

ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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"Immanuel -- Behold a Virgin Shall Conceive..." 1952

Joseph Nuttgens

Welcome to St. Andrew's

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

10:00 AM Holy Eucharist • December 21, 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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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)
4:00 PM Choral Sundays: Lessons & Carols

Anglican Cycle of Prayer

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

In our own diocese we pray for the clergy and people of *St. Michael & All Angels (Lincoln Park)*.

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: Walt LaBatt

Deacon: Felicity Thompson

Director of Music & Organist: Deborah Friauff

Organ Scholar: Oliver Steissberg

Acolytes: Beau Tennyson, Addy Peterson, Ben Halgren

Lectors: Justin Guest, Abby Whitehead

Intercessor: Lauren Gillen

Eucharistic Ministers: Phil MacBride, Dave McCreddie, Marty Gillen, Chris Schetter

Ushers: Jim Wortley, Elaine Mouradian, Ella Bier, Will Cannata, Snow Kiernan

Bell Ringer: Marty Gillen

Lay Eucharistic Visitor: Phil MacBride

Coffee Hour Host: Mary White

Altar Guild: Anna Dutton, Harry McLaughlin, Claire McLaughlin, Judy Woods, Jude Wilson

Bread Baker: Kristin Hermanson Briegel

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, Bill Harper, Jim Medlock, George Varghese, Read Gignilliat, Joshua Jackson, Martin & Saloni Bridgeman, Jennifer Whiteford, Sandra Sloan, Shirley Harden, Rudy Haertl, Barb and Roger Bowen, and Marylou Slater

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

SAMUEL WARREN

by Dennis & Jeanie Powers

PRELUDE

Variations on "Veni Emmanuel"

Deborah Friauff (b. 1962)

THE WORD OF GOD

HYMN

O come, O come Emmanuel

#56, *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 (two sharps). It consists of two systems of music. The first system is for the Lord's Kyrie, and the second system is for the Christ's Kyrie. Each system has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Lord's Kyrie:

Vocal: Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Piano: Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Christ's Kyrie:

Vocal: Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, -

Piano: Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

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

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

Lord, have mer - cy, 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.

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

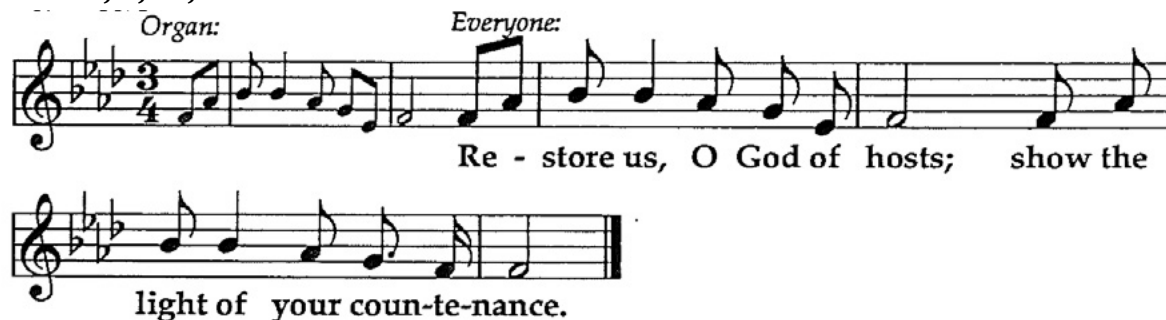
THE FIRST LESSON *Isaiah 7:10-16*

Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test. Then Isaiah said: "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the LORD himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 80:1-2, 4, 14, 16-17



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- ¹ Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; *
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
- ² In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, *
stir up your strength and come to help us. **All Sing Antiphon**
- ⁴ O LORD God of hosts, *
how long will you be angered
despite the prayers of your people?
- ¹⁴ Turn now, O God of hosts, look down from heaven; behold and tend this vine; *
preserve what your right hand has planted. **All Sing Antiphon**
- ¹⁶ Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, *
the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.
- ¹⁷ And so will we never turn away from you; *
give us life, that we may call upon your Name. **All Sing Antiphon**

THE SECOND LESSON *Romans 1:1-7*

Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our LORD, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ,

To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the LORD Jesus Christ.

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

SEQUENCE HYMN

Redeemer of the nations, come

#55, *The Hymnal 1982*

THE GOSPEL *Matthew 1:18-25*

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

"Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
and they shall name him Emmanuel,"

which means, "God is with us." When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

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.*

As we joyfully await the coming of Christ and prepare to receive the sign of God's promise made flesh, let us pray for the needs of the church, our community, and the world. *A brief silence* Gracious God, be with us as we prepare our hearts, our souls, and our minds for the birth of your son. Make our homes havens of blessing and peace for family and friends; and may those of us who live alone enjoy our solitude and find fulfillment in loving you and our neighbors.

People **God of love, hear our prayer.**

Faithful God, you called your servant Joseph to trust your promise and to act with courage, even when the path ahead was unclear. Give us grace to discern your call and to listen for your voice in the quiet places of our lives. When answers are not easy and the way forward is uncertain, help us to walk by faith and not by fear, preparing our hearts to receive the new life you are bringing into the world. **God of love, hear our prayer.**

Reconciling God, you long to restore your people and to shine your light upon the nations. Lead the world from fear to trust, from division to truth, and from violence to peace. Heal what has been broken by injustice and cruelty. We pray especially for the people of Ukraine, Gaza, Sudan, and all places torn apart by conflict, displacement, and grief. **God of love, hear our prayer.**

Guiding God, we pray for those who are traveling this week. Protect them from every danger and bring them in safety to their journey's end. We pray for those who will spend this Christmas away from family and friends, including the men and women in the Armed Forces, and all whose duty or circumstance keeps them from those they love. **God of love, hear our prayer.**

Compassionate God, we pray for those who suffer from any grief or trouble. We pray for those who are hungry, cold, and without a home. We pray for those who are out of work. We pray for families that experience stress over the holidays, for those who will spend this first Christmas without a loved one, and for all who find the holidays painful. We remember especially those on our prayer list, and those whose needs are known to you alone. *Pause* Restore them to wholeness and health in your good time and in your good way. **God of love, hear our prayer.**

Eternal God, we commend to your care all who have died, remembering especially Samuel Warren, in whose memory the greens are given today, and all those we love but see no longer. *Silence* Grant to the departed eternal rest. **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

Ever-present God, from ages past you promised salvation, and in the fullness of time you came among us as Emmanuel, God-with-us. Strengthen us, like Joseph, to trust your presence and to act with faithful courage. Receive the prayers we offer this day, and shape our lives by your nearness and mercy; through the power of your Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **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 ANTHEM

There is No Rose (The Holy Hour)

The St. Andrew's Adult Choir
Margaret Burk (b. 1990)

There is no rose of such virtue as is the rose that bare Jesu; alleluia, alleluia. For in this rose contained was Heaven and Earth in little space. Res miranda, res miranda. By that rose we may well see that he is God in persons three, pares forma, pares forma, pares forma. Then leave we all this worldly mirth and follow we this joyous birth: transeamus, transeamus.

CHILDREN'S ENTRANCE HYMN

Soon and very soon

#14, *LEVAS II* (Red and Black Book)

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

O Come Divine Messiah

The St. Andrew's Cherub Choir

Lynn Shaw Bailey (b. 1955) / Becki Slagle Mayo (b. 1956)

Come, come Messiah, come, come, Emmanuel. Come, come O Promised One. Come, Emmanuel. Prophets of old have told of your coming; long we have waited, long we have prayed. Kingdoms and kings will bow down before you. Come, Emmanuel, today.

Come, come Messiah, come, come, Emmanuel. Come, come O Promised One. Come, Emmanuel. We are your children, you are our Savior. Lovingly guide us, guide us we pray. Help us to follow, help us to listen. Come, Emmanuel, today.

COMMUNION HYMN

Creator of the stars of night

#60, *The Hymnal* 1982

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

Savior of the nations, come!

#54, *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

Chorale prelude on 'Nun Komm, der Heiden heiland'

Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

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THIS WEEK

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)

Tuesday, December 23

- 10:00 AM Christmas Pageant
Dress Rehearsal (C)

Wednesday, December 24

Christmas Eve

- 3:45 PM Prelude (C)
4:00 PM Family Service +
Christmas Pageant (C)
5:30 PM Candy Cane
Reception (L)
9:00 PM Prelude (C)
9:30 PM Festival Choral
Eucharist (C)

Thursday, December 25

Christmas Day

- 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist (Cpl)

Friday, December 26

- 12:15 PM Holy Eucharist (Cpl)
7:00 PM Alcoholics Anon (PH)

Sunday, December 28

- 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)

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

TODAY AT ST. ANDREW'S

Happy Birthday, December! We'll celebrate December birthdays at coffee hour after the service. Join us in the Lounge for cake!

Choral Sundays: 66th Annual Lessons and Carols • Today 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.

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. ***There is no Centering Prayer on December 24.*** Please join us on December 31 for Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14. All are welcome.

There is **no Evensong on Wednesday, December 24 or 31.** Evensong services resume Wednesday, January 7.

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.

MUSIC NOTES

LEVAS 14: *Soon and Very Soon*

The fourth week of Advent brings us right to the brink of Christmas, so we move from the warnings of earlier lessons and the tension of waiting. Now we can rejoice and hope at the fulfillment of all good things in the Incarnation and the Second Coming; this hymn is one of the happiest expressions of that great hope. Written by the popular and influential Gospel songwriter and minister, André Crouch (1942-2015), this exuberant song has been widely published and translated since it was written in 1976. -- *Donna Wessel Walker*

There Is No Rose

Margaret Burke (b. 1990) is Director of Choral Activities at Carthage College in Kenosha, Wisconsin. She earned her Doctor of Musical Arts degree in choral conducting at the University of Michigan, where she studied with Eugene Rogers and, in addition to directing the University Choir, was Assistant Conductor of the Men's and Women's Glee Clubs. She also is a recipient of the Robert Shaw Prize awarded by the Institute of Sacred Music at Yale University for outstanding achievement in choral conducting. -- *Dennis Powers*