



November 2023

Sundays

8:00a.m.	H.E. Rite I
9:15a.m.	Adult Christian Education
10:30a.m.	H.E. Rite II

Wednesdays

10:30a.m.	Healing Service
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Coming Up

Nov. 4	Men's Club	8:00am
Nov. 4	Lane/Gonzalez Wedding	2:00pm
Nov. 6	St. Elizabeth's Guild	12-1:00pm
Nov. 14	Book Club	10:00am
Nov. 14	Lion's Club	6:30pm
Nov. 15	Vestry	6:00pm
Nov. 16-18	Convention	
Nov. 18	TRCC	3-5:00pm
Nov. 28	Townes Home Owners	4:15-6pm
Nov. 28	Lion's Club	6:30pm

TO SERVE CHRIST IN ALL CREATION

(excerpts and adaptations of A Pastoral Letter from the Episcopal Bishops of New England).

In thanksgiving for the gift of God's creation and with an urgent concern for the health and stewardship of the world, we your bishops issue this Pastoral Letter on the Environment. We know that the environmental crisis is a matter of great concern to many Episcopalians and we know that many of you have acted more fully and more faithfully than we ourselves have. We confess our past complacency, ignorance and neglect. We regret Christian teachings that claim or imply that human beings have divine sanction to destroy God's creation. We pledge our prayers, our time, our leadership and our energies to the work that needs to be done. We encourage all members of the Episcopal Church to see in the promises of the Baptismal Covenant the call to serve Christ in all creation. Scripture and tradition remind us that the whole earth is filled with the glory of God. We perceive that glory in wild forests and open fields, in clear lakes and rocky seashores, in mountains, dunes, and rolling hills. With Martin Luther, we know that "God writes the Gospel, not in the Bible alone, but also on trees, and the flowers and the clouds and stars." With Thomas Aquinas, we affirm that "Revelation comes in two volumes - the Bible and nature." The world is God's creation, and God delights in it ("God saw everything that [God] had made, and indeed, it was very good," Genesis 1:31; "The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament shows [God's] handiwork," Psalm 19:1). The land and the rivers, the air and the sea belong to God, not to human beings ("The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it," Psalm 24:1). We are part of the created order, not separate from it, and our first calling by God is to be the caretakers of creation (Genesis 2:4b-8, 15). Reckless destruction of nature is a sign of estrangement from God. ("There is . . . no knowledge of God in the land . . . Therefore, the land mourns, and all who live in it languish; together with the wild animals and the birds of the air, even the fish of the sea are perishing," Hosea 4:1b, 3; "Hurt not the earth, neither the sea nor the trees," Revelation 7:3). God's earth and all God's creatures now face perilous and potentially cataclysmic changes as a direct result of human activities. Lest we experience despair, lest we feel the hopeless conviction that it is too late to change anything, too late to turn this around, we must root ourselves in the deepest convictions of our faith. We put our trust in a God who loves every inch of creation and whose covenant with Creation can never be broken ("I will . . . remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth," Genesis 9:16). As brothers and sisters in Christ, we commit ourselves and we urge every Episcopalian in every parish and diocese: · To act together to honor the goodness and sacredness of God's creation; · To acknowledge the urgency of the planetary crisis in which we now find ourselves; · To pray and take action to restore a right relationship between humankind and creation; · To lift up prayers in personal and public worship for environmental justice, human rights, and sustainable development; · To repent of greed and waste, and to seek simplicity of life; To commit ourselves to energy conservation and the use of clean, renewable sources of energy;

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To reduce, reuse, and recycle, and as far as possible to buy products from recycled materials; · To realize that, through participation in community, public policy, and business decision-making, we have corporate as well as individual opportunities to practice environmental stewardship and justice; · To seek to understand and uproot the political, social, and economic causes of environmental abuse. Who will believe the church's declaration that "God so loved the world" (John 3:16) if we ourselves do not? By committing ourselves to join with others in protecting the integrity of God's creation, we are living out the promises of our baptism and participating in God's mission to restore all people and all creation to unity with God and each other in Christ.



Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

"Make Me a Channel of Your Peace," Prayer of St. Francis, adapt. Sebastian Temple;

Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me bring your love.
Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord,
And where there's doubt, true faith in you.



"Make Me a Channel of Your Peace" by Sebastian Temple (1928-1997) is a musical setting of the well-known Prayer of Saint Francis. The prayer is widely attributed to Saint Francis of Assisi, but these words never appear in any of his writings. This prayer was widely publicized during World War I and World War II and has frequently been used during times of war to encourage peace throughout the world.

The first appearance of the prayer occurred in France in 1912 in a small spiritual magazine called *La Clochette* (The Little Bell), published in Paris by a Catholic association known as *La Ligue de la Sainte-Messe*, "The Holy Mass League," founded by a French priest, Father Esther Bouquerel (1855-1923). The prayer bore the title of "A Beautiful Prayer to Say During the Mass" and was published anonymously. The author could possibly have been Father Bouquerel himself, but the identity of the author remains a mystery. The prayer was sent in French to Pope Benedict XV in 1915. This was soon followed by its 1916 appearance, in Italian, in the *Osservatore Romano*. Around 1920, the prayer was printed by a French Franciscan priest on the back of an image of St. Francis with the title "Priere pour la paix" ("Prayer for Peace"), but without attribution to the saint. Between the two world wars, the prayer circulated in Europe and was translated into English. One such translation appeared in 1936 in *Living Courageously*, a book by Kirby Page (1890-1957), a Disciples of Christ minister. Page attributed the text to St. Francis of Assisi. During the Second World War and immediately after, this prayer for peace began circulating widely as the Prayer of St. Francis; and over the years, it has gained a worldwide popularity with people of all faiths. The text of this prayer is about transformation—the movement away from darkness to light, from despair to hope. The words of this prayer also have similarities to the writings of the prophet Isaiah in Chapter 61, where negatives become positives through the transformative work of God. Because of its use of broadly inclusive language, the words of this "peace prayer" have been adopted by many religions throughout the world.

Sebastian Temple is considered one of the most influential folk mass composers in the Catholic Church. Temple, who was born in South Africa, later moved to London, where he worked for the BBC News Service. In 1958, he moved to America, converted to Catholicism, and joined the Franciscan Third Order. "Make Me a Channel of Your Peace" has become one of Temple's most loved compositions. "Make Me a Channel of Your Peace," was written in 1967.

Faith, Hope, and Love in a Time of Warfare and Discord

Saint Paul reminds us these days and nights that he prays for us as he did for the early Christians: remembering without ceasing your work of faith, your labor of love, and your patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ in the sight of our God and Father.

In these weeks of horror from Israel and Gaza and in other places in what we can call the Holy Land, we recoil from the news of the slaughter of innocent men, women, and children.

Sarah and I have colleagues, friends and acquaintances in Israel, the Palestinian territories, in Lebanon and Syria, as well as Egypt. When terrible news comes from those places, I see the faces of individuals, including children. I remember conversations with Israelis, Muslims, and Christians in Bethlehem, Jerusalem, on the shore at the Sea of Galilee.

I think of the faces of people of faith. Pilgrim guides, owners of restaurants and shops. Clergy of all sorts and conditions. The clergy and people of our Episcopal Cathedral in Jerusalem and hospital in Gaza, and the doctors and nurses of Christian eye hospitals who work to heal people of all faiths, especially the children.

I think of the pilgrim guide Mike, who was orphaned as a child in the Middle East and who was raised by the Greek Orthodox Church. He is at home in the Holy Land and in the United States. These are people Sarah and I have met face to face. We have been invited to dinner in the home of Christians in Bethlehem. We have dear friends from Syria who minister there, and in England, Canada, the U.S., and beyond.

I think of a friend who is a Palestinian American Episcopal priest, Leyla Kamalick King, who ministered in and near Sewanee and is now serving in Texas. She wrote a Litany for peace that includes these words:

God of Justice, who calls us to uphold the dignity of every human being, every child of this earth, beloved of you: empower your Church to help you heal this terrible cycle of violence and revenge; give us courage to rise above our fear that nothing can be done in the face of the conflict and chaos of our own creating; grant us the conviction to advocate for change and to work for the establishment of your peace, your shalom, your salaam, in this broken world.

I join in inviting you to be part of the prayers of the faithful around the world, as the hymn sings:

We thank you that your Church, unsleeping
while earth rolls onward into light,
through all the world her watch is keeping
and never rests by day or night.

~ Donald Fishburne is one of the clergy privileged to serve from time to time at Saint Andrew's Church as we move through our time of healthy search and transition.

ST. ANDREW PATRON SAINT OF SCOTLAND

Saint Andrew was born between 5 AD & 10 AD in Bethsaida which is thought to be on the northern shore of the Sea of Galilee, known as Israel today. His parents were Jonah & Joanna. Simon Peter was his brother. He became a Saint in 1320 A.D. when Scotland was declared with the signing of the Declaration Arbroath, that he officially became their Patron Saint.



Andrew was a fisherman before he and his brother Simon Peter became two of the 12 disciples of Jesus. Andrew along with Simon Peter, James and John formed the inner circle of Jesus' 12 Apostles.

Andrew was however a disciple of St. John the Baptist prior to becoming a follower of Christ. Not a great deal is known about his early life other than what is mentioned in the Bible as taking part in the feeding of the Five Thousand. It is not absolutely certain where he preached the Gospel.

One legend builds upon Andrew's extensive travels claiming he actually came to Scotland and built a church in Fife. This town is known as St. Andrews and the church became a center for evangelism, and pilgrims came from all over Britain to pray there. Andrew also went on to preach the Good News around the shores of Bethsaida. Churches were dedicated to him from early times throughout Italy and France as well in Anglo Saxon England, where Hexham and Rochester were the earliest of 637 medieval dedications.

St. Andrew has also been remembered down through the ages for the way he was martyred and died a terrible death in Patras in Achia A.D. 60. It is said that he believed himself unworthy to be crucified on a cross like that of Christ, and so he met his end on a 'saltire'; or X-shaped cross which became his symbol. His cross, in white on a blue background, remains the proud symbol of Scotland today and forms a central component of the flag of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

ST. ANDREW'S NEEDS YOU!



It's time to elect new members to the Vestry! If you or someone you know is interested in serving, please submit the name to the office by November 15th! We will be electing 4 new members of the Vestry at the Annual Meeting on January 14th!



Blessing of the Animals

Preschool



St. Andrew's—Tim Knapp led us in service.

Patty Kennedy with Barney, the cat.

Nancy with
Fenway and Yogi



John and Robin Huffman with their two sheep



Altar Guild Meeting and Social

Please Join Dotsy and Sissy
Sunday, November 5th at 5:00pm
325 Iron Horse Road

Please send Regrets to Dotsy at
252-451-1093 or
scarlett422@gmail.com



EYC Beach Volleyball
bash at. Paul Avett and
his dad Ryan took on
Liam, Sidney and
Madison Mericle! With
surprise guest
appearance of Jack and
Hunter Strandberg.





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <p>8:00 am HE Rite I Pack backpack food bags 9:15 am Adult Ed 10:30 a.m. HE Rite II Rev. Adele Hatfield</p>	<p>6 St. Elizabeth's Guild 12pm TRAC 7:00-9:00pm</p>	<p>7 Food Pantry 9-11am Book Club 10:00 am Finance 6:00 pm</p>	<p>1 Food Pantry 9-10:30am Healing Service 10:30am</p>	<p>2 Food Pantry 9-11am TRCC 5:00-7:00pm Rocky Mount</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4 Men's Club 8:00am Lane/ Gonzalez Wedding 2pm Turn clocks back 1 hour</p>
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<p>12 8:00 am HE Rite I Pack backpack food bags 9:15 am Adult Ed 10:30 am HE Rite II Rev. Daniel Pinell</p>	<p>13 TRAC 7:00-9:00pm</p>	<p>14 Food Pantry 9-11am Book Club 10:00 am Finance 6:00 pm</p>	<p>15 Food Pantry 9-10:30am Healing Service 10:30am Vestry 6:00 pm</p>	<p>16 Food Pantry 9 -11am Meals on Wheels—10am TRCC 5:00-7:00pm Convention</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18 TRCC 3:00-5:30pm</p>
<p>19 8:00 am HE Rite I Pack backpack food bags 9:15 am Adult Ed 10:30 am HE Rite II Pack food pantry bags Rev. Pat Hanen</p>	<p>20 Thanksgiving Food Bags 9-11am Gamma Tau 4:30pm TRAC 7:00-9:00pm Preschool Closed</p>	<p>21 Food Pantry 9-11am Preschool Closed</p>	<p>22 Food Pantry Closed No Healing Service Office closed Preschool Closed</p>	<p>23  </p>	<p>24 Office closed Preschool Closed</p>	<p>25</p>
<p>26 8:00 am Morning Prayer Pack backpack food bags 9:15 am Adult Ed 10:30 am Morning Prayer</p>	<p>27 TRAC 7:00-9:00pm</p>	<p>28 Food Pantry 9-11am Townes Homeowners 4:15-6pm</p>	<p>29 Food Pantry 9-10:30am</p>	<p>30</p>		



2023

NOVEMBER

LAY/LEM READERS

November 5
8:00 Tim Knapp
Ramona Orzell

10:30 Terry Shackelford
Jeanie Armstrong
Elizabeth Pope

November 12
8:00 George Earp
Ramona Orzell

10:30 Martha Lamm
Leslie Hall

November 19
8:00 Tim Knapp
Ramona Orzell

10:30 Leslie Hall
Sandy Suggs

November 26
8:00 Albert Corinth
Tim Knapp

10:30 Linda Hutcheson
Linda Hutcheson

Acolytes

November 5
10:30 Lauren Renck

November 12
10:30 Walker Wells

November 19
10:30 Mericle Family

November 26
10:30 Landon Newcomb



*Lord God, our hearts are
crowded with gratitude as we
celebrate the feast of Thanksgiving.
We have come to this our feasting
table with great joy and eagerness, for
we are truly grateful to you, our God,
for all that we have been given.*

~ Edward Hays

USHERS

November 5
Billy Suggs
Steve Thurkill

November 12
Jan Arnold
Linda Hutcheson

November 19
Jim Royal
Angela Reid

November 26
Dan Melnyk
Don Mucci

Kitchen Clean Up

Rita Coggins and EYC

Pantry Distributors

Tuesday—Patty Kennedy
Wednesday—Tommy Parker
Thursday—Elizabeth Hunter

Pantry Volunteers

Rita Coggins
Rosemary Clark
Missy Fillietaz

GREETERS

Dotsy Royal
Rosemary Clark
Lori Joyner





OKTOBERFEST



Children's Chapel

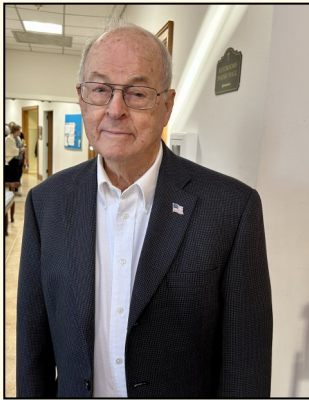


CONGRATULATIONS!

St. Andrew's Preschool was ranked #1 for the Reader's Choice Award as the best Preschool in our area! The St. Elizabeth's Guild put together a wonderful celebratory lunch for our teachers.



Believe, Become, Belong



Kid's Page

Parable of the Talents Matthew 25: 14-30

Give each servant the correct number of Talents



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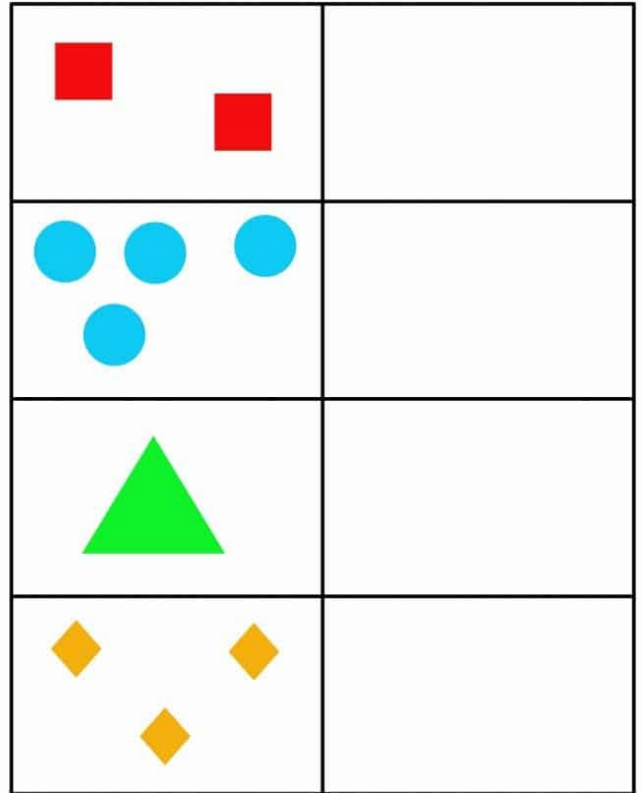


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Double the shapes



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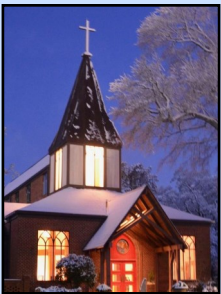


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Our Parish Family



Let Light Perpetual Shine

Jim Pittman
April 6, 1968 – October 6, 2023
Husband to Janie Mac Pittman

Angel Tree is starting up again soon! The children at Carriage Court Apartments are our special mission throughout the year. If you've helped in the past, thank you; for those who are busy, please consider choosing a child in this season celebrating the birth of our Lord. Angel Tree will be open starting November 26th and all gifts need to be returned by December 17th.



St. Elizabeth's Guild meets on Monday,
November 6th at 12:00pm.



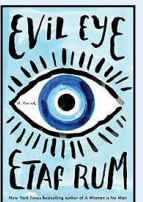
The Men's Club is meeting Saturday,
November 4th at 8am.



Every Sunday after the 8am service, we will be packing food bags for the students at Winstead Elementary.

On November 19th, we will pack bags for the food pantry after the 10:30am service.

St Andrew's Book Club will meet on
Tuesday, November 14th at 10am.
We're reading Evil Eye by
Etaf Rum. Everyone is welcome!



Thanksgiving Gift Boxes

We are collecting money to make 76 Thanksgiving boxes. One box is \$20 and that will feed a family of 4 a delicious Thanksgiving meal! We will give out the boxes on Monday, November 20th between 9-11am.