

ST. ANDREW'S  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

**Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**September 4, 2016**

Prelude

Processional Hymn 372 "Praise to the living God!"

*Leoni*

**The Word of God**

Opening Acclamation

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

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

Collect for Purity

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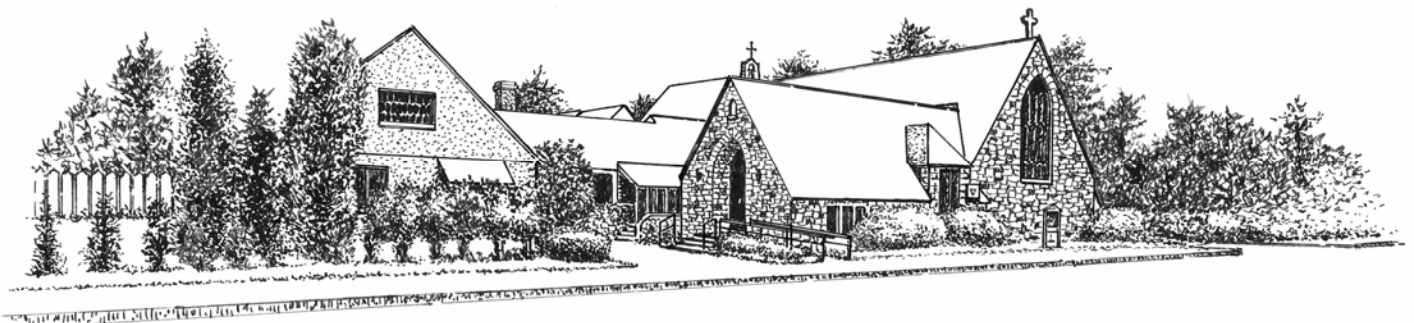
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William Mathias

Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* Together we pray.

*People* Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*



## First Lesson: Jeremiah 18:1-11

The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord: "Come, go down to the potter's house, and there I will let you hear my words." So I went down to the potter's house, and there he was working at his wheel. The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter's hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him.

Then the word of the Lord came to me: Can I not do with you, O house of Israel, just as this potter has done? says the Lord. Just like the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel. At one moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom, that I will pluck up and break down and destroy it, but if that

nation, concerning which I have spoken, turns from its evil, I will change my mind about the disaster that I intended to bring on it. And at another moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will build and plant it, but if it does evil in my sight, not listening to my voice, then I will change my mind about the good that I had intended to do to it. Now, therefore, say to the people of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: Thus says the Lord: Look, I am a potter shaping evil against you and devising a plan against you. Turn now, all of you from your evil way, and amend your ways and your doings.

*Reader*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      Thanks be to God.

## Psalm 139:1-5, 12-17

- 1 Lord, you have searched me out and known me; \*  
you know my sitting down and my rising up;  
you discern my thoughts from afar.
- 2 You trace my journeys and my resting-places \*  
and are acquainted with all my ways.
- 3 Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, \*  
but you, O Lord, know it altogether.
- 4 You press upon me behind and before \*  
and lay your hand upon me.
- 5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; \*  
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.
- 12 For you yourself created my inmost parts; \*  
you knit me together in my mother's womb.
- 13 I will thank you because I am marvelously made; \*  
your works are wonderful, and I know it well.

- 14 My body was not hidden from you, \*  
while I was being made in secret and woven in the depths of the earth.
- 15 Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb;  
all of them were written in your book; \*  
they were fashioned day by day, when as yet there was none of them.
- 16 How deep I find your thoughts, O God! \*  
how great is the sum of them!
- 17 If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the sand; \*  
to count them all, my life span would need to be like yours.

### Second Lesson: Philemon 1-21

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, to Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love—and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. Formerly he was useless to you, but now

he is indeed useful both to you and to me. I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother—especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn 635 "If thou but trust in God to guide thee" *Wer nur den lieben Gott*

Gospel: Luke 14:25-33

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

*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Now large crowds were traveling with Jesus; and he turned and said to them, "Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will

begin to ridicule him, saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions."

*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 the Bread and the Wine

Offertory Hymn 379 "God is Love, let heaven adore him"

*Abbot's Leigh*

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

*Old 100<sup>th</sup>*

Eucharistic Prayer C

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Sanctus S 130

Franz Schubert

Breaking of the Bread

Fraction Anthem S 151

David Hurd

*Ushers will direct the congregation to communion stations, starting from the rear of the church and moving forward. Gluten-free wafers are available. All are welcome to receive communion.*

Thanksgiving after Communion

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Blessing

Recessional Hymn 603 "When Christ was lifted from the earth"

*St. Botolph*

Dismissal

*Clergy* Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

*People* Thanks be to God.

Postlude



**Many thanks to our guest organist, John Skelton.**

**Please join us for refreshments following the 10am service.**

**Flowers today are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of  
Diane B. Feist, C. Kirkham Rand, and Miriam K. Rand.**

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

*Altar Guild* Molly Aitken, Bonnie Akins, Margaret Blackwell,  
Judith Boland, Laura Brown MacKinnon, Elsie Deane,  
Heidi Harper, Ann Johnson, Margarethe Kulke, and Paige Manning

**Serving at 8am**

*Lay Reader/Chalice Bearer* Michael Kemp  
*Ushers* Jane Givens and Mark Housel

**Serving at 10am**

*Chalice Bearers* Al Bornemann and Joe Hamilton  
*Lay Readers* Karen Pekowitz and Janet Giele  
*Ushers* Carter Houghton, Bob Prensner, Terri Rawson,  
Sonsat Tom-Quinn, Kris Vanin, and Michael Vanin

**Intercessions from the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer**

Trinity Chapel, Shirley

Church of Our Saviour, Somerset

St. James' Church, Somerville

Diocesan Youth Council, Youth Leadership Academy, and all Youth Ministries  
Congregations: Lectors, Worship Leaders, Eucharistic Ministers and Visitors



# About the Readings

From *Preparing for Sunday* [http://standrewswellesley.org/worship\\_reading.html](http://standrewswellesley.org/worship_reading.html)

**Jeremiah 18:1-11** Jeremiah began his prophetic ministry to Judah about 627 BC and ended it around 580 BC. He thus spans the period leading up to Judah's final defeat by the Babylonians (587 BC), the destruction of the temple and the exile of much of the population. In today's reading, Jeremiah describes God's activity using the image of the potter. Just as the potter can remake a spoiled clay vessel into a new one, so God can destroy and remake any nation, including Judah, which has been spoiled by evil. But Jeremiah also announces that the remedy to avert this disaster is available—listening to God's voice and turning from evil.

**Psalms 139:1-5, 12-17** This is a prayer for deliverance, uttered either in hopes of or in thanksgiving for God's verdict of innocence upon one accused of sin. The psalmist puts his trust in the all-knowing and ever-present God, confident that God must surely know he is not guilty. The Lord's hand is laid upon him in blessing and protection (Exodus 33:22). God has known him thoroughly and intimately since his conception. The psalmist acknowledges God's understanding of his

thoughts and ways and invites further examination and cleansing.

**Philemon 1-21** This is the only personal letter of Paul's to have been preserved. Paul writes from prison (perhaps in Ephesus around AD 56 or in Rome around AD 60), to Philemon, an earlier convert of Paul's (v. 19b), in whose home the local congregation now meets (v. 2). Philemon's slave, Onesimus, has run away but has been converted by Paul (v. 10). The legal penalties for runaway slaves were severe. Paul complies with the legal requirements by returning the slave and by making himself responsible for all damages due the owner. But by puns and gentle, indirect pleas he undercuts the legal situation. Playing with Onesimus's name (which means useful), Paul points out that the formerly useless slave is now useful to both of them and asks for Philemon's generosity (vv. 20-21). This is not merely suggested as a personal favor to Paul, but is grounded upon the recognition that the slave is now a "beloved brother" of his master, "in the flesh and in the Lord" (v. 16). Philemon is left to decide his own course of action: whether merely to refrain from punishing

Onesimus, or to free him or to accept him as a fellow evangelist (and perhaps send him back to Paul).

**Luke 14:25-33** In this reading, Jesus cautions those who accept the invitation into the kingdom too easily. In Semitic idiom, *hate* means to lack commitment or attachment, a point made clear in Matthew 10:37. Coming to Jesus for teaching and healing must be

complemented by following him as disciple and servant (9:23). The two brief parables illustrate the point that one must count the cost before undertaking a demanding enterprise. The tower is not a fortification, but a farm building, a watchtower or a silo. Verse 33 does not summarize the parable, but counts the cost of true discipleship: renunciation.





# Notices & Announcements

*Newcomers and visitors: We extend a warm welcome to those who are new in our community. Please fill out one of the welcome cards in the narthex (foyer) and hand it to a greeter for a fuller welcome!*

## 8am Coffee Hour Cancelled

The coffee hour for 8am worshipers at 9am, scheduled for **September 4**, is cancelled.

—Kate Clark • [kate@standrewswellesley.org](mailto:kate@standrewswellesley.org)

## Share a Summer Moment

As we come back together after a (hopefully) restful summer, we would like you to share a summer memory with us. Please send a photo of a summer adventure, a milestone you celebrated, etc. to be posted on the bulletin board outside the parish hall. Send your photo (.jpeg/.jpg) with a one line description of where/what the photo captures to [summerpics@standrewswellesley.org](mailto:summerpics@standrewswellesley.org) by **Wednesday, September 7**. Printed photos may be left in the wardens' mailbox in the copy room. Thanks for your participation!

—Lynda Sperry • [lynda.sperry@verizon.net](mailto:lynda.sperry@verizon.net)

## Apply to the Youth Leadership Academy

Youth entering grades 9 and 10 are invited to apply for the Youth Leadership Academy of the Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts. Applications are due **Wednesday, September 7**.

Applications are here: <http://www.diomassyouth.org/diocesanyouthprograms.htm>

— Rev. Catherine Healy

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## Youth Group Parents' Meeting

All parents of youth in grades 9-12 are invited to a brief meeting on **Sunday, September 11, at 9am** in the Rite-13 room to talk about their hopes and dreams for youth group this year. — Rev. Catherine Healy

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## Homecoming Sunday

We are looking forward to welcoming you "home" to St. Andrew's after the summer holidays. Our full regular schedule of worship services at 8am, 10am, and 5pm will recommence on **Sunday, September 11**.

Church school and Rite-13 classes also begin on **Sunday, September 11**. The Christian Learning Series will restart on **Sunday, September 18, at 9am**; the high school youth group will also begin on **Sunday, September 18, at 6:45pm**. — Rev. Adrian Robbins-Cole

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## All-Parish Picnic

Please plan to attend St. Andrew's annual all-parish picnic on the grounds of Luisa Hunnewell's home, 845 Washington Street, Wellesley, *immediately following the 10am service*. This event is a wonderful way to connect with the community while enjoying great food and fun activities for kids. Casual attire is encouraged at both church and the picnic. A delicious lunch will be provided.

We count on many volunteers to assist and make this event a success: To participate, please visit the St. Andrew's website and click SERVE, then SIGN-UP. We look forward to seeing you! — Jenny Sawyer

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## Run With St. Andrew's on Thanksgiving Day 2016

St. Andrew's is building a team to run the Wellesley Turkey Trot 5K on Thanksgiving Day. Runners and walkers alike are invited to join in this race (3 miles/5K for adults, less than 1 mile for children under age 10).

Registration is \$30 for teens/adults and \$10 for children, with all proceeds donated to fight cancer and help end hunger. Register at <http://wellesleyturkeytrotfoundation.org/>— choose *Join a Team* and select St. Andrew's from the list. The race fills quickly every year, so please join our team today.

— Rev. Margaret Schwarzer

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## Reading Mavens

The next meeting of the Reading Mavens coed book club is **Monday, September 12, at 7pm** in the Harvey Room. We will discuss *The Noise of Time*, by Julian Barnes. Newcomers are welcome. — Charlene Smith

• [charlenesmithwriter@gmail.com](mailto:charlenesmithwriter@gmail.com)

## Men's Book Club

The next meeting of the men's book club is **Wednesday, September 14, at 7:30pm** in the Harvey Room. We will discuss *Legacy of Ashes: The History of the CIA*, by Tim Weiner. Newcomers are welcome.

— Michael Vanin • [mcvanin1@gmail.com](mailto:mcvanin1@gmail.com)

## Rite-13 Lock-In

All Rite-13 youth (in grades 6-7) are invited to an overnight lock-in from **Friday, September 16 at 6pm to Saturday, September 17 at 8am**. Mark your calendars for pizza, games, movies, and more! — Rev. Catherine Healy

• [catherine@standrewswellesley.org](mailto:catherine@standrewswellesley.org)

## First Youth Group Meeting

The high school youth group will have its first meeting of the year on **Sunday, September 18, from 6:45 to 8pm** in the Rite-13 room. All youth in grades 9-12 are invited to attend. — Rev. Catherine Healy

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## Vickye Kivett Memorial Service

The date of Vickye's memorial service has been changed to **Saturday, October 1, at 11am**. All are welcome to attend the service to give thanks for Vickye's life and commend her soul to the mercy of God's keeping.

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## A picture's worth 1,000 words

That's why we're excited to be planning a fresh new pictorial directory of St. Andrew's parish family. And as with any family portrait, it won't be complete without you and your family represented!

Participating is easy. We'll be offering sessions with a professional photographer at the church on the following dates and times:

- Wednesday through Friday, September 28–30, 1 to 7pm
- Saturday, October 1, 10am to 4pm
- Wednesday through Friday, October 19–21, 1 to 7pm
- Saturday, October 22, 10am to 4pm

You may sign up online directly from St. Andrew's [home page](#) or via the link in our weekly e-Pistle. We will also have sign-up sheets in the narthex of the church and at the parish picnic on September 11. Sign up as soon as possible to get the best appointment to fit your schedule.

The program is available at no cost to the church. Every participating family/household that selects a pose for the directory will receive a free directory and a complimentary 8x10 portrait. You will have the opportunity to order additional portraits during your scheduled appointment time, but there is no

obligation to do so.

We can't wait to see your smiling face!

Questions? Contact Jenny Sawyer

- [jennysawyer10@gmail.com](mailto:jennysawyer10@gmail.com) or Nancy Hancock • [nancyhancock339@gmail.com](mailto:nancyhancock339@gmail.com).

## Senior Choir

Senior choir rehearsals begin **this Thursday, September 8 at 7:30pm** in the choir room.

We are looking for new members, and all are invited to join. High school students are welcome as well. Contact Wardie Mannix at [wardie@standrewswellesley.org](mailto:wardie@standrewswellesley.org), call her at 781/789-6462, or just come Thursday evening and give us a try!

## Prison Pen Pal

We have received a request for a pen pal from a male prisoner at the Massachusetts Correctional Institute in Shirley, MA. If this is something that might interest you, please see me—I have the letter and a photograph, which I can share with you.

— Rev. Adrian Robbins-Cole

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## Illness and Off-Hour Emergencies

The clergy are always available to assist you. Please email or call the clergy if you or a member of your family expects to be in the hospital and wishes to be visited. Also, please let us know of names that should be added to our prayer list. Our prayers and concerns are with all those in need.

— Rev. Adrian Robbins-Cole • 603/831-4938

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# Gratitude

## Summer Plant Watering

A great big thanks to Terri O'Toole, Ellen Staelin, and Jack & Jill Whiting for keeping our front gardens alive during this dry summer.

## Summer Office Volunteers

We have an amazing group of office volunteers who help keep this church running all year long. In some ways, managing the office is harder in the summer—even when so many people are on vacation, the phones must be answered! Thank you to Jo Dermer, Margarethe Kulke, Jenny Sawyer, Laura Stettner, Harriet Thompson, and Beverly Wood for their continued support in the office.

## Classroom School Cleanup

Many thanks to Jen Martin and Ingrid Houghton for their tireless work cleaning out classrooms, organizing the craft closet, and helping get church school ready for the new year!





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# Calendar

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- The **Holy Eucharist** is celebrated on Sundays at 8am & 10am. The 5pm service will restart on September 11. The **Holy Eucharist** is also celebrated every Wednesday at 7:30am. We offer healing prayer at this service. **Silent Contemplative Prayer** is offered weekdays at 8:45am.
- **Senior Choir** has rehearsal Thursday evenings at 7:30pm, and Sundays at 9am; **Junior Choir** also has rehearsal Sundays at 9am.
- **Parish Office** hours are Monday through Thursday, 9am to 5pm, and Friday, 9am to 12pm.

## Sunday, September 4

*See service schedule above*

*No church school*

## Tuesday, September 6

7:30pm Worship Committee

## Thursday, September 8

11am Holy Eucharist at North Hill

## Friday, September 9

4pm Youth Group Camping Trip

## Sunday, September 11

*See service schedule above*

9am High School Parents' Meeting

9:45am Church School & Rite-13

11:30am Parish Picnic

## Monday, September 12

7pm Reading Mavens

## Tuesday, September 13

9:15am Pastoral Care Team Meeting

## Wednesday, September 14

5:30pm Communications Meeting

7:30pm Men's Book Club

## Friday, September 16

6pm Rite-13 Lock-in

## Saturday, September 17

9:30am Acolyte Training

## Sunday, September 18

*See service schedule above*

9am Christian Learning Series

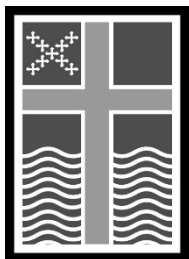
9am Church School New Teacher Training

9:45am Church School & Rite-13

11am Rite-13 Parents' Coffee Hour

6pm Crucifer Training

6:45pm High School Youth Group



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