



Christmas Eve

The faith community of St. Andrew's welcomes you to our service this holy season. The Christian tradition of gathering in the church on Christmas Eve for the celebration of the Feast of the Holy Nativity is an ancient one the world over. Our liturgical order of worship is designed for the active participation of all worshippers. We encourage you to sing and respond with the joy of the Angels and we invite all the baptized to receive the Blessed Sacrament. All are welcome to come forward for a priestly blessing.



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Christmas Eve Prayers of the People

We rejoice in the love of God that has taken flesh among us in Christ Jesus, let us confidently bring to the Lord the petitions of our heart this Christmas night, saying: Lord, hear our prayer.

For the believing community throughout the world, especially those in positions of leadership, that they might always work to give glory to God and bring peace to our earth, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For the church gathered in this place, that we might always bear the good news of God's living presence in our world, towards deepening of Christmas faith and living that faith in love, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For those lost in darkness of prejudice, hostility, and fear; for those burdened by the yoke of injustice, terrorism, hunger, and war; and for all our brothers and sisters who are in any need, that the light and life that is the Lord might touch their hearts this night, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For the homeless, and for the children born in the midst of poverty and pain, that there be room at the inn for all God's people, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For the sick and dying among us and for those who care for them...That the God whose love extends from the wood of the manger to the wood of the cross might bless them this night with the gift of peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for all those who have died...May they find eternal life in your loving presence. Let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

O God, make the door of this house wide enough to receive all who need human love and fellowship, but narrow enough to shut out all envy, pride, and strife. Make this threshold smooth enough to be no stumbling block to children, or to straying feet, but rugged and strong enough to turn back the tempter's power. God, make the door of this house the gateway to your eternal kingdom. Let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

The celebrant adds the concluding collect.

All loving and gracious God, we thank you for gracing us with the gift of your Son. Confident of your continuing love for us, we have placed our needs before you. Hear and answer our prayers, through that same Christ, newly born this night, our Lord and Savior, forever and ever. **Amen.**



Christmas Eve
Holy Eucharist Rite II 4:30pm

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B

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S-128 Sanctus

S-155 Fraction Anthem (spoken)

Administration of the Blessed Sacraments

Anthem: Infant Holy

Anthem: Love Come Down

Lighting of Candles

111 Kneeling Hymn: Silent Night

Post Communion Prayer

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The Final Blessing

100 Joy to the World

Please leave your candle in the baskets by the back doors.

We welcome the following musicians:

Carol Ludwig, Harp

Caroline Purvis, Soloist

Chris Ellis, Violin

William Alson, Trumpet

All baptized Christians are welcome to come forward to receive the blessed sacraments

All are welcome to come forward for a priestly blessing.



Govert Flinck
Angels Announcing the Birth of Christ to the Shepherds
1639

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!"

St. Luke 2: 1-14

Flowers given to the Glory of God in Honor of...

The Brinkman Family
Elizabeth Paige Barbare
T. Michael Barbare
William Joseph Barbare
Zanetta Carol
Jillian Victoria Dial
Joseph Cameron Dial
Shannon Bailey Dial

Maria Carmina Fiore
Jim Gardner
Marie Gardner
Kevin Richardo Johnson
Meghan Oliva Johnson
Abigail Newcomb
Landon Newcomb
Dwight Dodd Parish, III

Evan Hogan Stiffaroni
Sean mason Staffaroni
Mary Haven Weston
Charlie
Elias
Liam
Miles



Flowers given to the Glory of God in Memory of...

Sylvia Andracchio
Richard Carleton Arnow
Jessica Bass
Susan Arnow-Boldt
Thomas Boldt
Jennifer Ann Brumble
George Burton, Jr.
Margaret Burton
Norman Chambliss, Jr.
Glenda Chavis
Robert C. Clark
Steve Coggins
Luther Dial
Maddie Dial
Mark Dial
Martin Dial
Rudolph Dial
John Dias
Mary Dias
Dutch Dumton
Gail Galligan

Joe Galligan
James Gardner
Sue Gardner
Larry Geppi
Lila Hunt
Sudie Hunt
Martha Dial-Hunt
Gail Jenkins
Grover Johnson
Billy Jones
Tommie Jones
Harold Lacey
Virginia Lacey
Joseph Lisitza
Florence Arnow Lindstrom
Reinold Lindstrom
Ron Luba
Anne Lumppp
Jim Lumppp
Beth Mason
Carolyn Mason

Fred McLamborn
Mary Lou McLamborn
Steve McLamborn
Alice Moore
Dennis Modlin
Marlene Modlin
Ray Modlin
Sam Modlin
Henry Morriss
Mary Laura Morriss
Gladys Mucci
Lawrence Mucci
Theo Pitt
Delores J. Newcomb
Anne Marie Noble
Bob Noble
The Orzell Family
Mary Lib Pitt
Denise Pointer
Susan Pratt
Faye Ruffin

Carlton Ruffin
M.H. Pridgen
Gwendolyn Reid
Irma Reid
Percy Reid
Jim Royal
Novell Royal
Virginia Royal
Coleman Sampson
Samuel Sampson
Tyler Strandberg
John Sykes, Jr.
Matthew Sykes
Frances Anne Tallon
Mary Tanner
Richard Troch
Arthur Tyler
Elizabeth Tyler
Robert Walton
Robert Waelfel



Christmas Eve

Holy Eucharist Rite II 4:30pm

The Liturgy of the Word

Gathering Music Chris Ellis, Violinist

Prelude: Noel in G Louis-Claude Daquin

Wreath Lighting: O Come O Come Emmanuel v. 5 Choir

Introit: Were you there on that Christmas Night Choir

Hymn Book of Common Prayer

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First Lesson Isaiah 9:2-7
Psalm 96
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The Homily The Rev. Les Carpenter
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The Confession
The Peace pg. 360

The Offertory
Anthem: Jesus Gift Caroline Purvis, soloist
Doxology

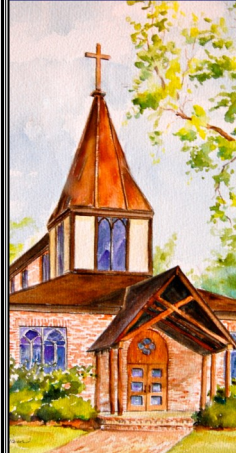
Announcements

Mark your calendars:

Annual Parish Meeting will be Sunday, January 12th at 9am. Breakfast included!



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

Ever wonder why we do that thing on Sundays? However you fill in that blank, this is the class for you. This 6 session (including the Rev Installation) will be a deep dive into the worship and structure of the Episcopal Church taught by Rev. Les. It is the perfect class for an adult considering confirmation or membership.



Scan the QR code to register

Welcoming of New Rector!

Thursday, January 30th at 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!

ST. ANDREW'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH
CELEBRATION OF A NEW MINISTRY
WITH A WELCOMING OF A

NEW RECTOR

With **Bishop Samuel Rodman** presiding, the people of St. Andrew's invite you to the welcoming of

The Reverend **Les Carpenter**

Reception to follow.
The Rev. Becky Zartman
Carpenter, Preaching.
Clergy: Red Stoles

JANUARY 30, 2025
6:30 PM
301 S Circle Drive,
Rocky Mount, NC 27804

**Reminder the church office is closed
December 24-January 1, 2025.**

**We will have both services on Sunday,
December 29th with the Rev. Donald
Fishburne presiding.**

Children's Chapel will start back up January 12th
Adult Christian Ed will start back on January 19th.

Serving Sunday, December 29th

8:00am

LAY: Ramona Orzell

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Acolytes: Walker Wells and Jack Lea

Greeters: Brad Earle

Ushers: Angela Reid and Tom Jenkins

Pantry Volunteers: Linda Hutcheson and Dotsy Royal

10:30am

Terry Shackelford

Leslie Hall and Martha Lamm

Walker Wells and Jack Lea

Brad Earle

Angela Reid and Tom Jenkins

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

Welcome to St. Andrew's on this Christmas Eve.

If you are visiting this afternoon, please sign our *Guest Book* on the welcome table in the Commons. Also located there are Visitor's Packets and our parish newsletter, *The Call*.

The greenery on the altar are given to the Glory of God by Patsy Ferebee



In celebration of her family and friends at St. Andrew's.

Connect with the life of our church

Church Center is a mobile app and web experience where you can engage with our church throughout the week.



Get shareable QR code



The church has a new app! You can download it now by scanning the QR code!

Prayer Requests

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

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., and for all Veterans of the United States.

For those who have died:

The app will allow you to easily schedule a meeting with Rev. Les, update your information, keep track of your giving, allow you to give by card if you wish, and download a church directory with pictures!



New YouTube Channel:

The Church also has a new YouTube channel and a podcast with Rev. Les and Lora Pons called Priest Me. Each podcast is less than 10 minutes and provides an entertaining way to learn about the Episcopal Church. You can access the Podcast from the App or from our YouTube



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