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All persons are welcome to come forward to receive a priestly blessing.*

Prayers of the People

Advent II Year A

John the Baptist preached a repentance that would bear fruit in the lives of those who heard him. In penitence and faith, let us offer to God our prayer for all people, saying: In the name of Christ, hear our prayer.

Grant your Church, O God of encouragement, to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that we may glorify you with one voice. Make us a people of repentance and bless us with your Holy Spirit and fire. In the name of Christ, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for this nation and for all the nations of the world, remembering especially those who are victims of political or social injustice. We pray for those whom we have elected to public office, and for political leaders everywhere, that they may administer the tasks of government with courage and equity. In the name of Christ, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the sick...the elderly...those who live alone...We pray for those who are overworked and for those who cannot find work. Send upon them the power of the Holy Spirit, that they may abound in hope. In the name of Christ, **hear our prayer.**

For our young people: Let us provide space for them in our midst, and time to reassure them in their insecurities, encourage them in their hopes, and ever strengthen them in their gifts. In the name of Christ, **hear our prayer.**

That each of us may have the courage and the humility to examine our lives and repent of those actions that draw us away from Christ. In the name of Christ, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty and eternal God, those who take refuge in you will be glad and will forever shout for joy. Protect our soldiers as they go about their duties. Protect them with the shield of your strength and keep them safe from evil and harm. May the power of your love enable them to return home in safety, that with all who love them, they may ever praise you for your loving care...In the name of Christ, **hear our prayer.**

Grant to those who have died, O God of hope, eternal life in you. Bring the departed into your glorious dwelling where all their hope will be fulfilled in your Christ...In the name of Christ, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, giver of life and source of our freedom, we are reminded that Yours is "the earth in its fullness; the world and those who dwell in it." We know that it is from your hand that we have received all we have and are and will be. Gracious and loving God, we understand that you call us to be the stewards of Your abundance, the caretakers of all you have entrusted to us. Help us to use your gifts wisely, teach us to share them generously. May our faithful stewardship bear witness to the love of Christ in our lives. In the name of Christ, **hear our prayer.**

The celebrant adds the concluding collect.

We offer these prayers to you, our God, in penitence for what is past and in faith that your work in us will bear fruit as we seek to do your will, for you alone are the Holy One. May our lives give honor to you, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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December 4, 2022
10:30 AM Rite II

The Liturgy of the Word

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Romans 14:4-13

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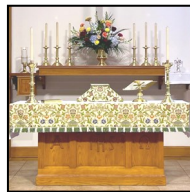
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*The greenery on the altar
are given to the
Greater Glory of God
By Martha and Marshall Gallop
In thanksgiving for their grandchildren*

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. People that normally ignore the church are more apt to pay attention to how the church recognizes and marks this season. If our observance of Advent mirrors the anxiety and frantic nature with which our world marks the days leading up to Christmas, we might be communicating our own irrelevance. We are a people of hope and no where is that hope modeled more clearly than when a community holds vigil for the in breaking of love into the world.

Prayer Requests

Ron	John	DeBorah
Allen	Ben	Doreen
Elsie	George	Luke
Steve	Jerry	Brad
Beverly	Debbie	Rita
Kelli	Faye	The Ukrainian
Bill	Faith	People
Vickie	Ann	

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

For Those Who Have Died: George Lewis

Welcome to St. Andrew's Episcopal Church.
We are pleased you are with us this morning as we
worship and praise the Living God.

Having been fed through God's Word and Sacrament, join us for refreshments in the Commons following the service, so that we may introduce ourselves and our faith community to you.

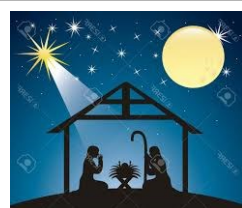
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Welcome to St. Andrew's on this Second Sunday in Advent.
If you are visiting this morning, please sign our *Guest Book*
on the welcome table in the Commons. Also located
there are Visitor's Packets and our parish newsletter, *The Call*.



Our Christmas Pageant will be on Sunday, December 11th. We will meet today following the 10:30am service in the Parish Hall to finalize parts and pick costumes.

Financial Status as of November 27, 2022

Contrib. Rec'd this week \$4,954
Avg. Wkly Contrib. Needed \$6,313
Rec'd YTC \$326,842
Spent YTD \$283,661
If you have questions about your pledge or other contributions, call Dot Binkley, our bookkeeper, at 443-2070 on Monday or Thursday mornings.

Remember or honor a loved one with a poinsettia for Christmas. They are only \$20 each. The sign up sheet will be in the commons soon.



Lessons and Carols will be on Sunday December 18th



Carriage Court Angel Tree

St. A's will again support the Angel Tree to benefit the children of Carriage Court who may not otherwise have a Christmas during this most joyous of time of the year. We will again post the link to sign up on our website and Sarah will send you a child's information, based on your responses (age and gender). Please call the church office or log on to our website at:

<https://www.standrewsrmt.com/en>.



Today, we will be packing backpack food bags for Winstead Elementary following the 8am service. We are packing food pantry bags in the Parish Hall following the 10:30am service.

Serving next Sunday, December 11

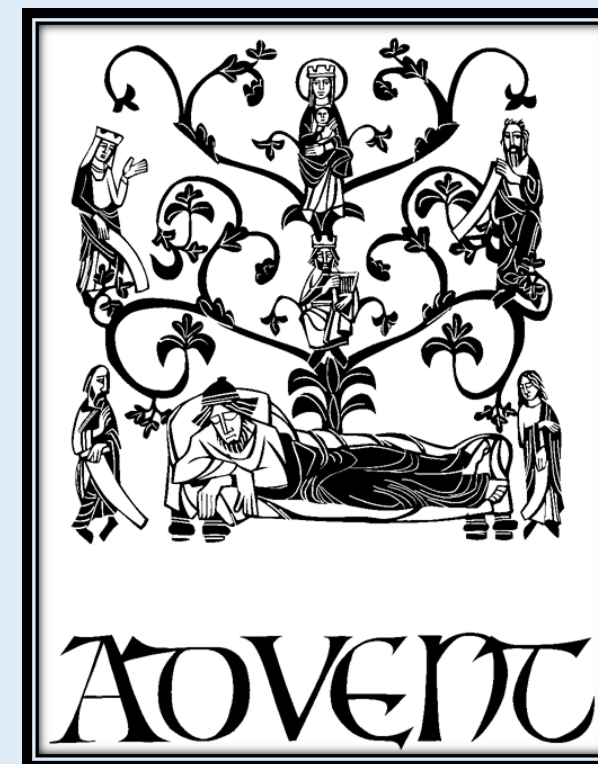
8am	10:30 am
LAY: Albert Corinth	Pageant
LEM: George Earp	Pageant
Acolytes: Pageant	
Ushers: Dan Melnyk and Don Mucci	
Greeters: Wes Strandberg and John Tharin	
Home Lay Eucharistic Ministry: Martha Gallop	
Pantry Volunteers: Gail High, Linda Hutcheson, and Dotsy and Jim Royal	
Pantry Distributors: Patty Kennedy, Tommy Parker, Elizabeth Hunter	

"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

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*Led by the Spirit, the mission of
St. Andrew's Episcopal Church
is to lovingly serve God through worship,
fellowship, education, and ministry.*

**The church and its missions are
as relevant as we make them.**