

# The Net

St. Andrew's Anglican Church

January 2, 2022



## Christmas Glow



See more photos from our Christmas celebration inside and on the back page

# The Daily Lectionary

## Week of the Second Sunday of Christmas · Jan. 2-8

**Sunday, Jan. 2** — A.M.: Psalms 5, 6; Genesis 2; John 1:29-51 P.M.: Psalm 7; Jeremiah 1; Galatians 2

**Monday, Jan. 3** — A.M.: Psalm 9; Genesis 3; John 2 P.M.: Psalm 10; Jeremiah 2:1-22; Galatians 3

**Tuesday, Jan. 4** — A.M.: Psalms 8, 11; Genesis 4; John 3:1-21 P.M.: Psalms 15, 16; Jeremiah 3; Galatians 4

**Wednesday, Jan. 5** — A.M.: Psalms 12, 13, 14; Genesis 5; John 3:22-36 =P.M.: Psalm 17; Jeremiah 4; Galatians 5

**Thursday, Jan. 6 (Feast of the Epiphany)** — A.M.: Psalms 96,97; Genesis 6; Matthew 2:1-12 P.M.: Psalms 67, 72; Jeremiah 5; John 2:1-12

**Friday, Jan. 7** — A.M.: Psalm 18:1-20; Genesis 7; John 4:1-26 P.M.: Psalm 18:21-52; Jeremiah 6; Galatians 6

**Saturday, Jan. 8** — A.M.: Psalm 19; Genesis 8; John 4:27-54 P.M.: Psalms 20,21; Jeremiah 7:1-28,34; 1 Thessalonians 1

**Next Sunday, Jan. 9** — A.M.: Psalm 22; Genesis 9; John 5:1-24 P.M.: Psalms 23,24; Jeremiah 8; 1 Thessalonians 2:1-16

## Next Week's Eucharistic Lectionary The First Sunday of Epiphany · Jan. 9

**First Reading:** Isaiah 42:1-9 (5 p.m. & 9 a.m.); Acts 10:34-38 (11:15 a.m.)

**Second Reading:** Acts 10:34-38 (5 p.m. & 9 a.m.)

**Gospel:** Luke 3:15-22 (All)

## Prayers for the Church

**Anglican Church in North America:** Archbishop Ezekiel Kondo and the bishops, priests, deacons, and laity of the Province of Sudan; and Archbishop Justin Arama, his wife Joyce, and the bishops, priests, deacons, and laity of the Province of South Sudan. Almighty Father, we pray that they may be faithful witnesses for Jesus Christ and empowered by your Holy Spirit to serve you in the world.

**Anglican Diocese of the Great Lakes:** The ADGL Standing Committee: The Very Rev. Pete Matthews, chair; the Rev. Canon Katherine Rankin, Bob Raun (head of the Finance Committee); Dr. I. Richmond Nettey; Tom Fields; and Ken Lutke, ex-officio (treasurer).

**Parish Cycle of Prayer:** Chris and Cherie Bryant; Dick and Mary Alice Busick; and the Women's Morning Bible Study.

**A Prayer for the Selection of a Rector:** Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a Rector for this Parish that we may receive a faithful pastor who will preach the Gospel, care for your people, equip us for ministry, and lead us forth in fulfillment of the Great Commission; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## Encouragement for your prayer time

Remember Christ our Savior  
Was born on Christmas Day  
To save us all from Satan's pow'r  
When we were gone astray  
Oh tidings of comfort and joy.

"But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy." (Titus 3:4-5a) — From the St. Andrew's Prayer Ministry Team

## WhiteOut Winter Retreat Feb. 18-20

It's coming ... the annual WhiteOut Winter Retreat at Beulah Beach in Vermilion, Ohio! This year there are two events, with St. Andrew's youth joining others from the Anglican Diocese of the Great Lakes for the retreat Feb. 18-20.

For Middle School and High School students, this promises to be the best weekend of the entire winter, with more fun than you thought possible! You'll be challenged and stretched spiritually, make new friends, laugh your heads off and leave with a deeper understanding of who Jesus is and why following him is the best life possible.

Parents, reserve your student's place with a deposit of \$55 (or \$155 total), by check payable to St. Andrew's with "WhiteOut" in the memo section. You may also make your deposit online at [app.onechurchsoftware.com/standrews/egiving](http://app.onechurchsoftware.com/standrews/egiving). Select "Winter WhiteOut Retreat" from the drop-down menu.

Scholarships are available by contacting Fr. Shane Tucker at [tucker@standrewspolaris.org](mailto:tucker@standrewspolaris.org), or 740-548-5112 ext. 4.

Please also contact Fr. Shane to confirm that your student plans to attend, at which time you'll receive additional details about the retreat.

## Weekday Prayer Service at noon on Wednesdays

The weekday Prayer Service is held at noon every Wednesday in the Sanctuary. Prayer is offered with special intention for our parish, the city, the state, the nation and the world, as well as for individual prayer needs. All are welcome to attend. The service also continues to be offered via Zoom from the church. For the Zoom link, please contact Ann Schnapp at [acbs2@hotmail.com](mailto:acbs2@hotmail.com).

Looking ahead: Watch for information about a special St. Andrew's leadership S.A.L.T. Summit in February!

# Epiphany: The Feast of Light

Epiphany comes from a Greek word that means “revealed.” This feast was first celebrated in the Eastern part of the Mediterranean world as the festival of the Revelation of God in human form. The chief stories in this celebration were the Visitation of the Magi and the Baptism of our Lord

This feast of the Revelation is celebrated on Jan. 6 because under the old Eastern calendar, this coincided with the Winter solstice. Thus, the days stopped becoming shorter and began to have more daylight.

Christians in the East adopted the pagan festival and gave it a Christian understanding. The understanding of the true light that has come into the World, Jesus the Christ.

In the West, a separate feast to celebrate the coming of God in human form was adopted. It was called the Feast of the Incarnation (enfleshment), or what we now call Christmas. Again, this was done because the Western calendar at that time placed the Winter solstice on Dec. 25. Of course, we now find the winter solstice on Dec. 21.

Eventually, the East and West learned of one another’s feasts. It was decided to keep both dates and that both East and West would celebrate both feasts. Both are important to our understanding of the revelation of God in Christ Jesus. In our observation of them we find that Christmas does indeed have 12 days!

In the Eastern Orthodox Church, Epiphany is still the primary festival, while in the Western churches, we place the primary festivities on Christmas.

The Magi story was originally added by the West to its celebration of Christmas. Thus, we still sing songs such as “We Three Kings” as Christmas carols.

This story was then adopted by the West as the primary Epiphany story: The revelation of God to the Gentiles.

The three kings bring gifts to the Christ child that befit such a noble birth: Gold as tribute to a mightier King; Frankincense as the offerings of our prayers to one who is God; and myrrh to anoint for burial the one who is to die for us.

These symbols are still used in our sacramental life today. We often use gold in our Eucharistic vessels; we use real frankincense in our Thurible, and we anoint people with oil at baptism as they are buried with Christ in his death. The gifts for our King are still in use in the Church today!

Perhaps, like the three Magi, we too will remember to bear homage to our King, Jesus, the Christ.



We celebrate the festival of the Incarnation/Revelation of God to humans. We celebrate the coming of the promised one of the prophet Isaiah, Emmanuel, God with us. We celebrate the coming into the world of our long hoped for salvation, Jesus, our Savior and our Lord!

By Fr. Ron Baird

Above, our own Magi from the Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols on Dec. 19.

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At left, children at the 5:30 p.m. Christmas Eve service lean in close to see the story materials for “The Mystery of Christmas”

presented by Godly Play storyteller Karen Brust; below left, Fr. Ron Baird swings the thurible, filling the sanctuary with incense—to many the smell of Christmas—at the 8 p.m. service; below right, from left, Minister of Music John Holsinger, guest flutist Cheyenne Wise, and St. Andrew’s musicians Ann Schnapp on violin, Lori Cornett on cello, and Chuck Waddell on French horn, present special music at the 8 p.m. service; and bottom, John switches to trumpet to join one of our youth on baritone, and Choir Director Christine Brill on piano for special music on Dec. 26, the first Sunday of Christmas.



## On the front

Clockwise, from top, an acolyte lights his dad’s candle at the start of the 8 p.m. Christmas Eve service; one of our angels looks heavenward during the Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols on the last Sunday in Advent, Dec. 19; and a child watches in wonder as the church fills with candlelight at the start of the 5:30 p.m. service on Christmas Eve. See more pictures from the Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols and Christmas Eve in next weekend’s edition of “The Net.”

