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St. Andrew's Anglican Church

Sunday • December 17, 2017



A bishop & the bishop



On Dec. 3, the children of St. Andrew's were visited by a special Advent saint, Nicholas, bishop of Myra, and last weekend, Dec. 9-10, the parish was visited by our diocesan bishop, the Rt. Rev. Dr. Ronald Jackson. See more pictures on the back page.



Photos by Nick Tranchina

WHICH TASTES BETTER?

\$5 CUP of COFFEE

OR

HALF-MILLION at retirement

Sign up now for Financial Peace class

Be honest. Do you really need that morning latte? OK, on some days some of us might. But if the answer on most days is "not really," just think of how those Lincolns can add up over the years!

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Silent Night

Carols, Candlelight, & Christmas Eve

5:30 P.M. • 8 P.M. • 10:30 P.M.

Celebrate Christ's birth with us!

St. Andrew's will celebrate the Feast of the Incarnation of our Lord with three services on Christmas Eve, Sunday, 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 our contemporary worship band. The
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Deadline for Christmas Eve memorials & thanksgivings today!

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Christmas morning service & brunch

A Christmas morning service followed by brunch, which has become a tradition at St. Andrew's, will be offered again this year.

Everyone is welcome to attend either just the service, which will begin at 9:30 a.m., or both the service and the brunch, which will follow at 10 a.m.
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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 basket 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 as you would like it to appear in the Christmas Eve bulletin. Editor reserves right to edit for space reasons.

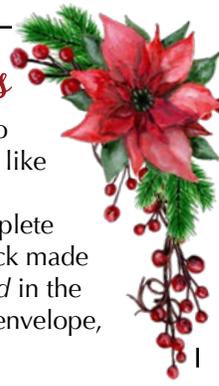
This gift is given by (please print):

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 email us at mail@standrewspolaris.org or call 740-548-5112. **Deadline: Sunday, Dec. 17.**



Prayers for the Church

Anglican Church in North America: Archbishop Foley Beach and the clergy, religious, and people of the Anglican Diocese of the South, one of the 20 dioceses in the Anglican Church in North America.

The diocese was founded in 2010 with the see city in Loganville, Georgia (near Atlanta). The first bishop, Dr. Foley Beach, consecrated on Oct. 9, 2010, had been rector and pastor of the Holy Cross Anglican Church, in Loganville, since 2004. On June 21, 2014, Dr. Beach was elected the second Archbishop of the Anglican Church in North America, with his enthronement taking place on Oct. 9, 2014. He remains as bishop of the Anglican Diocese of the South.

The diocese covers nine states and includes 52 congregations in the southeast United States: Alabama (six congregations); Arkansas (three); Georgia (23); Kentucky (two); Mississippi (one); Missouri (one); North Carolina (one); Tennessee (14); and West Virginia (one).

The prime mission in the diocese has been discipling current members, reaching the unchurched, and planting new churches. Please pray especially for ongoing evangelism and discipling and for the continued growth of the newest church plant, in Tennessee.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: The Anglican Diocese of the Great Lakes and especially Bishop Ronald Jackson, Bishop Peter Beckwith, Bishop Roger Ames, Canon John Jordan, Canon Ron Feister, Canon Lee Martin, Canon Ron Allen, Canon Dave Kulchar, Canon Andrea Orchard, and Tina Fisher.

Parish Cycle of Prayer: Steve, Kara, and Anna Atkinson; Fr. Ron, Judy and John Baird; the Brotherhood of St. Andrew; and Common Ground Free Store Ministries.

No Wednesday Noon Prayer Service Dec. 27

The Wednesday Prayer Service will not be held on Dec. 27, due to the holidays. After the service this coming Wednesday, the next prayer service will be on Wednesday, Jan. 3.

The Daily Lectionary

Week of the Third Sunday in Advent • Dec. 17-23

Sunday, December 17 — A.M.: Psalms 86, 87, 88; Isaiah 25:1-9 (10-12); Matthew 25:1-30 P.M.: 89; Isaiah 26:1-13 (14-21); Matthew 3

Monday, December 18 — A.M.: Psalms 90, 91, 92; Isaiah 42:1-17; Mark 7:1-23 P.M.: Psalms 93 & 94; Isaiah 42:18-43:13; Revelation 18

Tuesday, December 19 — A.M.: Psalms 95, 96, 97; Isaiah 43:14-44:5; Mark 7:24-8:10 P.M.: Psalms 98, 99, 100, 101; Isaiah 44:6-23; Revelation 19

Wednesday, December 20 — A.M.: Psalms 102 & 103 ; Isaiah 44:24-45:13; Mark 8:11-9:1 P.M.: Psalm 104; Isaiah 45:14-25; Revelation 20

Thursday, December 21 — A.M.: Psalm 105; Isaiah 46; Mark 9:2-32 P.M.: Psalm 106; Isaiah 47; Revelation 21:1-14

Friday, December 22 — A.M.: Psalm 107; Isaiah 48; Mark 9:33-50 P.M.: Psalms 108 & 109; Isaiah 49:1-13; Revelation 21:15-22:5

Saturday, December 23 — A.M.: Psalms 110, 111, 112 & 113; Isaiah 49:14-26; Mark 10: 1-31 P.M.: Psalms 114 & 115; Isaiah 50; Revelation 22:6-21

Sunday, December 24 — A.M.: Psalms 116, 117 & 118; Isaiah 35; Matthew 25: 31-46 P.M.: Psalm 119:1-32; Isaiah 40:1-11; Luke 1:26-45 **Christmas Eve** — Zechariah 2:10-23; Hebrews 2:10-18

Next Sunday's Lectionary • Dec. 24 (Fourth Sunday in Advent, Year B)

First Reading: 2 Samuel 7:1-17

Psalm 132:(1-7) 8-19

Second Reading: Romans 16:25-27

Gospel: Luke 1:26-38

Church safety forum today

In light of the recent church shootings in Texas and elsewhere, some parishioners have asked if we have a safety plan in place here at St. Andrew's. We invite you to join Fr. Ron Baird and Nikki Snead, a law enforcement officer and Vestry member-elect, at an open forum this Sunday, Dec. 17, from 10:15 to 11 a.m. to hear what we've already done, and how we're looking to address the issue in the future.

Important electronic giving announcement

We want to remind you, as announced in the 2018 stewardship brochure, that we will be discontinuing our affiliation with E-Giving, a third-party payment service, as of Dec. 31.

Most banks now allow their customers to set up automatic payments in advance on a recurring schedule, such as weekly, bi-weekly or monthly, at no cost to you or the church. We encourage parishioners who have been taking advantage of E-Giving to instead make electronic payments through your bank.

Discontinuing E-Giving will save the parish \$1,200 annually in fees charged for automated bank withdrawals and credit card transactions.

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

2017 receipts due

Ministry leaders and others who may have receipts to be turned in for reimbursement for church-related purchases in 2017 are asked to turn them in no later than Thursday, Dec. 20. Reimbursement forms are available in the green basket on top of the mail boxes in the Gathering Area, and at the parish office.

Holiday office closing

The parish office will be closed Monday, Dec. 25 through Tuesday, Jan. 2, to allow our staff to enjoy the Christmas and New Year's holidays with their families. Regular office hours will resume Wednesday, 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. 1 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. 2 or 614-961-7012.

Encouragement for your prayer time with God

You may live and work at a certain pace. But shouldn't you rather discern how slow or fast God is working? "But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law ..." (*Galatians 4:4*) "The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance." (*2 Peter 3:9*)

— St. Andrew's Prayer Ministries Team

Brotherhood, Tuesday Women's Bible Study taking holiday hiatus

The Brotherhood of St. Andrew will be taking a brief hiatus over the Christmas holiday. There will be no meetings on Dec. 19 or Jan. 2. The Brotherhood's regular schedule of meetings on the first and third Tuesdays of the month will resume on Jan 16.

The Women's Bible Study group that meets at 9:30 a.m. on the first and third Tuesdays has concluded its fall study, and will resume meeting after the first of the year.

Financial Peace

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University (FPU) and learned God's ways of handling money. They've worked a plan, rewritten their stories, and changed their futures.

St. Andrew's is pleased to once again be hosting the Financial Peace University, beginning Sunday, Jan. 7, at 6 p.m. FPU is a nine-week curriculum created by Dave Ramsey, and will be facilitated by St. Andrew's parishioner Ryan Weiser, CFP®.

The course incorporates small group discussions that help encourage accountability and discipleship. Groups meet once a week for 90 minutes, and the course is just as fun as it is practical!

Go to fpucentral.com/classes/1051022/ registration to sign up today!

Registration is required and course materials must be purchased. Please contact Rachel Cherubini, parish business manager, at 740-548-5112 or rcherubini@standrewspolaris.org for additional details.

Christmas Eve

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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.

With Christmas Eve falling on a Sunday this year, that morning we'll be offering one service of Holy Communion at 9 a.m. This service, as well as the 5 p.m. Saturday service on Dec. 23, will be a quiet service in observance of the fourth Sunday of Advent.

Christmas Morning

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A sign-up sheet for the brunch is available at the Information Desk. Those attending are asked to bring a breakfast type dish.

You may also sign up by contacting Jackie Menke at 614-895-0786.



At left, one of our youth, second from right, who was confirmed by Bishop Ron Jackson last Sunday, pauses for a photo with her family.

Below, Bishop Ron receives Jeni Jerrell into the Anglican branch of Christ's One, Holy, and Apostolic Church as, from left, Fr. Ed Steele, Fr. Ron Baird, Pat Linder, who was also received, and our youth confirmand look on.



St. Nicholas visits with children of St. Andrew's, while Lori Cornett tells a Godly Play story about the life of Nicholas, bishop of Myra, in what is present-day Turkey, in the 3rd Century. His feast day is observed in the Church worldwide on Dec. 6.