



# ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

## Second Sunday of Advent December 4, 2022

*We are livestreaming the 10am service.*

Prelude *Quintet for Piano and Winds in E-flat Major, K. 452, Largo - Allegro moderato*  
W. A. Mozart (1756-1791)

Nissi Awosanya, oboe; Grace Hennessey, horn; Lizzie Um, clarinet;  
Kama Yamada, piano; and Mabel Zawacki, double bass

Processional Hymn 616 "Hail to the Lord's Anointed" *Es flog ein kleins Waldvögelein*

Blessing of the Advent Wreath

*Celebrant* Together, let us bless the Advent wreath. Blessed are you, Sovereign Lord, just and true: to you be praise and glory for ever! Of old you spoke by the mouth of your prophets, but in our days, you speak through your Son, whom you have appointed the heir of all things. Grant us, your people, to walk in his light, that we may be found ready and watching when he comes again in glory and judgment; for you are our light and our salvation.

*People* Blessed be God for ever.

### The Word of God

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*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People* And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

Collect for Purity

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*Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One, have mercy upon us.*

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Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* Together we pray.

*People* 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 for ever. *Amen.*

First Lesson: Isaiah 11:1-10

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

*The congregation is encouraged to sing the psalm.*



- 1 Give the King your <sup>1</sup>justice, O <sup>1</sup>God, \*  
and your <sup>1</sup>righteousness to the <sup>1</sup>King's <sup>1</sup>Son;
- 2 That he may rule your <sup>1</sup>people <sup>1</sup>righteously \*  
— <sup>1</sup>and the <sup>1</sup>poor with <sup>1</sup>justice;
- 3 That the mountains may bring pros<sup>1</sup>perity to the <sup>1</sup>people, \*  
and the <sup>1</sup>little <sup>1</sup>hills bring <sup>1</sup>righteousness.
- 4 He shall defend the needy a<sup>1</sup>mong the <sup>1</sup>people; \*  
he shall rescue the <sup>1</sup>poor and <sup>1</sup>crush the op<sup>1</sup>pressor.
- 5 He shall live as long as the sun and <sup>1</sup>moon en<sup>1</sup>dure, \*  
from one gene<sup>1</sup>ration <sup>1</sup>to an <sup>1</sup>other.
- 6 He shall come down like rain upon the <sup>1</sup>möwn <sup>1</sup>field, \*  
like <sup>1</sup>showers that <sup>1</sup>water the <sup>1</sup>earth.
- †7 In his time shall the <sup>1</sup>righteous <sup>1</sup>flourish; \*  
there shall be abundance of peace till the <sup>1</sup>moon shall <sup>1</sup>be no <sup>1</sup>more.
- 18 Blessèd be the Lord GOD, the <sup>1</sup>God of <sup>1</sup>Israel, \*  
who a <sup>1</sup>lone does <sup>1</sup>wondrous <sup>1</sup>deeds!
- 19 And blessèd be his glorious <sup>1</sup>Name for <sup>1</sup>ever! \*  
and may all the earth be filled with his glory.  
<sup>1</sup>Amen. <sup>1</sup>Ä'men.

## Second Lesson: Romans 15:4-13

Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ

Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the

truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name;" and again he says, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people;" and again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise

*Reader*        The Word of the Lord.

*People*        Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn 67    "Comfort, comfort ye my people"

*Psalms 42*

Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12

*Clergy*        The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.

*People*        Glory to you, Lord Christ.

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.'"

Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned

him;" and again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope."

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

"I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

*Clergy*        The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*        Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

Rev. Margaret Schwarzer

Nicene Creed

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Prayers of the People

*After each bidding the Reader says, Lord, in your mercy.  
The People reply, Hear our prayer.*

Confession of Sin

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Peace

Announcements

## The Holy Communion

Presentation of Bread and Wine

Offertory Anthem "He shall feed his flock" from *Messiah* G.F. Handel (1685-1757)

*He shall feed His flock like a shepherd; and He shall gather the lambs  
With His arm, and carry them in His bosom, and gently lead those that are  
With young. (Isaiah 40:11)*

*Come unto Him, all ye that labour, come unto Him that are heavy laden, and  
He will give you rest. Take His yoke upon you, and learn of Him, for He  
Is meek and lowly of heart, and ye shall find rest unto your souls. (Matthew 11:28-29)*

Doxology Hymn 380 v. 3 "Praise God from whom all blessings flow" Old 100th

Eucharistic Prayer B BCP p. 367

S129 Sanctus (front section of hymnal) Robert Powell (b. 1932)

Breaking of the Bread

*Celebrant* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

*People* Therefore let us keep the feast.

S 156 Fraction Anthem (front section of hymnal) *Christ our Passover* Gerald Near

***All are welcome to receive communion. Ushers will direct the congregation.***

Communion Anthem *O Heavenly Word, Eternal Light* Verbum supernum prodiens

*O heavenly Word, eternal Light, begotten of the Father's might,  
Who in these latter days was born for blessing to a world forlorn;*

*Pour light upon us from above, and fire our hearts with ardent love,  
That, as we hear thy truth today, all wrong desires may burn away;*

*And when, as judge, thou drawest nigh, the secrets of our hearts to try,  
To recompense each hidden sin and bid the saints their reign begin;*

*O let us not, for evil past, be driven from thy face at last,  
But with thy saints for evermore behold thee, love thee, and adore.*

*To God the Father, God the Son, and God the Spirit, ever One,  
Praise, honor, might, and glory be from age to age eternally.*

Communion Hymn 75 “There's a voice in the wilderness crying”

*Ascension*

Thanksgiving after Communion

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Blessing

Recessional Hymn 65 “Prepare the way, O Zion”

*Bereden väg för Herran*

Dismissal

*Clergy* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

Postlude “Waltz of the Flowers” from *The Nutcracker Suite*

Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky (1840-1893)

Catherine Wang, Miyabi Kadowaki, piano

We welcome and thank the Wellesley College students visiting with us today.

We are grateful they are sharing their musical talents with us.

Thanks also to Jenny Tang, Director of Chamber Music at Wellesley College  
for organizing this musical offering.

*Please join us for fellowship following the service,  
hosted by Scott Jones and Sandra Rigney.*



**If this is your first time at St. Andrew's, Welcome!**

We are happy you found us. Please use this QR code to fill out a *seeker information form* or check with a member of our membership committee in the narthex so that our clergy and members of our congregation can welcome you and help you get engaged with our church.



**The flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of**  
Elsie Johnston Millet, Gertrude Haynes Nesbit, and Gloria Johnston Wiggin  
by the Johnston Family

**Serving St. Andrew's this week**

*Altar Guild* Laura Brown MacKinnon, Elizabeth Clarke, Elsie Deane, Nancy Echlov,  
Wendy Hearing, Ntonhle Kekana, Debbie Lorenz, and Jennifer Appleyard Martin

*Altar Flowers* the Flower Guild

**Serving at 8am**

*Lay Eucharistic Minister* Nancy Echlov

*Usher* Harriet Thompson

**Serving at 10am**

*Acolytes* Crucifer Clara Eikeboom; Torch, Johannes Eikeboom;  
and Torch, Conor Donahue

*Broadcast Tech Volunteer* Rob Brandt

*Lay Eucharistic Ministers* Adams Carroll and Wendy Haering

*Lay Readers* Megan Burns and Karen Pekowitz

*Ushers* Terri Rawson-Wakefield, Michael Wakefield, Kris Vanin, and Michael Vanin

**Intercessions from the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer**

*Parishes of the Alewife Deanery*

St. Paul's Church, Bedford

All Saints' Church, Belmont

St. Mark's Church, Burlington

The Officers of the Diocese

Racial Justice Commission



# St. Andrew's Cheerful Givers

## 2023 Stewardship Campaign Givers

**232 of target 300 givers through November 29, 2022**

Every effort has been made to be as current as possible. If you have questions about your name on the list, please reach out to Joanne Butler.

Anonymous (1)

Bonnie Akins

Hope Aldrich

Pam & Elmore Alexander

Jill Allen & Kenneth Graves

Frances and Mark Antonelli

Holly & Travis Anza

Veronica & Douglas Bacon

Laurin Baldwin

Connie & Peter Barnes

Sharon & Jamison Barr

Wendy & Jonathan Barry

Maggie & Jonathan Baxter

Christine & Steve Beach

Dell Beggs

Michelle & Matt Benfer

Peggy & Mark Benjamin

Barbara Bergstrom

Judith & Paul Beswick

David Boghosian

Judith & Giles Boland

Al Bornemann

Cynthia & Richard Bostwick

Melissa & Jack Bradley

Dara & Christopher Brigham

Brooke & Eric Brown

Laura Brown MacKinnon &

Bruce MacKinnon

Karen & Al Budney

Joyce & Buck Bukaty

Megan & Sam Burns

Pam Byron

Alice & Kent Campbell

John Carey

Richard Carls

Kim Carlson

Adams Carroll & Janet Wu

Jean & John Childs

Elizabeth & Stephen Clarke

Mary Ann Cluggish

Sally Collier

Kathryn & Harry Condon

Beverly Costa

Zu & Christopher Cowperthwaite

Paul Criswell & Pam Kubbins

Kristy & Thomas Cunningham

Amanda & Charles Curtis

Jean Dalton



Peter D'Anieri & Julie Koeninger  
Penny & William Darcey  
Becca & Ryan Daws  
Elizabeth Dean  
Elsie & Jim Deane  
Cathleen & James Dehn  
Sarah & Daniel Dent  
Ashley Denton  
Jo Dermer  
Elizabeth & Stephen Dietz  
Peter Dodson  
Kristin & Thomas Donahue  
Christiana & Gibson Donohue  
Zebby & Al Dubé  
Marie Dunell & Michael Mahlenkamp  
Noel & Ian Dwyer  
Nancy Echlov  
Ruth & George Ecker  
Nancy & Richard Ehrlichman  
Bianka & Lee Eichelberger  
Bettina & Arnout Eikeboom  
Heidi & Chris Emerson  
Thomas Engels & Wendy Haering  
Catherine Falcetti & Kyle Pedrotty  
Kate & Joseph Farella  
Natalie & Caleb Farny  
Winnie & Tom Faust  
Jean & Curt Feuer  
Linda Gallo  
Judy & William Gardiner  
Erica Gelser & Stephen Mahoney  
Janet Giele  
Jane Givens

Blair Glennon & Wayne Kernochan  
Katey & Chuck Goehringer  
Anne Grape  
Mary-Laura & Grant Greely  
Harry Grey & Cam McCormick  
Pamela Grignaffini  
Roger Gustin  
Elizabeth & David Guydan  
Luisa & Joe Hamilton  
Becky & David Hamlin  
Heidi & Wade Harper  
Meg & Clint Harris  
Sarah & Greg Harris  
Carrie & Shervin Hawley  
Yael & Eliot Heher  
Anneliese Henderson  
Jackie & Blair Hendrix  
Pam & Alan Henrikson  
Tad Heuer  
Heather & David Hoffman  
Vivian & Stephen Holland  
Leslie Holmes  
Ulle Holt  
Barbara & Bernie Horan  
Joanna Horobin & Alan Joachim  
Mark Housel  
Lisa Howe  
Caroline & Bradford Hudson  
Emily & Frank Hunnewell  
Luisa Hunnewell  
Luisa Hunnewell & Larry Newman  
Cynthia & Sam Hunt  
Nicole Goodnow-Hussey

Joe Jankowski  
Muffy & Peter Johannsen  
Jeanne Johnsen  
Ann & Lane Johnson  
Nancy & Allen Jones  
Scott Jones  
Ingrid & Timm Kainen  
Ntonhle Kekana & Graham Masiwa  
Donna & Toby Kell  
Sheila Kelley  
Dona & Michael Kemp  
Jane Kettendorf  
Earl Kivett  
Ruthie Klinck  
Debby & Chuck Klotz  
Nancy Kohl & Robert Ware  
Edwin Krieg  
Bernhard Kulke  
Scott Kwiker & Rita Sadowski  
Leslie & Bill Lee  
Suzy & Josh Littlefield  
Michele & Dave Livingston  
Debbie Lorenz  
Patricia & Travis Lowe  
Linda & Peter Lull  
Isabel Lyndon  
Lakey & Hugh MacArthur  
Ellen MacFadyen  
Pat & Dick MacKinnon  
Hillary & Lou Madge  
Paige & Herb Manning  
Rebekah & Jim Mannix  
Jennifer & Ansley Martin

Karen & Jeff McAdams  
Linda & John McCammond  
Libby McClintock  
Llynda McFarlane  
Karen & Tom Melican  
Paul Merry  
Karen Metcalf  
Diane Mitchell  
Stephanie & Bradley Mitchell  
Lois & Douglas Mizzi  
Debbie & Tom Monti  
Lauren & David Murphy  
Bobby Murray  
Marie Narcisse  
Bonny Nothern  
Suzanne & Will Nystrom  
Anne & Mark O'Hearne  
Lisa Onorato & David Welch  
Debbie & David Osborn  
Thomas Palmer  
Caren & Randy Parker  
Karen Pekowitz  
Tim Phillips & Nora Tracy Phillips  
Nancy Place  
Joanne Potter  
Betsy & David Powell  
Anne & Bob Prensner  
Ale Manriquez Rankin & Peter Rankin  
Terri Rawson-Wakefield  
Dot Reed  
Meg Reed  
Mary Reineman & Paul Kappel  
Linda Reineman

Sandra Rigney  
Laura & Madison Riley  
Sarah & Adrian Robbins-Cole  
Elizabeth Robbins-Cole  
William Robbins-Cole  
Rennie Roberts  
Helen Robertson  
Julie & Mason Ross  
Barbara & Frank Rowbotham  
Deb Russo  
Jenny & Mark Sawyer  
Heather & Sam Schaefer  
Ann Schwarz  
Margaret Schwarzer  
Cynthia & Larry Scott  
Martha Sears  
Paul Shackford  
Carol Shedd  
Barbara & Paul Shellito  
Ginny & Drew Snow  
Linda Specht  
Lynda Sperry & Bill Wiberg  
Ellen Staelin  
Jessica & Michael Stanton  
Joan & Frank Stasiowski  
Laura Stettner  
Deborah & Peter Strzetelski  
Carol Sullivan

Charlotte & Tim Surgenor  
Elizabeth & Jonas Svedlund  
Eleanor Tedesco  
Beth & Mac Thomas  
Harriet Thompson  
Lia & Roberto Tron  
Joann & Terry Tuytschaevers  
Coryell & Greg Urban  
Kris & Michael Vanin  
Betsy & Rob Veidenheimer  
Katherine Vig  
Anna Lee & Justin Wahls  
Sandy & Bob Warren  
Christy West  
Jill & Jack Whiting  
Sally Whitman  
Ken Wiberg  
Virginia & Geoffrey Wickwire  
Alain Williams du Marquis d'Assarac  
Sally & Dudley Willis  
Ruth Wilson  
Laurie & Jeff Witt  
Lorri Woodacre  
Maggy & Al Woodcock  
Fred Wright  
Karen & Michael Young  
Star & Charlie Zabriskie  
Margaret & Paul Zusky

*Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. —2 Corinthians 9:7*



# Icon of the Week

## St. Christopher

Third Century

All that is known of St. Christopher is that he died a martyr in Asia Minor in the third century. A church was built in his honor at Chalcedon as early as 450. Pope Paul VI removed his feast from the calendar to make room for more recent saints.

The name Christopher means “One who carries Christ.” The legend that has grown up about this saint in the West is that he was a very strong man who lived by a ford in a river and helped travelers cross to the other side. One day a child came to the river and asked for his help. When they reached the middle of the river, the child on his shoulders began to feel as heavy as the entire world. It was then that Christopher learned the child was Christ and that he had been carrying the world. The child then disappeared.

Legends are suspect in scientific circles, but they often carry truths too deep for other mediums. The legend of the Christ-bearer expresses such a truth. The Christ we worship is a Christ we serve or offend in the people who surround us. This Christ who gave us the command to love one another, and that love has no bounds.

His feast day is no longer on July 25.

*O Glorious St. Christopher, you have inherited a beautiful name, Christ—bearer, because of the wonderful legend that while carrying people across a raging stream you also carried the Child Jesus. Teach us to be true Christ—bearers to those who do not know Him. Protect all of us that travel both near and far and petition Jesus to be with us always. Amen.*



# Christmas & Epiphany Services

## **Advent Lessons & Carols** TODAY at 5pm

The senior choir will sing the music of Boris Ord, Elizabeth Poston, John Joubert, and Orlando Gibbons among others, as well as hymns. This is a candlelit service with Thomas Handel as guest organist. There will be a reception following.

## **Blue Christmas Service** Wednesday, December 14 at 7pm

If you or someone you care about has had a hard year, and you are longing to make room for the Spirit of God in a time of struggle or loss, please join us. We will rest in the promise of Christ, remembering that even in times of sorrow, God's love and grace can support us.

## **Christmas Pageant**

Saturday, December 17, 9am

All participants gather for rehearsal in the sanctuary. Sign up **by today**, and you will have your name in the bulletin.

Sunday, December 18, 9am

Christmas pageant participants gather at 9am. The pageant replaces regular 10am Eucharistic service.

## **Christmas Eve Services** Tuesday, December 24

### **Children's Service** at 3pm

This half-hour service is aimed at young children. We sing carols, hear the Christmas story, and have a children's homily (no Holy Communion). The service is followed by cake and refreshments.

### **Family Eucharist** at 5pm

This hour-long Holy Communion service is the most well attended Christmas Eve service at St. Andrew's. The service ends with the church darkened and everyone holding a candle as we sing "Silent Night."

### **Choral Service & Holy Eucharist** at 10pm

This is a traditional service with communion, carols, a sermon, and choral anthems. A 20-minute musical prelude precedes the hour-long service with the full choir and a string quartet.

## **Christmas Day Service** Sunday, December 25 at 10am

This is a relaxed one-hour service with communion, Christmas carols, and a short homily.

## **Epiphany Fireside Service** Sunday, January 8, 2023 at 5pm

This Holy Communion service, in the parish hall with a roaring fire, is attended by an intergenerational congregation. We hear a short Epiphany homily and sing Epiphany hymns followed by a potluck.



# Notices and Announcements

*Note: all staff email addresses are on the second to last page. Deadline for materials is noon on Tuesdays for both the bulletin and the e-Pistle.*

## Year End Donations

Looking towards year end, please observe the following to complete your pledge(s):

- **Stock donations:** Please have stock donations **processed by December 9** and send me an email documenting the stock name, number of shares and how it should be applied (2022 Pledge, 2023 Pre-paid Pledge, Capital Campaign, etc.)
- **Checks:** Please **mail by December 15** to allow for holiday mail delays.
- **Online:** If paying by credit card, please **process your request by December 27**. If paying by ACH, **process by December 28**. Payments submitted online can take 48 hours to be received and may not be credited until Tuesday, January 3, 2023. January 2 is a bank holiday.
- **In-person:** Drop in the collection **plate by December 25** or at the church **office by noon on December 30**.

Please reach out with any questions and thank you for your continued support of St. Andrew's! — Joanne Butler

## The Alternative Gift Fair

The Alternative Gift Fair is **today at coffee hour**; you can buy gifts for your family and friends: such as flocks of chickens from Heifer International; groceries for the

Wellesley Food Pantry; books for El Hogar; and more! Look for a downloadable AGF form in the e-Pistle, or get one at church.

## Sharing Advent Spiritual Practices

You will have received an email from Adrian earlier this week inviting you to join him in an Advent Spiritual practice of reading a chapter a day of Luke's Gospel.

We would also like to encourage you to share any Advent spiritual practices that you find enriching with other practices. You can do this by signing onto Realm and sharing your practice by making a **comment** on the **post** in the **Realm** news feed about the **Advent Bible Challenge**. If you are not signed up with Realm please **contact our parish administrator Kate** for instructions.

## 9am Christian Learning

Join us **today at 9am in the parish hall**. We finish our series on science as we consider *The Anglican Church's Science & Faith Project* with three global videos to watch and discuss. On **Sunday, December 11**, join us for *Visio Divina with Nativity Paintings*. Come share in a visual reflection on the birth of Christ. Join us every Sunday, or just when a class lines up with your interests. Everyone is welcome. The Zoom link is in the e-Pistle.  
—Rev. Margaret Schwarzer

## Confirmation Class Dates

**December 11 and January 22** will be our next two dates for Confirmation class.

## Bible Circles

Join us on **Tuesday morning, December 13, at 11am** or **Thursday evening, December 15, at 7pm** for a one-hour Bible Study. This year, we are studying Genesis, a story of our earliest beginnings as a holy people. This month, we study *Genesis Chapter 4: The First Murder*. No preparation is needed, we read and reflect together. Come to the Harvey Room or join us online, the Zoom link is in the e-Pistle – Rev. Margaret Schwarzer

## Christmas Pageant!

The pageant will be held on **Sunday, December 18**, during the 10am service. Rehearsals are **Sundays from 11:15-11:45 am**. All children and youth are invited to join in the Christmas Pageant. —Ciara Cheli, youth music director.

## The Season of Giving

Our Giving Tree has a rich and generous history. Started in the mid-1950s by the Director of the St. Andrew's Church School, Anne Austill, she introduced a tree that was first started in Japan in 1951. Servicemen were asked to donate warm clothing and toys for Japanese war orphans. It has evolved over the years under the leadership and guidance of several dedicated parishioners, Anna Shackford, Arline Wahn, and Anne Manners. Handmade and purchased hats and mittens have adorned the tree as gifts to local children.

We now add gift tags that are specific requests from our Outreach partner organizations such as the children of St. Stephen's or new mothers in the Bridges to Moms program. *Please take a tag and fulfill the wishes of a child in Boston or add mittens and hats to the tree at the back of the church.* Unwrapped packages with tags will be welcome and much appreciated. Please try to get these gifts under the tree **by December 12** if you can. Of course, later gifts will be gratefully received.

## First Aid Kits and Defibrillators

We have first aid kits in all the church school classrooms and both kitchens. We also have AED's (Automated External Defibrillator) on every floor: these are marked with big signs on the wall near the cabinet containing the AED. In that cabinet there is also Narcan and other emergency first aid items.

We also have a large first aid kit in the acolytes changing room. *If you are in need of emergency medicine, you should of course call 911*, but feel free to use the first aid kits for minor cuts and scrapes as needed.

## Nametags

Get to know folks and help everyone feel welcome by wearing a nametag. The membership committee offers reusable magnetic nametags for all members. If you would like a new or replacement nametag, contact Becky Hamlin • [dbhamlin@comcast.net](mailto:dbhamlin@comcast.net)

## **Parking on Denton Road**

In this holiday season, please be careful that you do not obstruct the driveways of our neighbors. We wish to maintain good relations with our neighbors and to extend to them the courtesy we would expect from others parking in our own roads. Thanks for your help with this!





# Gratitude

## St. Stephen's Families

A huge thanksgiving to everyone who made Thanksgiving special for St. Stephen's families. Thanks to the kids and their parents for packing 100 bags of carrots, potatoes, onions, stuffing, pumpkin, and cranberry sauce and more—and for loading all of that into the cars of the delivery squad, Jennifer & Tom Hanley, Alan Joachim, Paige & Herb Manning, and Jack & Jill Whiting. Thank you for your generous offering of funds to make this possible. (You can still donate online.)

## Gathering of the Greens and Advent Wreaths

Many thanks to the Hunnewells for hosting another successful *Gathering of the Greens* on Saturday morning. It was a beautiful day and we appreciate all who came out to gather greens that supplied the parish with the fixings for advent wreaths. A special note of thanks to Linda Lull who organized both the Saturday's *Gathering of the Greens* and who also oversaw the coffee hour set-up of wreath materials. And, many thanks to Becky Hamlin for sharing her artistic skills with parishioners on how to make the beautiful advent wreaths on Sunday morning. And, to Zebby & Al Dubé who were super helpful throughout and stayed 'til the end for the clean-up!

## **Advent Taizé-style Meditative Service**

Hearty thanks to the members of our parish who contributed to the beauty of our Advent Taizé-style Meditative Service: D.D. Alexander, Laura Brown MacKinnon, Liz Parsons, and Jenny Sawyer (members of our Taizé working group), and Liz Dean, Cynthia Hunt, and Barbara & Paul Shellito (members of our adult choir).

## **Turkey Trot**

Special thanks to our Turkey Trot photographer, Peter Lull, and Zebby & Al Dubé, who oversaw the St. Andrew's water table at the one-mile mark. We had a great morning and we won the largest team award!

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- The clergy are available to assist you if you email or call them if you or a member of your family expects to be in the hospital and wishes to be visited.
- Please let the clergy know of names that should be added to our prayer list.

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# Weekly Calendar

- The **Holy Eucharist** is celebrated on **Sundays at 8am, 10am** (*also online*) and **5pm**. **Morning Prayer** online is offered **Monday through Thursday at 8:30am** on our website, our YouTube Channel (*use the QR code for a link to our YouTube channel to watch the recording after the service*), and on Facebook.
- **Senior Choir** rehearsal is on **Thursdays at 7:30pm**.
- Staff is continuing to work some hours remotely. Generally, **parish office hours** are **Monday through Thursday, 9am to 4pm**, and **Friday, 9am to 12pm**. **Tuesday at noon is the deadline for any and all materials** to be included either in the bulletin or by email for the following Sunday.
- **12-Step Programs** Men's AA, Wednesdays at 8pm; Women's AA, Thursdays at 7pm; Emotions Anonymous, Saturdays at 9:30am; Sober Sisters AA, Saturdays at 10:30am.



## Sunday, December 4

8:55am Kids' Place Nursery  
9am Coffee Hour for the 8am worshippers  
9am Christian Learning  
9:45am Church School & Rite-13  
11am Coffee Hour and Alternative Gifts Fair  
11am Youth Music Rehearsal  
5pm Advent Lessons & Carols

## Wednesday, December 7

7:30pm Men's Book Club

## Sunday, December 11

8:55am Kids' Place Nursery  
9am Christian Learning  
9:45am Church School & Rite-13  
11am Coffee Hour  
11am Youth Music Rehearsal

## Monday, December 5

7pm RenewalWorks Planning Meeting



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