

**Christmas Schedule 2024**

**December 15** - Pageant at the 10:30am Service

**December 22** - Lessons and Carols at the 10:30am service.

**December 23** - Greening of the Church - We invite all from the church to come and help decorate.

**December 24** - Christmas Eve Service 4:30pm

**December 31**—Rite 1 at 8am and Rite II at 10:30am. The Rev. Donald Fishburne will be

**The Church office will be closed December 25 - January 2, 2023.**

Vestry meets on Wednesday, December 18th

Remember or honor a loved one with Christmas flowers to bring added beauty to our worship space this Christmas. We are asking a donation of \$25 for the flowers. Please use the envelopes in the basket on the round table and clearly write the name of your loved one(s) exactly how you would like it printed. Or email the church office with your names. **Last day to submit names will be Wednesday, December 18th.**



**Save the Date!**

Thursday January 30th  
6:30 PM

Rev. Les will be formally installed as our rector, by our Bishop, here at St Andrew's. It promises to be a lovely affair. Put it on your calendars now!

**Fundamentals Episcopal Spiritual Structure (Episcopal 101)**

Thursdays, Jan 9- Feb 13  
6-6:30 Optional Gather for BYOB Dinner  
6:30-7:30 Class  
7:30-8 Social and Q and A

**Vestry and Convention Delegates**

At the annual meeting on Jan. 12th, we will be electing a new class of vestry members to 3 year terms. If you are interested in running or wish to nominate someone please contact Rev. Les by Dec. 24th.

Angel Tree is live! Please call, email, or stop by the front office to pick your angel. **All gifts must be wrapped and returned by Sunday, December 22nd.**



Serving *Next* Sunday, Advent 4, December 22

**8:00am**

**LAY:** Tim Knapp

**LEM:** Ramona Orzell

**Acolytes:** Lessons and Carols

**Greeters:** ..... Brad Earle

**Ushers:** ..... Linda Hutcheson and TBD

**Pantry Volunteers:** ..... Linda Hutcheson and Dotsy Royal

*"For God is not unjust, he will not overlook your work and the love that you showed for his sake in serving the saints, as you still do." Hebrews 6:10*

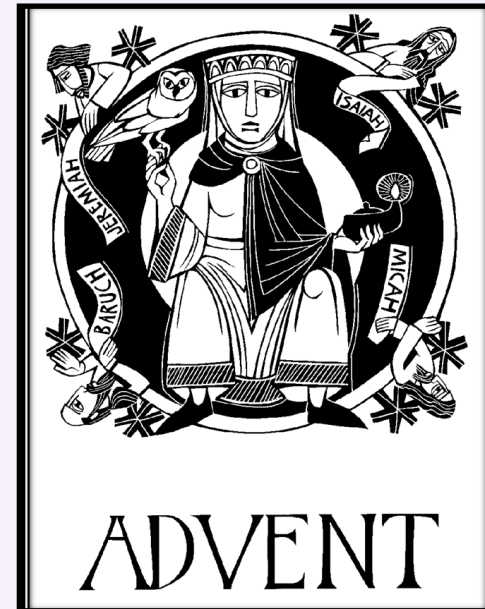
**10:30am**

Lessons and Carols

# St. Andrew's

## Episcopal Church

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### The Third Sunday of Advent

*Give us grace . . . that we may greet with joy  
the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer...*

# Advent III Year B

December 15, 2024

8:00 AM Rite I

## The Liturgy of the Word

The Opening Sentences p. 323

Collect of the Day *insert*

### The Lessons

First Lesson Zephaniah 3:14-20

Psalm Canticle 9

Second Lesson Philippians 4:4-7

Gospel Luke 3:7-18

The Homily The Rev. Les Carpenter

The Nicene Creed p. 326

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The Peace

The Announcements

## The Holy Communion

Offertory

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer I p. 333

The Lord's Prayer p. 336

The Breaking of the Bread

Distribution

The Post Communion Prayer p. 339

Final Blessing and Dismissal

During the Administration of the Eucharist, all baptized Christians are welcome to come forward to receive the Blessed Sacraments.

All persons are welcome to come forward



*The greenery on the altar  
are given to the Glory of God  
by Ashley and Maria Newcomb  
In celebration for Landon's 15th birthday.*

## *Going Deeper Into the Season of Advent*

Advent is a time of preparation, of patience, of remembering what grounds and sustains us. The function of Advent is to remind us who God is and who we are meant to be. Advent is about the riches of emptiness. God coming as an infant without servants or riches is the metaphor of a humility that requires us to remember how really small we are in the universe. In our secular culture, a tone of wanting more, spending more, and accumulating riches on earth surround us.

As Christians, we long for our society to live up to God's vision, for the kingdom to come in its fullness outside of materialism. The cry of Advent, "Wake up! Be alert! Watch for his coming" is difficult with all the coming and going of the season. We can practice some simple, but not easy, disciplines. We can fast from the media in order to become more aware of God's still, small voice. We can focus on the giving of ourselves to God. Plan to spend time apart from the busyness of the season each day so you can be alert to God in the silent, the small, and the simple.

## *Prayer Requests*

Catherine	Teresa	Steve
Lisa	Barbara	Stephanie
Chris	Patty	Penny
Rains	Richard	Ben
Jinx	Rachel	John
Wayland	Zanetta	

**Serving in our Armed Forces:** Sean, Veronica H., Jericca S., Matt K., Eric O., Fletcher, Jonathan K., Will M., Rodney M., Jeffery B., Adam M., James W., Thomas, and for all Veterans of the United States.

**For those who have died:**



## The Birth of Jesus

*St. Luke 2:1-14 (15-20)*

In those days, a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David.

He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. In that region, there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then, an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

*"Glory to God in the highest heaven,  
and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"*

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made



# The Christmas Pageant

10:30a.m.

**Wreath Lighting**                      O come o come Emmanuel v. 3                      Choir

**Processional Hymn**                      “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”                      107

Good Christian friends, rejoice, With heart and soul and voice;  
Give ye heed to what we say: Jesus Christ is born today!  
Ox and ass before him bow, And he is in the manger now.  
Christ is born today! Christ is born today!

Good Christian friends, rejoice, With heart and soul and voice;  
Now ye hear of endless bliss: Jesus Christ was born for this!  
He hath open'd heaven's door, and we are blessed for evermore.  
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!

Good Christian friends, rejoice, With heart and soul and voice;  
Now ye need not fear the grave: Jesus Christ was born to save!  
Calls you one and calls you all, To gain his everlasting hall.  
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

**Opening Sentences:**                      Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
**Response:**                                      **And blessed be his kingdom now and forever. Amen.**

**Collect for Purity and Bidding Prayer**

**Announcements:**

**Offertory**                                      *Were you there on that Christmas night*                                      Choir

**Hymn**    *What Child Is This V. 3*                                      *Hymnal 115*

The Pageant is the story of the Nativity.  
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## Final Prayer and Benediction

### Recessional Hymn: 87 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Hark! The herald angels sing,  
Glory to the newborn King!  
Peace on earth and mercy mild,  
God and sinners reconciled.  
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,  
Join the triumph of the skies;  
With the angelic host proclaim,  
Christ is born in Bethlehem!

*Refrain:* Hark! The herald angels sing  
Glory to the newborn King!

Christ, by highest heav'n adored;  
Christ, the everlasting Lord.  
Late in time behold him come,  
Offspring of the Virgin's womb.  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;  
Hail the Incarnate Deity,  
Pleased as man with us to dwell;  
Jesus, our Emmanuel!

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### “O Little Town of Bethlehem”

Hymn 79

O little town of Bethlehem,  
How still we see thee lie!  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep  
The silent stars go by;  
Yet in thy dark streets shineth  
The everlasting Light;  
The hopes and fears of all the years  
Are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary  
And gathered all above,  
While mortals sleep, the angels keep  
Their watch of wond’ring love.  
O morning stars, together  
Proclaim the holy birth!  
And praises sing to God the King,  
And peace to men on earth.

### “Away in a Manger”

Hymn 101

Away in a manger, no crib for his bed,  
The little Lord Jesus  
laid down his sweet head.  
The stars in the bright sky  
looked down where he lay,  
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.  
The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,



### “O Come All Ye Faithful”

Hymn 83 vv 1-3,5

*(Please stand)*

O come, all ye faithful,  
joyful and triumphant,  
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;  
Come and behold him,  
born the King of angels;

*Refrain: O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him,  
Christ the Lord.*

God from God, Light from Light  
eternal, Lo! He abhors not  
the Virgin’s womb;  
Only begotten Son of the Father;  
*Refrain*

Sing choirs of angels, Sing in exultation,  
Sing, all ye citizens of heav’n above;  
Glory to God glory in the highest;  
*Refrain*

Yea, Lord, we greet thee,  
Born this happy morning;  
Jesus to thee be glory giv’n  
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing;  
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