

**Looking Ahead at St. A's**

Dec. 18 Angel Tree Gifts due  
 Dec. 19 Angel Tree gifts delivered  
 Dec. 21 10:30am Healing Service  
 Dec. 21 6:15pm Vestry Meeting  
 Dec. 22 10:00am Greening of the church  
 Dec. 24 4:30pm Christmas Eve Service  
 Dec. 25 NO SERVICES  
 Dec. 26-Jan. 2, 2023 Office closed

Food Pantry is open each:  
 Tuesday & Thursday 9-11am  
 Wednesday 9-10:30am

**Financial Status as of  
 December 4, 2022**

Contrib. Rec'd this week . . . \$8,577  
 Avg. Wkly Contrib. Needed . . . . .  
 . . . . . \$6,313  
 Rec'd YTC . . . . . \$335,419  
 Spent YTD . . . . . \$284,562

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 forms  
 are in the Commons. Deadline is Dec. 18.



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

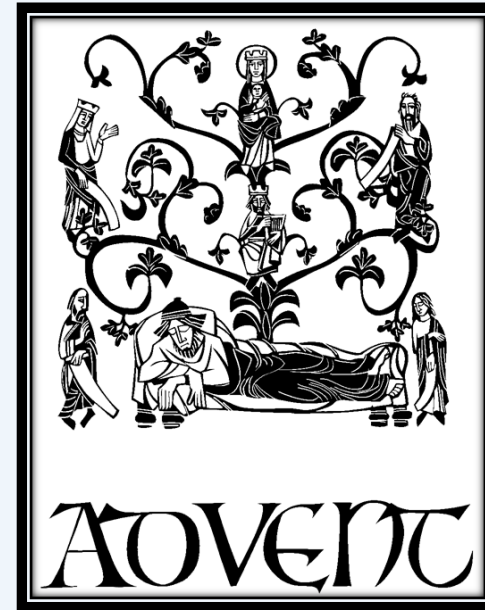
Serving *Next Sunday*, Advent 4, December 18

<b>8:00am</b>	<b>10:30</b>
<b>LAY:</b> Tim Knapp	Jamie Pollard
<b>LEM:</b> Ramona Orzell	Martha Lamm and Elizabeth Pope
<b>Acolytes:</b> Mericle Family	
<b>Greeters:</b> . . . . .	Wes Strandberg and John Tharin
<b>Ushers:</b> . . . . .	Jim Royal and Angela Reid
<b>Lay Eucharist Ministers:</b> . . . . .	Martha Gallop
<b>Pantry Volunteers:</b> . . . . .	Gayle High, & Linda Hutcheson

*"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*

# 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...*

# Third Sunday of Advent

December 11, 2022

8:00 AM Rite I

## The Liturgy of the Word

The Opening Sentences p. 323

Collect of the Day *insert*

### The Lessons

First Lesson Isaiah 35:1-10

Psalm Canticle 3

Second Lesson James 5:7-10

Gospel Matthew 11:2-11

The Homily Jamie Pollard, Deacon Intern

The Nicene Creed p. 326

The Prayers of the People p. 329

The Confession p. 331

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

Administration of the Blessed Sacrament

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 13th 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*

Ron	Faye	Luke	Donavan
Allen	Faith	Brad	The Ukrainian
Elsie	Ann	Rita	People
Steve	DeBorah	Angie	
Bill	Doreen	Logan	

**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:**