

Thanksgiving Day Eucharist at 10:30 a.m.

And whatever you do
in word or deed, do all
in the name of the Lord
Jesus, giving thanks to God
the Father through him.

COLOSSIANS 3:1

This Thanksgiving, take a few moments before the turkey-day rush to center yourself in Christ, from whom all blessings flow, by attending the annual Thanksgiving Day Eucharist at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, Nov. 26. This will be a quiet service of about half an hour in length. Toss the turkey in the oven, and come as you are — apron and all! And bring your family and friends!

The Feast of St. Andrew, our patronal saint, is celebrated in the Church worldwide on Nov. 30. St. Andrew is also the patron saint of Scotland, and in the past several years we've established a tradition of folks wearing kilts or tartan plaids to church on the Sunday closest to St. Andrew's feast day. If you have a kilt or plaid, be sure to wear it next Saturday or Sunday! And if you're wearing plaid, please stay after the service you attend for a group picture.

2016 pledge drive at \$423,838 to date

Ninety-six (96) families have responded to the 2016 General Fund stewardship drive, pledging \$423,838. Our goal is \$448,651, which means we have \$24,813 yet to raise. If you are among those who have not yet turned in your pledge card, please do so this weekend so the Vestry can work toward finalizing the 2016 operating budget. Thanks to all of you who have contributed to Christ's mission here at St. Andrew's!

Welcome Bishop Beckwith!

Please join us in extending a warm St. Andrew's welcome to the Rt. Rev. Peter Beckwith, assisting bishop in the Anglican Diocese of the Great Lakes, and his wife, Melinda. The bishop is preaching at all three services this weekend. He will also celebrate the Eucharist at the 9 a.m. Sunday service, during which Donn Ross will be received into the Anglican Church and Susannah Reeves will reaffirm her baptismal vows. Parishioners will also have an opportunity to meet more informally with the Bishop between services on Sunday morning.

The Daily Lectionary

Week of the Last Sunday after Pentecost (Feast of Christ the King), Nov. 22-18 Sunday, Nov. 22 — A.M.: Psalm 118; P.M.: Psalm 145; Isaiah 19:19-25; Romans 15:5-13; Luke 19:11-27

Monday, Nov. 23 — A.M.: Psalm 106:1-18; P.M.: Psalm 106:19-48; Joel 3:1-2,9-17; 1 Peter 1:1-12; Matthew 19:1-12

Tuesday, Nov. 24 — A.M.: Psalm [120], 121, 122, 123; P.M.: Psalm 124, 125, 126, [127]; Nahum 1:1-13; 1 Peter 1:13-25; Matthew 19:13-22

Wednesday, Nov. 25 — A.M.: Psalm 119:145-176; P.M.: Psalm 128, 129, 130; Obadiah 15-21; 1 Peter 2:1-10; Matthew 19:23-30

Thursday, Nov. 26 — A.M.: Psalm 131, 132, [133]; P.M.: Psalm 134, 135; Zephrnish 3:1-13; 1 Peter 2:11-25; Matthew 20:1-16 **Thanksgiving Day** — AM: Psalm 147, Deuteronomy 26:1-11, John 6:26-35; PM: Psalm 145, Joel 2:21-27, 1 Thessalonias 5:12-24

Friday, Nov. 27 — A.M.: Psalm 140, 142; P.M.: Psalm 141, 143:1-11(12); Isaiah 24:14-23; 1 Peter 3:13-4:6; Matthew 20:17-28

Saturday, Nov. 29 — A.M.: Psalm 137:1-6(7-9), 144; P.M.: Psalm 104; Micah 7:11-20; 1 Peter 4:7-19; Matthew 20:29-34

Next Sunday, Advent 1, Nov. 29 — A.M.: Psalm 146, 147; P.M.: Psalm 111, 112, 113; Amos 1:1-5,13-2:8; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11; Luke 21:5-19

Next Sunday's Lectionary · Nov. 29; First Sunday in Advent

Collect: BCP 211 First Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16

Psalm 25:1-9 (BCP 614) **Second Reading:** 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 19-25

Gospel: Luke 21:25-36

Prayers for the Church

Following the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, please pray for Bishop John Parkes and for the priests, deacons, religious, and laity of the Diocese of Wangaratta, located in the south eastern corner of Australia. Wangaratta is one of 23 dioceses in the Anglican Church of Australia. The diocese contains 24 parishes, with 79 places of worship, some large and complex but most small. The area covered by the diocese is mostly rural; the largest town has a population of 100,000.

Founded in 1902, the diocese operates six retirement villages and three high schools, along with a significant social service outreach. All of the schools have seen major expansion in both buildings and numbers of students over the past few years. Please pray especially for evangelism to the unchurched and the lapsed and for continued success with education.

Following the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, please pray for Fr. Wilfred Verhoff and the people of Messiah Anglican Church, Stanford, Kentucky.

Following the Parish Cycle of Prayer, please pray for the Women's Small Group and for the Outreach Ministries. Please also pray for those in business and retail: May they do their jobs for the glory of God, not solely for personal gain.

Encouragement for your prayer time with God

From the acrostic for the word "pray" ("P"--Press in, and "R"--Release were written about last week):

A — Ask, and keep asking the Lord to work. He loves you and wants to give abundantly to you. "Let us come with confidence to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need." (Hebrews 4:16)

Y — Yours is the kingdom. Declare this, for praising God as the king over all creation is effective prayer. "The Lord has established His throne in the heavens, and His kingdom rules over all." (Psalm 103:19)

St. Andrew's Prayer Ministries

Children's Worship

Our Young Saints are worshipping our Lord with joy and thanksgiving in Children's Chapel this fall! New since the introduction of our revised worship schedule in September, Children's Chapel provides a place for our children to worship God in a way that is meaningful to them.

On the front, clockwise, from upper left, children listen as Jackie Menke shares how



the people of God in the Old Testament worshipped him; Jim Menke helps children look for things in "big church" that remind them of Old Testament worship; and Jackie and Candy Tracy, march and dance along with our young saints while singing "Father Abraham."

Youth Group plans service, fellowship events

The St. Andrew's Youth Group will be volunteering at the Delaware County Humane Society this fall. Watch "The Net" and your email for all the details!

The Youth have also set their annual Christmas Party at the Zoo for Sunday, Dec. 20. Watch for additional information at the date nears.

The Youth Group meets on the first and third Tuesday of each month from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at the church.

Youth Bible Study is offered every Sunday from 10:15 to 11 a.m. at the Parish House.

For more information about Youth activities, please contact Tally Whitehead at twhitehead@ standrewspolaris.org or 614-578-7897.

Intercessory prayer available on Sundays

Prayer teams are available to pray with you during Holy Communion at the 9 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. Sunday services. At 9 a.m. they are stationed to the left of the altar near the band equipment; at 11:15 a.m. they are stationed to the right of the altar, near the piano and organ. You may seek prayer for personal cares and concerns, concerns for others or offer thanksgivings for God's blessings. The prayer team will also offer the sacrament of Holy Unction — the anointing with oil, laying on of hands and prayers for healing — upon request. All prayers are confidential.