

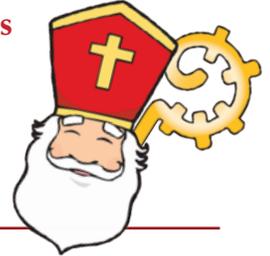
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St. Andrew's Anglican Church

Sunday • December 2, 2017



**Hey kids!
Remember that
St. Nicholas
will visit
today from
10:15 to
11 a.m.!**



**Welcome,
new members!**

St. Andrew's welcome several new families into our parish two weeks ago. Pictured at left with Fr. Ron after the 9 a.m. services are, from left, Pat Linder; Joe and Mary Ann Pate; Jean Duncan; and Krista, and Tony Lung and daughter.

Bishop Jackson to visit Dec. 9 & 10

Please come out to give a warm St. Andrew's welcome to the Rt. Rev. Dr. Ronald Jackson, bishop of the Anglican Diocese of the Great Lakes, and his wife Patty, next Saturday, Dec. 9, and Sunday, Dec. 10. Bishop Ron will preach and celebrate at all three weekend services.

It is appropriate that all baptized Christians make a mature profession of faith in Jesus Christ. If you are an adult or mature youth who has not yet been confirmed, we invite you to receive this Sacrament when the Bishop visits. Anyone who would like to renew their baptismal vows before the Bishop, or be received into the Anglican branch of Christ's One, Holy, and Apostolic Church, is also invited to do so. **This can be especially meaningful for members who have joined St. Andrew's since the Bishop's last visit.**

If you desire to be confirmed or received, or wish to renew your baptismal vows, **we need to know by this Sunday at the absolute latest** so that names may be *Please turn to inside*

Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols Sunday, Dec. 17

The St. Andrew's Choir, along with children and youth of St. Andrew's, will present the Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols during the Liturgy of the Word at the 9 a.m. service on Sunday, Dec. 17. Last year's presentation, a first for St. Andrew's, was enthusiastically received and a wonderful addition to our Advent observance.

While the Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols is an Anglican Advent *Please turn to inside*

FINANCIAL Peace
UNIVERSITY

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Learn the step-by-step plan to take control of your money and your future.

Sign up today!

Financial Peace begins in January; sign up now!

St. Andrew's is pleased to once again be hosting the Financial Peace University (FPU), beginning Sunday, Jan. 7, at 6 p.m. FPU is a nine-week curriculum created by Dave Ramsey, and will be facilitated by parishioner Ryan Weiser, CFP®. Go to fpucentral.com/classes/1051022/registration to sign up today!

Millions of people have gone through Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University (FPU) and learned God's ways of handling money. They've worked a plan, rewritten their stories, and changed their futures. 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!

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.

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.

The Daily Lectionary

Week of the first Sunday in Advent · Dec. 2-9

Sunday, Dec. 3 — A.M.: Psalms 15, 16, 17; Isaiah 1:1-20 (21-31); Matthew 24:1-28 P.M.: Psalm 18; Isaiah 2:(1-9) 10-22; John 3. 1-21

Monday, Dec. 4 — A.M.: Psalms 19, 20, 21; Isaiah 3: 1-15 (16-26); Mark 1: 1-20 P.M.: Psalms 22, 23; Isaiah 4; Revelation 6

Tuesday, Dec. 5 — A.M.: Psalms 24, 25, 26; Isaiah 6; Mark 1:21-45 P.M.: Psalms 27, 28, 29; Isaiah 8:16—9:7; Revelation 7

Wednesday, Dec. 6 — A.M.: Psalms 30, 31; Isaiah 9:8-10:4; Mark 2:1-22 P.M.: Psalms 32, 33, 34; Isaiah 10:5-23; Revelation 8

Thursday, Dec. 7 — A.M.: Psalms 35, 36; Isaiah 10:24-34 (& 11:1-10) Mark 2:23-3:12 P.M.: Psalm 37; Isaiah 13: 1-14:2; Revelation 9

Friday, Dec. 8 — A.M.: Psalms 38, 39, 40; Isaiah 14:3-27 (14:28-15:9); Mark 3:13-35 P.M.: Psalms 41, 42, 43; Isaiah (16) 17; Revelation 10

Saturday, Dec. 9 — A.M.: Psalms 44, 45, 46; Isaiah 18; Mark 4:1-20 P.M.: Psalms 47, 48, 49; Isaiah 19:1-17; Revelation 11

Sunday, Dec. 10 — A.M.: Psalms 50, 51, 52; Isaiah 5:1-16; Matthew 24:29-51 P.M.: Psalms 53, 54, 55; Isaiah 5:(17-30) 18-30; Luke 1:1-25

Next Sunday's Lectionary · Dec. 10 (Second Sunday in Advent, Year B)

First Reading: Isaiah 40:1-11

Psalm 85 (BCP 708)

Second Reading: 2 Peter 3:8-18

Gospel: Mark 1:1-8

Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols

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tradition dating back to 1880, Organist and Choir Director Laurie Darke puts a decidedly St. Andrew's flavor to the service 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 the Christmas story alive for us.

Depending on the number of participants, toddlers through children in first and second grades will be manger animals, and children in grades 2 through 6 will be angels and shepherds. Middle School students, from oldest to youngest, will be offered the roles of wise men, Mary, Joseph and Gabriel. Students in 8th grade and above will read the Scripture lessons. Lori Cornett will organize string musicians to accompany on certain carols.

There will be a rehearsal for those participating on Saturday, Dec. 16, from 9 to 11 a.m. We plan to stagger arrival times from oldest to youngest so toddlers come later. We will confirm arrival times for rehearsal once we have a final head count for all parts. Musicians may have a slightly different rehearsal time.

Costumes for manger animals will be black bottoms (pants, tights or leggings), and a long sleeve top or turtleneck in white for sheep, brown for oxen, and gray for donkeys. Costumes for most of the other parts will be provided.

If your child wishes to be involved in the Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols, please let Tally Whitehead know today at church, or contact her as soon as possible at twhitehead@standrewspolaris.org or 614-578-7897. We hope as many of our children and youth as possible will participate in this event, which is sure to enhance our Advent worship as we prepare for the coming of the Christ Child!

Bishop Jackson to visit

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submitted to the bishop's office and certificates prepared. You may reply to this email, or let Fr. Ron or Judy know of your intentions this Sunday.

There will be a short rehearsal for the service with the bishop on Saturday, Dec. 9, at 11 a.m. at the church.

Wear your kilts and plaids!

Also on Dec. 10, we invite you to wear your tartan plaids (or kilts!) if you have them to church in honor of St. Andrew, our patronal saint.

The Feast of St. Andrew 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 and plaids on the Sunday closest to St. Andrew's Day. This year, however, we're transferring the tradition to the weekend that the bishop visits.

Prayers for the Church

Anglican Church in North America: Bishop William Ilgenfritz, and the clergy and people of the Missionary Diocese of All Saints.

Anglican Diocese of the Great Lakes: Seminarians and those reading for Holy Orders: Jason Aldridge, Darren (Will) Armstrong, Betty Budyka, Jonathan Butera, Daniel Jones Bradley Miller, Joel Peterson Donna Purkis, Jeremiah Reeve, Russell Wagner, and Ben Wulpi.

Parish Cycle of Prayer: The Duncan family; the Lung family; the Linder family; the Pate family; the Living Stones Small Group; and our chaliceists.

Encouragement for your prayer time with God

The reason we seek God is because we have first been sought and loved by him. "For God so greatly loved and dearly prized the world that He [even] gave up His only begotten (unique) Son, so that whoever believes in (trusts in, clings to, relies on) Him shall not perish (come to destruction, be lost) but have eternal (everlasting) life." (*John 3:16, Amplified Bible*)

— St. Andrew's Prayer Ministries Team

Record number from St. Andrew's serve at Common Ground

We had a record number of 24 St. Andrew's volunteers during our last service day at the Common Ground Free Store on Saturday, Nov. 18!

Weather is always iffy in November, but neither rain, nor snow, nor sleet will keep St. Andrew's from doing God's work at the Free Store. Several years ago we faced blizzard conditions the weekend before Thanksgiving, and this year it was rain that flooded and closed some streets in Delaware. Feet may have been damp and cold, but hearts were warm and smiles bright as more than 50 families came to Common Ground for a meal and a morning of shopping.

There is always a huddle of volunteers before the store opens that includes words of inspiration and prayer. The community chaplain remembered St. Andrew's parishioner Corkeè Miller, who died earlier in November, in prayer. St. Andrew's also dedicated our service to God in her memory. We will always fondly remember Corkeè serving at the checkout or being a "bouncer" on the floor at the Free Store. Remembering this beautiful lady serving, especially in the latter role, will always put a smile on our faces, as she loved serving the Lord.

Thank you to Judy Baird; Hope Beverick; the Cherubini family; Emily Fieger; Sue McKeown; Jackie Menke; Karen Osmond; Marty Scott; Kathy Seitz; Kathy Summers; Fr. Wil Verhoff; and Terri and Pete Wilkinson, our chefs who provided the food for the day.

We thank our three new volunteers, Jean Duncan, and Joe and Mary Ann Pate. These "newbies" were given a challenge and came through with flying colors and smiles on their faces. Thanks, also, to volunteers Diane Bobay, St. Andrew's representative at the Free Store; Judy Baird; Hope Beverick; Ryan and Sophia Bobay; Larry and Patti Cooper; Eric and Christian Emery; Emily Fieger; Frank and Marty Scott; Kathy Seitz; Kathy Summers; Ben, Danielle, Nick and Alex Tranchina; Fr. Wil Verhoff; Pete Wilkinson; and Jan Zacharias.

St. Andrew's next time to serve at Common Ground will be Saturday, Jan. 20.

Pictured serving at the Common Ground Free Store on Nov. 18 are, from top to bottom, Eric Emery and son; Joe Pate; and two of our youth.



Thank you, needles and hooks!

The Prayer Shawl Ministry delivered 105 winter scarves for adults and children to the Common Ground Free Store Christmas Party this week, along with 45 crocheted caps. Thank you to all those who participated in this endeavor! We exceeded our planned donation with everyone's help.

After some time off in December, we will continue restocking the prayer shawl closet in the Parish House in January. If you need a prayer shawl during December, please let a priest know or contact Rachel Cherubini at the Parish Office, 740-548-5112, ext. 1, or rcherubini@standrewspolaris.org, as there are still some available.

Prepare ye the Way of the Lord

In this Advent season, prepare a place in your heart and life for the coming of God in the flesh: Emmanuel! Make a commitment to yourself and to God to come to church each and every Sunday in Advent, to confess your sins, to hear his Word preached and to receive him into your very life in the Holy Sacrament of the Body and Blood.

By keeping a Holy Advent we open the way to make a joyful Christmas for ourselves. It serves to keep the hustle and bustle of December and the commercialism with which the world hypes Christmas in perspective.

It serves as a reminder to us that Christmas is not about presents under a tree, but about the greatest gift the world has ever been given: The gift of the Son of God enfleshed by power of the Virgin Mary. Emmanuel: The gift of God with us. The salvation of the world!

This Advent let us heed the cry of John the Baptist and of the prophet Isaiah before him: Prepare ye the way!



Christmas Eve services announced

We'll once again observe the Feast of the Incarnation of our Lord at three services on Christmas Eve, 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, and a children's message, while the 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. services will be traditional services with organ and choir. The 10:30 p.m. service will include some favorite Anglican Christmas Eve traditions, including incense.

All three services will include Holy Communion. Child care will be available at the 8 p.m. service.

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 quiet services in observance of the fourth Sunday of Advent.

Plans underway for Christmas morning brunch

A Christmas morning service followed by brunch has become a tradition at St. Andrew's, and plans are underway for this year's event. 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. 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.

Advent devotionals available

Advent devotionals for individuals and families are available at the Information Desk in the Narthex today, with our compliments. Our two choices are "Sacred Reading" from Ave Maria Press, a more traditional devotional for older youth, and "Countdown to Christmas" from Creative Communications, which is designed for families with young children.

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.**