting joy. Bring us, with them, into the fullness of your redemption, where sorrow and sighing flee away. **God of joy and mercy, hear our prayer.**

God of light, your kingdom breaks in with healing, joy, and hope. Hear the prayers we offer this day, and make our hearts steadfast as we await the appearing of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

<i>Celebrant</i>	Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. <i>Silence</i>
<i>People</i>	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.
<i>Celebrant</i>	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

<i>Celebrant</i>	The peace of the Lord be always with you.
<i>People</i>	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

Rejoice in the Lord Always

The St. Andrew's Adult Choir

Henry Purcell (d. 1695)

Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say, rejoice. Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand. Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say, rejoice. Be careful for nothing, but in ev'rything by pray'r and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Jesus Christ our Lord. Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say, rejoice.

CHILDREN'S ENTRANCE HYMN

Herald, sound the note of judgment

#70, *The Hymnal* 1982

THE HOLY COMMUNION**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

Eucharistic Prayer B

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

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

Jesus, Lamb of God

#S 164, *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

Emmanuel, Savior of the Nations

The St. Dunstan Handbell Choir
arr. Derek Hayes

COMMUNION HYMN

Wait for the Lord



Text: Isaiah 40, Philippians 4, Matthew 6-7; Taizé Community, 1984
Tune: Jacques Berthier, 1923-1994
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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

There's a voice in the wilderness

#75, *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

Partita "Nun Komm der Heiden Heiland"

Toccata & Variation 6

Oliver Steissberg, Organ

Hugo Distler (1908-1942)

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THIS WEEK

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)

Tuesday, December 16

- 6:00 PM Finance (L/Z)
- 6:30 PM Vestry (L/Z)

Wednesday, December 17

- 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 18

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

Friday, December 19

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

Saturday, December 20

- 10:00 AM Christmas Pageant Rehearsal (C)

Sunday, December 21

- 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)
- 4:00 PM *Choral Sundays:*
Lessons & Carols (C)

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

TODAY AT ST. ANDREW'S

The ingathering of gifts and gift cards for the Ann Arbor Community Center's Adopt-a-Family Christmas is today! Gifts and gift cards can be left in the Narthex.

Today is the last day to contribute to the purchase of rice and beans for the widows and children of Stephen Uche's village in Africa! Please make a check out to St. Andrew's with 'Stephen Uche' in the memo line.

Christmas Cookie Coffee Hour: You're invited to celebrate the season with a special Coffee Hour downstairs in the Parish Hall following the 10:00 am service this morning! ***Please come enjoy good food and warm conversation*** as we share the sweetness of the season together.

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 or 734-663-0518 ext. 200.*

UPCOMING EVENTS

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 17, we'll read and reflect on Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18, found on page 702 in the *Book of Common Prayer*. All are welcome.

Choral Sundays: 66th Annual Lessons and Carols Next 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.

Caregivers' Luncheon: An open invitation is extended to parishioners who may be giving care to a loved one. We'll meet for an hour on Tuesday, December 30 at noon in the Lounge for lunch, reflection, and mutual encouragement. For more information, or to make a reservation for lunch, please contact Fr. Paul at pfrolick@standrewsaa.org or 585-241-9317.

UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR



Scan for a
printable
calendar of
December
events!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.*

Attention bakers: Cookie donations needed for the Candy Cane Reception after the 4:00 pm service on Christmas Eve! 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." Thank you!

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

The Ann Arbor Chapter of the American Guild of Organists (AGO) is excited to announce **An Organists Christmas** on Friday, December 19 at 7:00 pm at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church (2250 E Stadium Blvd). This concert will feature organists Dave Wagner, Marijim Thoene, and our own Oliver Steissberg who will each perform a set of Christmas organ music and carols for all to sing.

MUSIC NOTES

Hymn 76: *On Jordan's bank*

In the Gospel lesson this morning, Jesus answers John the Baptist's questions by quoting the passage in Isaiah that we also read today, about what the Messiah will accomplish, while acknowledging the ministry of John the Baptist. The text, written in Latin in the 18th century and translated into English in the 19th century, was popular among Anglo-Catholics. The tune was popular in Evangelical circles at that time, appearing in hymnbooks by both John Wesley and George Whitefield,

harmonized by William Henry Havergal. So this combination of tune and text reminds us that divisions within our church may be healed and unity found in the "glad tidings of the King of kings."

-- Donna Wessel Walker

Rejoice In the Lord

This morning's anthem by Henry Purcell (1665-1695) opens with a "ground" bass, in fivefold ostinato, that mimics a descending peal of bells. This characteristic gives rise to the work's commonly used title "The Bell Anthem." Indeed, the peal of bells is everywhere in the music — not just in the bass, where the ten-beat ground is repeated five times, but also in the intertwining upper parts, where the juxtaposition of joyous scales with Purcell's wistful harmonies gives the music a delicious bittersweet quality. -- Dennis Powers



Choral Sundays

66TH ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF
Lessons & Carols

featuring the
Saint Andrew's Choirs

December 21, 2025
4:00 PM

*This performance is free
and open to the public.*

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church
Ann Arbor, MI
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Christmas

at St. Andrew's
Episcopal Church
306 N. DIVISION ST., ANN ARBOR, MI

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 66TH 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 EUCCHARIST

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 EUCCHARIST

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?



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services live on
our YouTube
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* Service will be livestreamed
on YouTube

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