



## January 2024

### 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

Jan 2	Office Opens	8:30am
Jan 6	Men's Club	8:00am
Jan 7	EYC	11:45am
Jan 8	St. Elizabeth's Guild	12:00pm
Jan 9	Book Club	10:00am
Jan 9	Lion's Club	6:30pm
Jan 14	Annual Parish Meeting	9:00am
Jan 19	Oyster Fest	6:00pm
Jan 21	EYC	11:45am
Jan 23	Lion's Club	6:30pm

### Encouragement for a New Year

"Do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9

On the first day of a new year many of us wish each other a "Happy New Year!" But as we begin a new year, we need more than a hopeful greeting from the people around us. We need to listen to what God told Joshua about 3,400 years ago. As Joshua was about to lead God's people into the promised land, he had reason to be afraid. He had an enormous task ahead of him, and he was well aware of the dangers that he and the people would soon be facing. He needed God's encouragement.

A new year brings lots of questions: What does God hold for Saint Andrews? Who will our next rector be? Personally, will our health hold? Will our marriage last? Will I be able to hang on to my job? Will I get into the right school? Will I live to see the end of this year? Will the economy improve? Will there be a terrorist attack or some natural disaster that takes me or my loved ones?

The Creator of the universe comes to us and says, "Don't be afraid; don't be discouraged." What happens in this coming year is not left to chance. God is in charge, and he promises to stay close: "The LORD your God will be with you wherever you go." Many years later, the Lord Jesus made the same promise when he said, "I am with you always" (Matthew 28:20). That's the reason we can wish each other a "Happy New Year" Father in heaven, thank you for the gift of a new year and for your promise to stay with us. We ask for your guidance and wisdom each day. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Adapted from a devotional by Arthur J. Schoonveld





Merry Christmas  
from  
St. Andrew's Book  
Club!



Santa's Merry Elves helping to wrap  
Angel tree gifts.



### Hymn Story: Praise God From Whom All Blessings

Flow Despite its brevity, "Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow" beautifully declares the glory of the Trinity:

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!*

The doxology of praise to the Holy Trinity was written by the Rev. Thomas Ken (1637- 1710), whom King Charles II once made a chaplain to his sister, Mary, Princess of Orange. Ken was so courageous in his preaching at court that the king often said on the way to chapel: "I must go and hear Ken tell me all my faults."

Bishop McCabe, an American who distinguished himself as a Methodist pastor, an Army chaplain during the American Civil War, said that while the prisoners of the Union Army during the Civil War were incarcerated in Libby Prison\*, day after day they saw comrades passing away and their numbers increased by living recruits. One night, about ten o'clock, through the darkness they heard the tramp of feet that soon stopped before the prison door, until arrangements could be made inside. In the company was a young Baptist minister, whose heart almost fainted when he looked on those cold walls and thought of the suffering inside. Tired and weary, he sat down, put his face in his hands, and wept.

Just then a lone voice sang out from an upper window, "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow"; a dozen joined in the second line, more than a score in the third line, and the words, "Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost," were sung by nearly all the prisoners. As the song died away on the still night, the young man arose and sang:

"Prisons would palaces prove, If Jesus dwell with me there."

\* Libby Prison was a Confederate prison at Richmond, Virginia, during the American Civil War. It gained an infamous reputation for the overcrowded and harsh conditions under which officer prisoners from the Union Army were kept.

Hymn Story taken from One Hundred and One Hymn Stories by Carl F. Price; Hymn 78, page 86.



## Pageant Rehearsal



## St. Elizabeth's Guild

After bag lunches and dessert and prayer with Ramona, Martha Lamm led us through acrylic Christmas tree painting. It was a joyous time. Lots of talk and laughter! See y'all next year!!



Family Wreath Making—thank you to Josephine Harris who offered her plants for our wreaths. Meghan, Lauren, and Diane Renck were our snippers.





## A vibrant red cardinal is perched on a dark, snow-laden branch. The background is a light blue sky filled with white stars and snowflakes, creating a festive winter scene.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Food Pantry 9-11am	2 Food Pantry 9-11am	3 Food Pantry 9-11am TRCC 4:30-6:30pm	4 Food Pantry 9-11am TRCC 4:30-6:30pm	5 
<b>The First Sunday after the Epiphany 7</b> 8:00am HE Rite I 9:15am Adult Christian Ed. 10:30am HE Rite II 10:30am Children's Chapel 11:45am EYC Rev. Adele Hatfield	8 St. Elizabeth's Guild 12pm	9 Food Pantry 9-11am Book Club 10:00am Finance 6:00pm Lion's Club 6:30pm	10 Food Pantry 9-10:30am Healing Service 10:30am	11 Food Pantry 9-11am TRCC 4:30-6:30pm	12	13
14 8:00am Morning Prayer 9:00am Annual Parish Meeting 10:30am Morning Prayer 10:30am Children's Chapel Rev. Adele Hatfield	15	16 Food Pantry 9-11am Last Day to buy Oyster Fest tickets	17 Food Pantry 9-10:30am Healing Service 10:30am Vestry 6:00pm	18 Food Pantry 9-11am 10:00am Meals on Wheels TRCC 4:30-6:30pm	19 Oyster Fest 6pm	20
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### LAY/LEM READERS

January 7  
8:00 Albert Corinth  
Tim Knapp

10:30 Linda Hutcheson  
Sandy Suggs

January 14  
8:00 Ramona Orzell  
George Earp

10:30 Jeanie Armstrong  
Elizabeth Pope

January 21  
8:00 Tim Knapp  
Tim Knapp

10:30 Martha Lamm  
Leslie Hall

January 28  
8:00 George Earp  
Tim Knapp

10:30 Elizabeth Pope  
Sandy Suggs

### ACOLYTES

January 7  
Walker Wells

January 14  
Lauren Renck

January 21  
Mericle Family

January 28  
Landon Newcomb

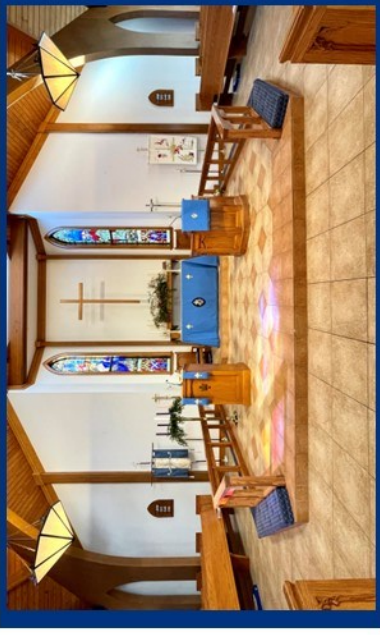


### Pantry Distributors

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

### Pantry Volunteers

Lynn Ives  
Terry Noble  
Martha Lamm



“Therefore, if anyone is in  
Christ, the new creation has  
come: The old has gone, the  
new is here!”

~2 Corinthians 5: 17

### GREETERS

Leslie Hall  
Ramona Orzell

### Kitchen Clean Up

Catherine Jansco  
Commie Dupree



**HAPPY NEW YEAR**



# CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

## DECEMBER 10, 2023





# KID'S PAGE

## Jesus' Baptism Spot the Differences

Compare the picture on the top with the picture on bottom. Circle the 11 things that are different.



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Jesus was Baptized by John the Baptist

At Baptism we become a member of  
God's loving family.

When were you Baptized?

## Jesus' Baptism Word Search

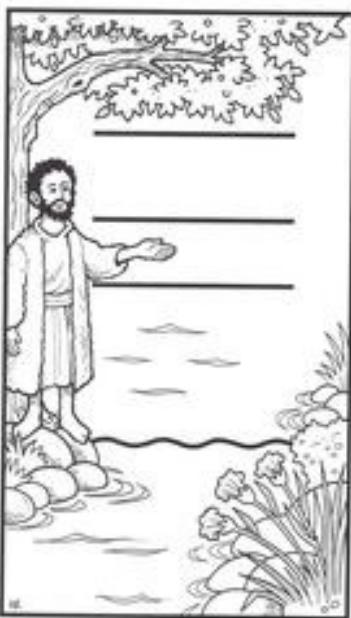
Find the words on the list that are hidden in the puzzle. The words can be left to right, up and down, or diagonally.

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B	E	L	O	V	E	D	D	R	E	E	A	T	V	E

BAPTIZED	BELOVED	DOVE
GALILEE	HEAVENS	JOHN
RIGHTEOUSNESS	SON	WATER

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## Our Parish Family



### Mark your calendars:

Annual Parish Meeting will be  
Sunday, January 14th at 9am.  
Breakfast included!

Bishop Rodman is visiting  
February 11th

### Oyster Fest!

All the steamed oysters and boiled shrimp you can eat  
(Hamburgers will be provided for the non-seafood  
folks!)



Tickets are available from the  
Church Office and any Men's  
Club Member.

They must be purchased by  
Tuesday, January 16th!  
**\$20.00 per person or \$40.00  
per family**

**All profits go to the support the St. Andrew's Food  
Pantry**



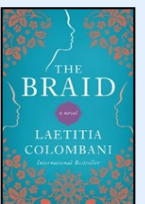
The Men's Club is meeting Saturday,  
January 6th at 8am.



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

On January 21st, we will  
pack bags for the food pantry  
after the 10:30am service.

St Andrew's Book Club will meet on  
Tuesday, January 9th at 10am. We're  
reading The Braid: A Novel by  
Laetitia Colombani.  
Everyone is welcome!



St. Elizabeth's Guild meets on Monday,  
January 8th at 12:00pm.

Adult and Children's Christian Ed will resume on  
January 14th.





## *Greening of the Church*







We wrapped for 45 angels this year! Thank you to everyone who participated in our Angel tree and to our wonderful helpers who loaded them up and took them to Carriage Court Apartments.



A Very Merry Christmas from our Preschoolers who got to be a part of the Polar Express and have their golden tickets punched by a conductor all while in their Christmas pajamas.