

The Net

St. Andrew's Anglican Church

December 4, 2016



Bishop Ron Jackson made his first visit to St. Andrew's Nov. 19 & 20, meeting with the Vestry on Saturday, administering the Sacrament of Confirmation and the rites of Reception and Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows on Sunday, and getting to know members of St. Andrew's.

Festival of Lessons & Carols set for Dec. 18

The St. Andrew's Choir will present the Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols during the Liturgy of the Word at the 9 a.m. service on the fourth Sunday of Advent, Dec. 18. This Anglican Advent tradition dates back to 1880, but Organist and Choir Director Laurie Darke will introduce a decidedly St. Andrew's flavor with the involvement of our youth and children.

Many of our youth will be reading the lessons, and our children will present a Nativity tableau, bringing alive the Christmas story.

A reminder to parents

Parents are reminded to let Tally Whitehead or Judy Baird know today if your child wishes to be involved, if

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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. The change in service times last year was well received, so we'll once again be holding services 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 include some favorite Anglican Christmas Eve traditions, including incense, and will also feature organ

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Youth Zoo Christmas party Sunday, Dec. 18

The St. Andrew's Youth Group Christmas Party will be on Sunday, Dec. 18. The group will be exchanging gifts and going to see "Wildlights" at the Columbus Zoo. The cost will be between \$10 or \$20, which will include pizza. The lower price will depend on whether you have a Zoo membership.

Youth should meet at the church at 3 p.m. for the gift exchange. Those wishing to participate in the gift exchange should bring a gift of no more than \$15 in value.

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Is your spiritual house ready for the holidays?

Beginning today, Fr. Ed Steele will lead the Adult Forum in a timely topic — "Getting your Spiritual House Ready for the Holidays and the New Year." The six-week class will lead you

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The Daily Lectionary

Week of the Second Sunday in Advent · Dec. 4-10

Sunday, December 4 — A.M.: Psalms 19, 20, 21; Isaiah 5:1-16; Matthew 24:29-51
P.M.: Psalms 22, 23; Isaiah 5:(17-30) 18-30; Luke 1:1-25

Monday, December 5 — A.M.: Psalms 24, 25, 26; Isaiah 19:18-25 (& 20); Mark 4:21-41
P.M.: Psalms 27, 28, 29; Isaiah 21:1-12 (13-17); Revelation 12

Tuesday, December 6 — A.M.: Psalms 30, 31; Isaiah 22:1-14 (15-25); Mark 5: 1-20
P.M.: Psalms 32, 33, 34; Isaiah (23), 24; Revelation 13 **Feast of St. Nicholas, Bishop of Myra (c.326)** — Psalm 145:8-13; Proverbs 19:17, 20-23; 1 John 4:7-14; Mark 10:13-16

Wednesday, December 7 — A.M.: Psalms 35, 36; Isaiah (27) 28:1-8 (9-29); Mark 5:21-43
P.M.: Psalm 37; Isaiah 29:1-14; Revelation 14

Thursday, December 8 — A.M.: Psalms 38, 39, 40; Isaiah 29: 15—30:18 (30:19—31:9); Mark 6: 1-13
P.M.: Psalms 41, 42, 43; Isaiah 32 (33); Revelation 15

Friday, December 9 — A.M.: Psalms 44, 45, 46; Isaiah 34 (36); Mark 6:14-29
P.M.: Psalms 47, 48, 49; Isaiah (37) 38; Revelation 16

Saturday, December 10 — A.M.: Psalms 50, 51, 52; Isaiah (39) 40: 12-end; Mark 6: 30-end
P.M.: Psalms 53, 54, 55; Isaiah 41; Revelation 17

Next Sunday, December 11 — A.M.: Psalms 56, 57, 58; Isaiah 25:1-9 (10-12); Matthew 25:1-30
P.M.: 59, 60, 61; Isaiah 26:1-13 (14-21); Matthew 3

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Next Sunday's Lectionary · Dec. 11 (Third Sunday in Advent, Year A)

First Reading: Isaiah 35:1-10

Psalm 146 (BCP 803)

Second Reading: James 5:7-12

Gospel: Matthew 11:2-19

Prayers for the Church

Following the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, please pray for Bishop Ravikumar Niranjana and the clergy and people of the Diocese of Karnataka North in the Church of South India (United).

The Church of South India (United) is one of the three united churches in the Anglican Communion. It was formed by the merger of Anglicans, Congregationalists, Methodists, and Presbyterians in 1947 and now has 22 dioceses with a membership of four million.

The Diocese covers the northern part of the state of Karnataka, in southwest India and has 85 churches. Cities have existed in this area for thousands of years. Christians are a small minority (2 percent) of the population, with Hindus (84 percent) and Muslims (13 percent) being the largest religions. Anglican worship in the area began in the late 1800s, with the oldest Anglican church built in 1888. Some of the missionaries in the area had a special outreach to prisoners and prisoners helped to build Holy Name Church (later to become the cathedral of the diocese) in 1928.

Education is a high priority and the Diocese operates four colleges, two junior colleges, seven high schools, three middle schools, 16 primary schools, and one teachers' training college.

Please pray especially for the on-going outreach to youth via education and for continued growth.

Following the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, please pray for 62:12 Ministries, Wadsworth, Ohio, and the Rev. Canon Andrea Orchard.

Following the Parish Cycle of Prayer, please pray for Chinaza, Jane and Phil Anosike; Jason, Trina, Justin and Jake Anthony; the Hokey Pokey Small Group; and the Altar Guild

Encouragement for your prayer time with God

This is Advent, when we wait for the Savior's arrival. As you pray, wait for him. "Wait on the Lord; be strong, and may your heart be stout; wait on the Lord." (*Psalm 27:14*) "When Jesus returned, the crowd gladly received Him, for they were all waiting for Him." (*Luke 8:40*) — *From the St. Andrew's Prayer Ministries Team*

Pledge drive at \$390,980

Ninety-four families have responded to the 2017 General Fund stewardship drive, pledging \$390,980 as of this Friday. Our goal is \$460,000, which means we have \$69,020 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!

Women's Tuesday Bible Study meets this week

The Women's Tuesday Bible Study group will meet this Tuesday, Dec. 6, from 9:30 to 11 a.m. at the Parish House. This will be our last meeting before Christmas. We will reconvene bible study after the holidays on Tuesday, Jan. 17.

Youth Bible study schedule

Youth will meet for Bible study for the next two Sundays, Dec. 4, and Dec. 11, and will meet on Dec. 18, depending on what time the 9 a.m. services is over with the Festival of Lessons and Carols. After breaks on Christmas or New Year's Day, the normal Sunday class time will resume Jan. 8 at 10:15 a.m.

Parishioners to perform in Vaud-Villities holiday show

Here's a chance to get into the holiday spirit while supporting members of our parish family. Laurie, Steve and son Liam Darke, along with Randy Smith, will be performing in Vaud-Villities upcoming holiday variety show. 'Tis the Season will be presented Friday, Dec. 9, at 2:30 p.m.; Saturday Dec. 10, at 2:30 and 8 p.m.; and Sunday, Dec. 11 at 2:30 p.m. at the Northland Performing Arts Center, 4411 Tamarack Blvd. (off Morse Road), Columbus. See Laurie, Steve or Randy for tickets, or visit vvshows.org.

Celebrate

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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 at St. Andrew's. Services will be held at the normal times on New Year's Day. Watch for details in "The Net" and on our website.

New Lectionary brings ACNA closer to complete prayer book

St. Andrew's is now using the Anglican Church in North America's new three-year Eucharistic Lectionary during the Liturgy of the Word. In addition, we're also publishing the ACNA's new Daily Office Lectionary in "The Net" and on our website (standrewspolaris.org) for those who wish to use the Daily Office during their personal prayer and study time. The College of Bishops has approved the English Standard Version (ESV) for parish use, and for your convenience the Lectionary on our website links directly to the ESV translation on BibleGateway.com.

The new Sunday Lectionary provides a three-year cycle of four readings (from the Psalms, the Old and New Testament, and the Gospels) for each Sunday of the Christian Year, as well as lessons for Principal Observances: Christmas Day, the Epiphany, the Presentation, Ash Wednesday, the weekdays of Holy Week and Easter Week, Ascension Day and All Saints Day. Year A begins with the first Sunday in Advent in those years evenly divisible by three, meaning Year A began last Sunday.

Also included in the Sunday Lectionary is a single set of Eucharistic readings for Prayer Book Customary Observances ("red-letter days").

The new Daily Office Lectionary follows the principle adopted by Anglicanism at the time of the Reformation, which provided that "the whole of Holy Scripture (or the greatest part thereof)" should be read each year. Parishioners accustomed to following the Daily Lectionary will find that many of the readings are longer, and much of the New Testament will be read twice throughout the year.

When Scripture verses appear within parentheses, they are permissive additions to the appointed passages, and may be read if desired.

The recitation of the Psalms is also central to daily worship throughout the whole of Christian tradition, and the new daily Lectionary retains the Anglican custom of reading through the entire Psalter once each month.

While the Lectionary includes two sets of recommended Psalms daily, for use during Morning and Evening Prayer, you may choose to reduce the number of Psalms you read each day, as long as you read the entire Psalter regularly. One pattern of reading through the Psalter regularly would be to read the Psalms appointed for Morning Prayer during one month, and the Psalms appointed for Evening Prayer in next.

When there is a thirty-first day of the month, psalms from the Psalms of Ascents, Psalms 120 to 134, are used.

With the release of the new lectionaries, the ACNA moves another step closer to the release of a complete Prayer Book, currently scheduled for 2019. Working texts already published for use in and by the Church include the Holy Eucharist; Morning and Evening Prayer; Introduction to the Christian Year; Collects of the Christian Year; Holy Days and Optional Commemorations; Baptism; Confirmation; Renewal of Baptismal Vows; Holy Matrimony; Burial of the Dead; Midday Prayer; Compline, and Family Prayer. Copies of all of the new documents may be downloaded by clicking "Liturgy" under the "Resources" link at anglicanchurch.net.

In January of 2017, with the exception of the Psalter, all remaining materials proposed for inclusion in a new Prayer Book (among which will be the Lenten and Holy Week services) are scheduled to be presented to the College of Bishops. The Psalter is expected to be ready for inclusion in the 2019 prayer book. In the meantime, we'll be using the Psalter in the Book of Common Prayer, which begins on Page 585.

Feedback from use of all the working texts continues to be invited from all members of the Church at liturgytaskforce@anglicanchurch.net. This feedback will be used as the Liturgy Task Force and the College of Bishops seeks to evaluate and improve what have been "working texts," putting into final shape the texts to appear in The Book of Common Prayer (2019).

Festival of Lessons

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we've not already heard from you. For our toddlers through first graders, we'll also need to know whether they wish to portray sheep, oxen or donkeys; and for second through fifth graders, whether they will be angels and shepherds. The other Nativity characters will be presented by our middle schoolers.

Children and youth should also plan to attend a rehearsal on Saturday, Dec. 17, from 9:30 to 10:45 a.m. in the Sanctuary.

We hope as many of our children and youth as possible can participate in this event, which is sure to enhance our Advent worship as we prepare for the coming of the Christ Child!

Spiritual house

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through the "rooms" of your spiritual life, as you examine your relationship with God and others.

Based on the results of a study Fr. Ed did as part of a graduate course in spiritual direction, and on personal experience, the class will provide a guide for reflection, and steps for renewal and repair in those areas where you feel you may need some "home improvement."

Today, we begin with asking, "How is your Spiritual Curb Appeal?" The focus will be on our outward appearance in relation to our true spiritual self.

Fr. Ed's class will be held on Sundays at 10:15 a.m. through Jan. 22, with a break on Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

Youth Christmas

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Please contact Karen Osmond at 614-975-0878 or khosmond@gmail.com no later than Dec. 15 if you plan to attend. Parents are welcome to join us, but if you want to chaperone a particular group of youth, you will need to complete the Diocesan Ministry Safe Training and have a background check before Dec. 18 if you've not already done so. Please let us know as soon as possible if you plan to accompany a group of youth around the Zoo so we can email you the links.

You may contact Karen or Tally Whitehead at twhitehead@standrewspolaris.org or 614-578-7897 for more information.



Christmas Memorials & Thanksgivings



The Altar Guild is now accepting contributions toward flowers to decorate the altar and sanctuary for Christmas Eve. If you would like to make a gift in any amount in memory of a loved one, or in thanksgiving for a loved one, an event or a blessing, please complete this form and place it in the offering plate along with your check, made payable to St. Andrew's Anglican Church. Please note *Altar Guild* in the memo section of your check. Cash gifts should be placed in an envelope, along with this form.

Enclosed is a gift of \$ _____ toward altar decorations for Christmas Eve.



Please print all information exactly as you would like it to appear in the Christmas Eve bulletin.

This gift is given by (please print):

Please contact me at the follow e-mail address or phone number with questions:

In memory of (please print):

In thanksgiving for (please print):

For more information, please contact **Ellie Schramm**, 614-846-0711, or email us at mail@standrewspolaris.org. **Deadline: Sunday, Dec. 18.**

St. Andrew's was pleased to welcome Bishop Ron Jackson of the Anglican Diocese of the Great Lakes, and his wife, Patty, on Nov. 20. On this page, Fr. Ron Baird presents the confirmands and others who were received into the Anglican Church and who reaffirmed their Baptismal vows before the bishop, and Mother Nanci James assists. On the front page are our youth confirmands.