

A SERVICE OF HOLY EUCHARIST



133rd ANNIVERSARY

The Second Sunday of Advent

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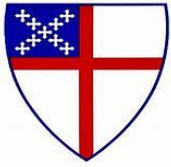
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Mission Statement

To love and serve God and our neighbor, by striving to meet the needs of God's people.

Vision Statement

To be a Christian community of faith where love lives, love works,
to spread the good news of God's grace and mercy.



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Greetings St. Andrew's family and friends,

A wise person once said, "He who cannot appreciate the past cannot accept the present and boobytraps the future." We, the church family of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, express our gratitude for the sacrifices made by those who came before us, those present with us today, and those yet to come, as we celebrate our 133 years of existence.

We give thanks to the members of the 133rd Anniversary Committee and our church family for their unwavering effort and support in making this event a glorious celebration honoring the goodness of God. It is through faith, trust, and prayer that we have persevered over the years. We encourage each of you to continue supporting us with grateful hearts as we strive to be a beacon of hope in our Central Community.

With joy in our hearts and gratitude for your presence, we warmly welcome all visitors, family, and friends from our extended community. We invite you to join us again and again to fellowship with us and worship God in the fullness He provides.

In Christ,

Reverend Sharon E. Williams,

Rector

Lighting of the 2nd Candle of Advent**After Candle is lit People in unison say**

We're in trouble, Holy God. So many in the world do not know peace in their countries or in their hearts. We use weapons of steel and barbed words to wound one another. We seek balm for our restless hearts in things that only make us more wounded. Open our hearts to Jesus so we may have the peace of his holy presence and live it in our unpeaceful world. Save us from outside violence and inner turmoil. We need you. Come, peaceful God, come. **Amen.**

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
The People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen**

The People say

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING**Malachi 3:1-4**

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight-- indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Canticle 16

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; *
he has come to his people and set them free.
He has raised up for us a mighty savior, *
born of the house of his servant David.
Through his holy prophets he promised of old,
that he would save us from our enemies, *
from the hands of all who hate us.
He promised to show mercy to our fathers *
and to remember his holy covenant.
This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, *
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
Free to worship him without fear, *
holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.
You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, *
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,
To give his people knowledge of salvation *
by the forgiveness of their sins.
In the tender compassion of our God *
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, *
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

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

SECOND READING

Philippians 1:3-11

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN

O Master Let Me Walk with Thee

Hymnal 660

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

GOSPELER

The Rev. Mimi Moore

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 3:1-6

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'"

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. **Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

With grateful hearts, let us pray to the Lord, asking, "Hear our prayer."

Gracious Father,

We give all glory and honor to you because you are worthy of praise.

We praise you for who you are, the God and Creator of the universe, the loving God who created each one of us and who knows each one of us intimately.

Hear our prayer

We thank you for sustaining Historic St. Andrew's Episcopal Church for 133 years, which was created to be a sanctuary of prayer and service for your people seeking spiritual guidance.

We thank you and praise you for the many blessings you have poured out on this church in its past 133 years of existence, and we pray for many more per your will.

Hear our prayer

We thank you for the leadership of this church, both past and present, for the priests, the senior/junior wardens, treasurer's and the many other Vestry members, staff, and Sunday School leaders and teachers.

We thank everyone who has served your church as acolytes, Lay Eucharistic ministers, Lay Readers, Lay Eucharistic Visitors, Choir members, Ushers, Greeters, Altar Guild members, and musicians.

Hear our prayer

We especially thank you for this church's faithful teaching and preaching of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

We thank you for the many people and relationships you have brought to us through this church's ministries, especially the Mark S. B. Daniels Hot Meal Ministry over the years.

Hear our prayer

Father, we know that you have blessed this congregation in many ways over the past 133 years, and for this, we continually praise and thank you.

We ask for you to comfort and heal those who are not present with us today. Keep us ever reminded of their needs and concerns.

In Jesus' name, Hear our prayer

Silence may be kept.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear what we ask in the Name of your Son: Accept and fulfill our petitions, we pray, not as we ask in our ignorance, nor as we deserve in our sinfulness, but as you know and love us in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

You may stand or be seated as able.

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Minister and People

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. **Amen**

THE PEACE

All stand, as able.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

The Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord with a bow or wave.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Jesus Calls Us

Hymnal 550

DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all Blessings Flow,
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. **Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name.

SANCTUS

Holy, holy, holy
Lord God of the Host
Heaven and earth are full of your glory
Hosanna in the highest
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord
Hosanna in the highest.

The People stand.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER B

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with St. Andrew and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters, through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. **Amen.**

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to sing.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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, forever and ever. **Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

FRACTION ANTHEM

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore, let us keep the feast.

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people. All baptized persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion. If for any reason, you prefer not to receive the cup of wine when it is offered, simply cross your arms over your chest. Communion wine contains alcohol.

HYMNS AT THE COMMUNION

Break Thou the Bread of Life	LEVAS 146
What a Friend We Have in Jesus	LEVAS 109
Blessed Assurance	LEVAS 184

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE BENEDICTION

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you forever. *Amen.*

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Hark a Thrilling Voice is Sounding

Hymnal 59

DISMISSAL

Celebrant

Let us go forth in the world rejoicing in the power of the spirit!

People

Thanks be to God!

LAY READER'S SCHEDULE

DATE	I LESSON	II LESSON	PRAYERS
December 1st	Kelly Henderson-Kessell	Beverly Thomas	Stephanie Combs
December 8th	Gail Williams	Andrea Porter	Velma Romain-Rouse
December 15th	Brenda Shepherd	Lois Jackson	Yvonne Gates
December 22nd	Will Seifert-Kessell	Diane Audrick Smith	Pearl Culbreath

CHALICE MINISTERS

December 1st	Lois Jackson, Rod Adams, Linda Adams
December 8th	Rod Adams, Lois Jackson, Darcel Arrington
December 15th	Lois Jackson, Rod Adams, Kelly Henderson-Kessell
December 22nd	Rod Adams, Lois Jackson, Gail Williams
December 24th	Lois Jackson, Rod Adams, Giesele Greene
December 29th	Rod Adams, Lois Jackson, Andrea Porter

USHER'S SCHEDULE

December 1 st	Darcel Arrington, Tondelayo Jackson
December 8 th	Kelly Henderson-Kessell, Leticia Smith
December 15 th	Velma Romain-Rouse, Pearl Culbreath
December 22 nd	Andrea Porter, James Greene
December 24 th	Patti Joy Rubin, Darcel Arrington
December 29 th	Tondelayo Jackson, Kelly Henderson-Kessell

VESTRY COUNTERS' SCHEDULE

1st Sunday	Lois Jackson, Darcel Arrington, (Andrea Appling)
2nd Sunday	Leslie Blakemore, Carmen Wildgoose
3rd Sunday	Jerome Rubin, James Greene
4th Sunday	Anita Pruitt, William Seifert-Kessell
5th Sunday	Lois Jackson, Dianne Audrick-Smith

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