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St. Andrew's Anglican Church

December 18, 2016



A child is born

*Love comes into the world. And the world is changed.
Darkness becomes light. Fear becomes joy. And we are changed.*

Carols, Candlelight & Christmas Eve · Saturday, Dec. 24

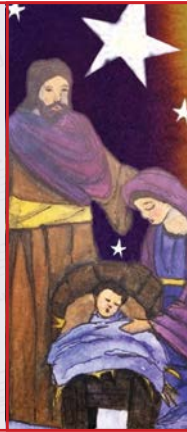
5:30 p.m. · Traditional carols with our contemporary worship band & a children's sermon

8 p.m. & 10:30 p.m. · Traditional service with organ & choir (child care at 8 p.m.)

Holy Communion at all three services.

Christmas Day · Sunday, Dec. 25

9:30 a.m. · Holy Communion, followed by Christmas Brunch at 10 a.m.



Celebrate the Feast of the Incarnation with us!

St. Andrew's will once again celebrate the Feast of the Incarnation of our Lord with three services on Christmas Eve, Saturday, Dec. 24, at 5:30 p.m., 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m.

The 5:30 p.m. service will feature traditional Christmas carols led by "Calling of Levi," our contemporary worship band, and a children's sermon. The 8 p.m. service will be a traditional service with organ and choir. Child care will be available at 8 p.m. The 10:30 p.m. service will be a traditional service, and will include some favorite Anglican Christmas Eve traditions, including incense, and will also feature organ and choir. All three services will include Holy Communion.

On Christmas Day, we'll be offering one service of Holy Communion at 9:30 a.m., followed by brunch, which has become a Christmas morning tradition. The brunch will begin at about 10 a.m. Those attending are asked to bring a breakfast type dish to share. Everyone is welcome to attend either just the Eucharist, or both the service and the brunch. A sign-up sheet for the brunch is available at the Information Desk. You may also sign up by contacting Jackie Menke at 614-895-0786.

Services will be held at the normal times on New Year's Day.

Year-end business notes

2016 receipts due

Ministry leaders and others who may have receipts to be turned in for reimbursement for church-related purchases in 2016 are asked to turn them in today Sunday, Dec. 18. Reimbursement forms are available in the green basket on top of the mail boxes in the Gathering Area, and at the parish office.

Note to electronic givers

Parishioners who are using E-giving should be sure to change their pledge in January to "General Fund 2017." You can re-select that option on the E-giving website by clicking on the "Online Giving" link on the home page of our website, 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 Christmas Eve. Gifts of stock should be made well in advance of year end, since it

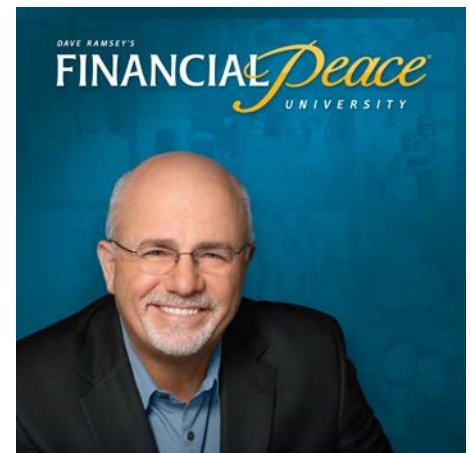
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Youth Christmas party postponed

The Youth Group Christmas party and zoo trip originally schedule for today has been postponed, as many of our youth are preparing for upcoming final exams. If you are interested in having the party on Sunday, Jan. 1, please see Tally Whitehead at church today, or email her at twhitehead@standrewspolaris.org. Also watch your church email for further details!

St. Andrew's serves at Common Ground Jan. 21

St. Andrew's will serve at the Common Ground Free Store in Delaware on Saturday, Jan. 21. We are especially in need of volunteers and food for this visit as sometime the weather can be unpredictable. Also, if you are unavailable in the morning, please consider coming from 1 to 3 p.m. to prepare the store for the next shopping day on the following Tuesday. To volunteer or to provide food please contact Diane Bobay at 614-846-6921 or bobayfamily@att.net, or Marty Scott at 614-284-0182 or msscott@standrewspolaris.org, or sign up at church. Sign-up sheets will be available in the Narthex beginning this week.



This changes
EVERYTHING!
Your money. Your story. Your life.

Give yourself or someone you know the gift of financial peace this Christmas!

Classes start January 8
at 6:30 p.m. at St. Andrew's.

Sign up now!

740.548.5112
standrewspolaris.org
www.daveramsey.com/fpu/classes/1029537



Today is the last day to sign up for flowers for Christmas Eve memorials and thanksgivings. Forms are available at the Information Desk in the Narthex.

The Daily Lectionary

Week of the Fourth Sunday in Advent • Dec. 18-24

Sunday, December 18 — A.M.: Psalms 90, 91, 92; Isaiah 35; Matthew 25: 31-46
P.M.: 93, 94; Isaiah 40:1-11; Luke 1:26-45

Monday, December 19 — A.M.: Psalms 95, 96, 97; Isaiah 51:1-16; Mark 10:32-52
P.M.: Psalms 98, 99, 100, 101; Isaiah 51:17—52:12; Jude 1-16

Tuesday, December 20 — A.M.: Psalms 102 & 103; Isaiah 52:13—53:12; Mark 11:1-26
P.M.:104; Isaiah 54; Jude 1:17-25

Wednesday, December 21 — A.M.: Psalm 105; Isaiah 56:1-8 (9-12); Mark 11: 27—12:12
P.M.: Psalm 106; Isaiah 57:(1-14) 15-21; 2 Peter 1 **Feast of St. Thomas the Apostle** — A.M.: Psalm 23, 121, Job 42:1-6, 1 Peter 1:3-9; P.M.: Psalm 27, Isaiah 43: 8-13, John 14:1-7

Thursday, December 22 — A.M.: Psalm 107; Isaiah 59; Mark 12:13-34
P.M.: Psalms 108 & 109; Isaiah 60:1-7; 2 Peter 2

Friday, December 23 — A.M.: Psalms 110, 111, 112 & 113; Isaiah 60:8-22; Mark 12:35—13:13
P.M.: Psalms 114 & 115; Isaiah 61; 2 Peter 3

Christmas Eve, Saturday, December 24 — A.M.: Psalms 116, 117 & 118; Isaiah 62; Mark 13: 14-37
P.M.: Psalm 119:1-32; Zechariah 2:10-13; Hebrews 2:10-18

Christmas Day, Sunday, December 25 — A.M.: Psalm 119:33-72; Isaiah 9:2-7; Matthew 1: (1-17) 18-25
P.M.: Psalm 119:73-104; Isaiah 7:10-14 (15-25); 1 John 4:7-21

Lectionary for Christmas Eve (Year A)

Christmas Gospel: John 1:1-18

First Reading: Isaiah 9:1-7

Second Reading: Titus 2:11-14

Psalm 96 (BCP 725)

Gospel: Luke 2:1-20

Next Sunday's Lectionary • Dec. 25 (Christmas Day, Year A)

First Reading: Isaiah 52:7-12

Second Reading: Hebrews 1:1-12

Psalm 98 (BCP 727)

Gospel: John 1:1-18

Pledge drive at \$414,640

Ninety-eight families have responded to the 2017 General Fund stewardship drive, pledging \$414,640 as of this Friday. Our goal is \$460,000, which means we have \$45,360 yet to raise. If you are among those who have not yet turned in your pledge card, please do so today so the Vestry can finalize the 2017 budget.

Thanks to all of you who have contributed to Christ's mission at St. Andrew's Anglican Church!

Winter weather notice

Jack Frost has made his way to Central Ohio, and it's cold out there! 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. (Please note that all events and activities at the church are canceled if there is a Level 3 snow emergency in Delaware County and/or Orange Township.)

If a cancellation affects a majority of the congregation, we will also send a parish-wide e-mail. Church service cancellations will also be posted on local TV stations.

Year-end business

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takes several days for the transfer to come through to St. Andrew's.

Holiday office closing

The parish office will be closed Saturday, Dec. 24 through Monday, Jan. 2, to allow our staff to enjoy the Christmas and New Year's holidays with their families. Regular hours will resume on Tuesday, Jan. 3. If you have questions about your year-end giving, or have any other urgent church-related business to conduct during the time the office is closed, please call the office at 740- 548-5112, ext. 2 and leave a voice mail message, and someone will return your call.

Fr. Ron may be reached in case of emergency at 740-548-5112, ext. 1 or 614-961-7012.

Encouragement for your prayer time with God

Living in Christ is the most valuable of all gifts that God offers us. It is also the most costly one that God gives us. It cost him the life of his Son.

God also asks us to be his agents in bringing that wonderful gift to others. "All this is from God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ and has given to us the ministry of reconciliation, that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their sins against them, and has entrusted to us the message of reconciliation." (2 Corinthians 5:18-19) — *From the St. Andrew's Prayer Ministries Team*

Prayers for the Church

Following the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, please pray for Bishop Ferran Glenfield and the clergy and people of the Diocese of Kilmore, Elphin and Ardagh in the Church of Ireland.

The united dioceses of Kilmore, Elphin and Ardagh include primarily rural parts of three Irish provinces: Ulster, Connacht and Leinster. A number of prominent saints and monastic settlements are associated with the united dioceses. St. Fethlimidh, born around 500 A.D., is traditionally accepted as having been the first bishop of Kilmore diocese and the cathedral there is named after him. St. Patrick is reputed to have founded the See of Ardagh around 435 AD and appointed his nephew St. Mel as its first bishop.

A more recent bishop, William Bedell, appointed in 1629 (after the Reformation), was responsible for the first translation of the Old Testament into Irish. The Dioceses of Kilmore and Ardagh were united in 1839 and joined by Elphin in 1841.

The Diocese has two cathedrals and is heavily invested in education, with 18 primary schools and two secondary schools. There are 24 parishes and each parish has up to 10 churches.

Please pray especially for the two youth ministers commissioned earlier this year, for youth, and for evangelism.

Following the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, please pray for Fr. Ernie Duross, Fr. Richard Palmer (retired), Fr. Dennis Henkle (retired), Fr. Ernest St. Johns, Fr. Joshua Toepper, and Fr. Shane Chellis. Please also pray for deacons Richard Davis; Jamie Schmotzer OSM; and Donna Purkis.

Following the Parish Cycle of Prayer, please pray for Larry and Julie Baldwin; Dave and Marilyn Barnes; the Brotherhood of St. Andrew; and the Common Ground Free Store.