

Welcome to St. Andrew's on this 1 Christmas Sunday.  
 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*.

**Mark your calendars:**

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



Meeting Schedule:  
 Election of New Vestry Members  
 2023 Highlights  
 Every Member Canvas Report  
 Budget Overview  
 Search Committee Report  
 Committee Reports

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**

**Financial Status as of December 31 2023**

Contrib. Rec'd this week . . . . . \$5,541  
 Avg. Wkly Contrib. Needed . . . . . \$6,327  
 Rec'd YTC . . . . . \$312,307  
 Spent YTD . . . . . \$248,625

If you have questions about your pledge or other  
 contributions, call Rosemary Clark, our bookkeeper,  
 at 443-2070 on Monday or Thursday afternoons.

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



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

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

**Serving next Sunday, January 7**

**8:00am**

**Officiant:** Rev. Adele Hatfield  
**LEM:** George Earp  
**LAY:** George Earp  
**Acolyte:** Lauren Renck and Walker Wells  
**Ushers:** Billy Suggs and Steve Thurkill  
**Greeters:** Tommy Parker and Elizabeth Hunter  
**Pantry Volunteers:** Terry Shackelford, Linda Hutcheson, and Dotsy and Jim Royal  
**Pantry Distributors:** Patty Kennedy, Tommy Parker, Elizabeth Hunter

**10:00**

Martha Lamm  
 Sandy Suggs

"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



*1 Christmas*

*December 31, 2023*



## The Invitatory and Psalter

Officiant: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

*The Officiant then says the following:*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. *Amen. 2 Corinthians 13:14*

**Closing Hymn 497 “How Brightly Beams the Morning Star”**

### The Dismissal

Officiant: Let us go forth, in the Name of Christ, Alleluia! Alleluia!

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!



*Officiant: Let us stand.*

*The Officiant then faces the altar and says:*

*Officiant* Lord, open our lips.

*People* And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

*The Officiant and People say together the following:*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

**Antiphon:** *(Standing)*

*Officiant* The earth is the Lord's for he made it.

*People* Come, let us adore him.

*Officiant:* Let us say together the Venite

Come, let us sing to the Lord; \*  
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.  
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \*  
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, \*  
and a great King above all gods.  
In his hand are the caverns of the earth, \*  
and the heights of the hills are his also.  
The sea is his, for he made it, \*  
and his hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, \*  
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.  
For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture  
and the sheep of his hand. \*  
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

## Psalm 147

<sup>1</sup> Hallelujah! How good it is to sing praises to our God!  
\* how pleasant it is to honor him with praise!

<sup>2</sup> The Lord rebuilds Jerusalem; \*  
He gathers the exiles of Israel

<sup>3</sup> He heals the brokenhearted \*  
And binds up their wounds.

<sup>4</sup> He counts the number of the stars \*  
And calls them all by their names.

<sup>5</sup> Great is our Lord and mighty in power; \*  
There is no limit to his wisdom.

<sup>6</sup> The Lord lifts up the lowly, \*  
But casts the wicked to the ground.

<sup>7</sup> Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving \*  
Make music to our God upon the harp.

<sup>8</sup> He covers the heavens with clouds \*  
And prepares rain for the earth.

<sup>9</sup> He makes grass to grow upon the mountains \*  
And green plants to serve mankind.

<sup>10</sup> He provides food for flocks and herds \*  
And for the young ravens when they cry.

<sup>11</sup> He is not impressed by the might of a horse; \*  
He has no pleasure in the strength of a man;

<sup>12</sup> But the Lord has pleasure in those who fear him, \*  
In those who await his gracious favor.

<sup>13</sup> Worship the Lord, O Jerusalem; \*  
Praise your God, O Zion;

<sup>14</sup> For he has strengthened the bars of your gates; \*  
He has blessed your children within you.

<sup>15</sup> He has established peace on your borders \*  
He satisfies you with the finest wheat.

<sup>16</sup> He sends out his command to the earth, \*  
And his word runs very swiftly.

<sup>17</sup> He gives snow like wool; \*  
He scatters hoarfrost like ashes.

<sup>18</sup> He scatters his hail like bread crumbs \*  
Who can stand against the cold?

<sup>19</sup> He sends forth his word and melts them; \*  
He blows with his wind, and the waters flow.

<sup>20</sup> He declares his word to Jacob, \*  
His statutes and his judgments to Israel.

<sup>21</sup> He has not done so to any other nation; \*  
To them he has not revealed his judgments.

*At the end of the Psalms is said:*

Glory to the Father, and the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

## The Lessons

### First Reading

*(Seated)*

*Silence may be kept after each Reading. A Canticle is said after each Reading.*

I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations. For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

**Isaiah 61:10-62:3**

*A Collect for the departed*

Grant us grace to entrust our loved ones to your never failing love...receive them into the arms of your mercy, and remember them according to the favor which you bear unto your children. *Amen.*

*A Collect for self-dedication*

Almighty and eternal God, so draw our hearts to you, so guide our minds, so fill our imaginations, so control our wills, that we may be wholly yours, dedicated unto you; and then use us, we pray, as you will, and always to your glory and the welfare of your people; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

*A collect for Mission*

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

***The General Thanksgiving (Kneeling or Standing)***

*Officiant: Let us say together the General Thanksgiving:*

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks  
for all your goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all whom you have made.  
We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for your immeasurable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.  
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to your service,  
and by walking before you  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

*A Collect for Sundays*

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*A Collect for the Renewal of Life*

O God, the King eternal, whose light divides the day from the night and turns the shadow of death into the morning: Drive far from us all wrong desires, incline our hearts to keep your law, and guide our feet into the way of peace; that, having done your will with cheerfulness during the day, we may, when night comes, rejoice to give you thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*A Collect for Peace*

O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us, your humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in your defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*A Collect for Grace*

Lord God, almighty and everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this new day: Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome by adversity; and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*A Collect for Guidance*

Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*A Collect for the Sick*

Almighty God, Father of life and health, use us we pray to bring wholeness and peace to those in need: for our sick: Elsie C., Bill, Lisa O., Christine, Janice, Roger, Judy, Kat, Patricia, Shirley, Blake, Rachel, Jinx, Wayland, Chris, Johnny, Barbara, Linda T., Joyce, Ernie, Brad B., Sheryl, Steve, Scott, and Jerry...for those who minister to the needs of others...for all who have asked for our prayers... let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

**Canticle 9**

(Please Stand)

**The First Song of Isaiah** *Ecce, Deus*

*Isaiah 12:2-6*

Surely, it is God who saves me; \*  
I will trust in him and not be afraid.

For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, \*  
and he will be my Savior.

Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing \*  
from the springs of salvation.

And on that day you shall say, \*  
Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;

Make his deeds known among the peoples; \*  
see that they remember that his Name is exalted.

Sing praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, \*  
and this is known in all the world.

Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, \*  
for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

**Second Reading**

(Seated)

**Galationas 3:23-25; 4:4-7**

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian. But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

**Canticle 19**  
*(Please Stand)*

**The Song of the Redeemed**  
*Magna et mirabilia*

**Revelation 15:3-4**

O ruler of the universe, Lord God, great deeds are they that you have done, \* surpassing human understanding.

All nations will draw near and fall down before you, \* because your just and holy works have been revealed.

Your ways are ways of righteousness and truth, \* O King of all the ages.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Who can fail to do you homage, Lord, and sing the praises of your Name? for you only are the Holy One.

**Sequence Hymn 82 “Of The Father’s Love Begotten”**

Vv. 1-2 Prior to the gospel

Vv. 3 following

**Gospel**

**John 1:1-18**

*(Please stand. W\O a priest or deacon, the Gospel lesson is introduced like the Epistle.*

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

*After the Gospel lesson, the reader closes with “The Word of the Lord.”)*

**Homily 9:30 Leslie Hall**

**Written by The Rev. Anna Tew**

**The Apostles’ Creed**

*Officiant: Standing, let us reaffirm our faith as we say together the Apostles Creed.*

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

**The Announcements**

**Offertory Sentence** Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

**Organ Voluntary**

*Ruff Creech*

**The Doxology**

**The Prayers**

*The people stand*

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And with thy spirit.

*Officiant* Let us pray.

*Facing the altar, the Officiant and People say together:*

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

**The Suffrage (Standing)**

V. O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;

R. And grant us thy salvation.

V. Endue thy ministers with righteousness;

R. And make thy chosen people joyful.

V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

R. For only in thee can we live in safety.

V. Lord, keep this nation under thy care;

R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth..

V. Let thy way be known upon earth;

R. Thy saving health among all nations.

V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;

R. And sustain us with thy Holy Spirit.

*The Officiant then says the following Collects  
Congregation and Officiant standing*

*The Collect of the Day*

Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindles in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*