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St. Andrew's Anglican Church



'Voices of Christmas' a wonderful celebration of nativity of Christ

This year our '12 Voices' were wonderfully presented by **Deryck Richardson** as the archangel Gabriel, **Reed Slevin** as the aged Simeon, and **Randy Smith** as the wilderness dwelling John the Baptist. All three stories spoke of the confidence and assurance that God gives us to speak and share the messages that he gives us. Gabriel spoke to Zacharias, Mary and Joseph; Simeon to Mary and Joseph; and John to the multitudes. As we go into Christmas this year let us each have courage to proclaim the Word of Our Lord to those around us.

Thank you Deryck, Reed and Randy!!! Fabulous job! Also thank you to **Lesley DeBella**, who did another tremendous job with the costumes. As always, none of the Voices would be heard without the techies in the sound booth; thank you **Chris Bryant**; having enough microphones to cover each voice was a huge addition to the smoothness of transitions between characters and the new microphones enhanced the quality and ease of listening for our congregation. Thank you!

Please join me in thanking all of these wonderful people for their offerings. Well done!

I pray you will reflect on what it would be like to have participated in the very first Christmas as the original voices did. Thank you all St. Andrew's for your willingness to participate in and receive from this ministry.

— Mother Nanci James, Director

Christmas Cantata *Presented by the St. Andrew's Choir*

Darkness Into Light **A Christmas Musical Journey** By Mary McDonald

1. Come to the Light!
2. Come, All Ye Faithful
3. Hear the Angels Sing
4. Sing We All Noel!
5. Candlelight Christmas Canon
6. Rise Up, Children, Arise!
7. Darkness into Light
8. Come to the Light (Reprise)
9. Hallelujah! Lord of Light!

The congregation will be asked to join in sing parts of O Come All Ye Faithful and Halleluja! Lord of Light! (which includes Hymn to Joy.)

Choir Director • Tom James
Pianist • Laurie Darke
Narrator • George Girard





The Daily Lectionary

Week of the First Sunday after Christmas · Dec. 28-Jan. 3

Sunday, December 28 — A.M.: Psalm 93, 96; P.M.: Psalm 34; Isaiah 62:6-7,10-12; Hebrews 2: 10-18; Matthew 1:18-25

Monday, December 29, Feast of the Holy Innocents — A.M.: Psalm 2, 26; Isaiah 49:13-23; Matthew 18:1-14 PM Psalm 19, 126; Isaiah 54:1-13; Mark 10:13-16

Tuesday, December 30 — A.M.: Psalm 20, 21:1-7(8-14); P.M.: Psalm 23, 27; Isaiah 25:1-9; Revelation 1:9-20; John 7:53-8:11

Wednesday, December 31 — A.M.: Psalm 46, 48; Isaiah 26:1-9; 2 Corinthians 5:16-6:2; John 8:12-19 **Eve of the Holy Name** — P.M.: Psalm 90; Isaiah 65:15b-25; Revelation 21:1-6

Thursday, January 1, Feast of the Holy Name — A.M.: Psalm 103; P.M.: Psalm 148; Genesis 17:1-12a,15-16; Colossians 2:6-12; John 16:23b-30

Friday, January 2 — A.M.:Psalm 34; P.M.: Psalm 33; Genesis 12:1-7; Hebrews 11:1-12; John 6:35-42, 48-51

Saturday, January 3 — A.M.: Psalm 68; P.M.: Psalm 136; Genesis 28:10-22; Hebrews 11:13-22; John 10:7-17

Next Sunday, January 5 — A.M.: Psalm 66, 67; P.M.: Psalm 145; Ecclesiasticus 3:3-9,14-17; 1 John 2:12-17; John 6:41-47

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Next Sunday's Lectionary · Jan. 4; Second Sunday after Christmas (Year B)

Collect: BCP 214

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:7-14

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:3-6, 15-19a

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

Prayers for the Church

Following the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, please pray for **Bishop Roger C. Ames, Archdeacon Mark Scotton, Rev. Cannon John Jorden, Deacon Thomas Hare, Fr. Lee Martin, Fr. Mike Kraynak, and Tina Fisher.**

Following the Parish Cycle of Prayer, please pray for **Bob, Amy, Hope and Cole Beverick;** the **Senior Saints Small Group;** and **Common Ground Free Store Ministries.** Please also pray for those serving in the military; God, we ask for your protection on them as they give of their lives to protect our country.

Encouragement for your prayer time with God

Jesus' birth shows that God cares about us eternally. Praise you, Lord! "I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion." (*Exodus 33:19*) "For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters." (*Romans 8:29*)

— From the St. Andrew's Prayer Ministries Team

Have a prayer request?

You may email your prayer requests to prayerchain@standrewspolaris.org; call Jacquie Wallace at 740-369-3963; or fill out the online form on our website, standrewspolaris.org, under the "Scripture & Prayer" dropdown menu.

Prayer requests may also be placed in the prayer box in the Narthex.

January Birthdays

Reed Slevin
Tally Whitehead
John Osmond
Frank Scott
Jenny Marinov
Brenda Spradling
Jack Reeks
Kiera Snead
David Warner
Karolyn Yoakum
Justin Anthony
Trina Anthony
Didi Loseth
Cole Beverick
Ellie Schramm
Baxter Whitehead
Emelie Deslauriers
Alex McKeown
Gino Torio
David Patton
Shirley Maxie
Chris Bryant
Tom Girard
Jordan Torio

January Anniversaries

Candy & Ernie Tracy
Tom & Mother Nanci James

Year-end notes

Note to electronic givers

Parishioners who are using e-giving should be sure to change their pledge in January to "General Fund 2015." You can re-select that option on the e-giving website by clicking on the "Online Giving" link on the home page of our web site, standrewspolaris.org.

Gifts for year-end tax benefit

Parishioners who choose to make stock transfer gifts and other special contributions to the church prior to the end of the year for tax purposes are asked to do so by Dec. 31. Gifts of stock should be made well before Dec. 31 since it takes several days for the transfer to come through to St. Andrew's.

If you have any questions about any of the above business items, please contact **Ruth Eller**, business manager, at 740-548-5112, ext. 2 or reller@standrewspolaris.org.

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With winter upon us, please remember to check our website before heading out for events and activities at the church if weather conditions are deteriorating, if roads are in poor driving condition or if there are snow emergencies in Delaware or Franklin counties.

The First Sunday in Christmas • December 28, 2014

Today's Scripture Lessons

The Old Testament Lesson • Isaiah 61: 10-62:3
The New Testament Lesson • Galatians 3:23-25, 4:4-7
The Gospel • John 1:1-18

Holy Eucharist • 8 a.m. & 9:30 a.m.

Processional • Hymnal 107, vs. 1-2 (8 a.m.); Hymnal 107 (9:30 a.m.)
Opening Sentences • Page 3
Collect of the Day • BCP 213
The Gloria • Hymnal S280
Gradual Hymn (9:30 a.m.) • Hymnal 105, vs. 1-2 before the Gospel; vs. 3-4 after
Sermon • Fr. Ron Baird
The Nicene Creed • Page 6
Prayers of the People • Page 7
The Confession & Absolution of Sin • Page 9
The Comfortable Words • Page 10
The Peace • Page 10
Choir Anthem (9:30 a.m.) • *In Silence We Wait*;
words by John Parker, music By Lloyd Larson
Offertory & Doxology • R77
The Great Thanksgiving • Page 11
The Sursum Corda • Page 11
The Preface of the Incarnation
Sanctus • Hymnal S128
The Prayer of Consecration • Page 11
The Lord's Prayer • Page 13
The Prayer of Humble Access • Page 14
Fraction • Behold The Lamb
The Ministration of Communion • Page 15
Communion Music • Hymnal 115 & 82
Post-Communion Prayer • Page 15
The Blessing & Dismissal • Page 16
Recessional • Hymnal 89, vs. 1-2 (8 a.m.); Hymnal 89 (9:30 a.m.)

Holy Eucharist • 11 a.m.

Worship Music • *King of Glory & From the Inside Out*
Prayers of the People
Angels We Have Heard on High
Sermon • Fr. Ron Baird
The Nicene Creed • Page 18
The Confession & Absolution of Sin • Page 20
Offertory • *Born In Bethlehem*
The Great Thanksgiving
The Sursum Corda • Page 21
The Preface of Advent
Sanctus • *Sanctus*, Spanos setting
The Prayer of Consecration • Page 22
The Lord's Prayer • Page 24
The Fraction • Page 24
The Ministration of Communion • Page 25
Communion Music • *Hungry (Falling on My Knees)*
Post-Communion Prayer & Blessing • Page 26
Dismissal • *In the Light*

This Week

TODAY • DECEMBER 28

Godly Play for toddlers - 5th Graders, 9:30 a.m., Rooms 101, 102, 106 & 107;
11 a.m., Room 102.
No Youth class today or next Sunday.
Adult Bible Study Small Groups, 9:30 a.m., Parish House Conference Room;
11 a.m., Parish House Chapel.
Sunday Morning Apostles Small Group, 11 a.m., Room 202, Parish House.
Local Mission Offering: Personal items (shampoo, conditioner, soap, toothpaste, feminine hygiene items); diapers.

Coming Up

SATURDAY • JANUARY 4

We continue our celebration of Christmas with traditional carols, and special music at the 9:30 a.m. service by parishioners Phil and Jane Anosike. Regular services will be held at 8 a.m. and 11 a.m.
Local Mission Offering: Paper plates, cups, and bowls; plastic silverware.

TUESDAY • JANUARY 13

Youth Group, 6 p.m., at the church.

SATURDAY • JANUARY 17

Cub Scout Pinewood Derby. Details TBA.
St. Andrew's serves at the Common Ground Free Store, 9:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

FRIDAY • JANUARY 23

Marriage Enrichment Community Meeting, 7 p.m., Gathering Area.

Worship Attendance

SUNDAY • DECEMBER 21, 2014

8 a.m.	39
9:30 a.m.	136
11 a.m.	39
Total	214
Average YTD.....	196
Unctions.....	9

Holiday office closings

The parish office will be closed Dec. 24 through Jan. 1, to allow our staff to enjoy the Christmas holiday with their families. Regular hours will resume on Friday, Jan. 2. If you have questions about your year-end giving, or any other urgent church-related business to conduct, please call the office at 740-548-5112, ext. 2 and leave a voice mail message, and someone will return your call.

Fr. Ron is also reachable in case of emergency at 740-548-5112, ext. 1 or 614-961-7012.



Above, Randy Smith as John the Baptist, reacts to chuckles from the congregation when he said people knew from his birth that he was different, and at left, prepares the way for the Messiah, announcing his coming to George Girard.



At left, two of our Young Saints watch John the Baptist with a bit of trepidation.

Above, Reed Slevin as Simeon cradles the infant Jesus, and praises God for bringing Salvation into the world.

On the front

At left, **Deryck Richardson**, as the archangel Gabriel, one of "The Twelve Voices of Christmas;" and at right, one of our acolytes at the 7:30 p.m. Christmas Eve service.

Christmas celebration continues for 12 days!

Yes, there really are "Twelve Days of Christmas," and although they don't have much to do with a partridge in a pear tree, or even five golden rings, there will be gifts a-plenty of the musical variety throughout the season at St. Andrew's. Today at the 9:30 a.m. service, our Choir will present its annual Christmas Cantata, and the St. Andrew's Youth String Ensemble will play at Communion. Next week, Jan. 4 — the second Sunday of Christmas — will bring more of the church's traditional carols, with special music at the 9:30 a.m. service by brother and sister musicians **Phil** and **Jane Anosike**, members of our parish. (The 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. services will be held as usual that day.)

On Sunday, Jan. 11 — the First Sunday in Epiphany — we'll observe the Feast of the Epiphany and the arrival of the wisemen, as well as the Feast of the Baptism of our Lord, at all three services.

Come join us as we continue our celebration of the Feast of the Incarnation of our Lord!