



**ST. ANDREW'S**  
**EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
WELLESLEY, MASSACHUSETTS

*St. Andrew's is dedicated to supporting your spiritual life. Spirituality is how we are in relationship to God, to other people, to the world around us, and to ourselves.*

**First Sunday of Advent**  
**December 3, 2023**

*We are livestreaming the 10am service.*

Prelude *Piano Trio No. 2 in C Minor, Op.66 II*

Andante espressivo (1845)

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

Processional Hymn 61 "Sleepers, wake! A voice is sounding"

*Wachet auf*

Blessing of the Advent Wreath

*Celebrant* Blessed are you, Sovereign Lord, God of our ancestors: to you be praise and glory for ever! You called the patriarchs to live by the light of faith and to journey in the hope of your promised fulfilment. May we be obedient to your call and be ready and watchful to receive your Christ, a lamp to our feet and a light to our path; for you are our light and our salvation.

*People* Blessed be God for ever.

**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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*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* Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

First Lesson: Isaiah 64:1-9

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence—as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil—to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence!

When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.

From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him.

You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways.

But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed.

We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.

We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.

There is no one who calls on your name or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.

Yet, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand.

Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord, and do not remember iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

*The congregation is encouraged to sing the psalm.*



- 1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading <sup>1</sup>Joseph like a <sup>1</sup>flock; \*  
shine forth, you that are en<sup>1</sup>throned up<sup>1</sup>on the <sup>1</sup>cherubim.
- 2 In the presence of Ephraim, <sup>1</sup>Benjamin, and Ma<sup>1</sup>nasseh, \*  
stir up your <sup>1</sup>strength and <sup>1</sup>come to <sup>1</sup>help us.
- 3 Restore us, O <sup>1</sup>God of <sup>1</sup>hosts; \*  
show the light of your <sup>1</sup>countenance, and <sup>1</sup>we shall be <sup>1</sup>saved.
- 4 O LORD <sup>1</sup>God of <sup>1</sup>hosts, \*  
how long will you be angered  
de<sup>1</sup>spite the <sup>1</sup>prayers of your <sup>1</sup>people?
- 5 You have fed them with the <sup>1</sup>bread of <sup>1</sup>tears; \*  
you have given them <sup>1</sup>bowls of <sup>1</sup>tears to <sup>1</sup>drink.
- 6 You have made us the de<sup>1</sup>rision of our <sup>1</sup>neighbors, \*  
and our <sup>1</sup>enemies <sup>1</sup>laugh us to <sup>1</sup>scorn.
- 7 Restore us, O <sup>1</sup>God of <sup>1</sup>hosts; \*  
show the light of your <sup>1</sup>countenance, and <sup>1</sup>we shall be <sup>1</sup>saved.
- 16 Let your hand be upon the <sup>1</sup>man of your <sup>1</sup>right hand, \*  
the son of man you have <sup>1</sup>made so <sup>1</sup>strong for your <sup>1</sup>self.
- 17 And so will we never <sup>1</sup>turn a<sup>1</sup>way from you; \*  
give us life, that we may <sup>1</sup>call up<sup>1</sup>on your <sup>1</sup>Name.
- 18 Restore us, O LORD <sup>1</sup>God of <sup>1</sup>hosts; \*  
show the light of your <sup>1</sup>countenance, and <sup>1</sup>we shall be <sup>1</sup>saved.

Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened

among you—so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Reader*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn 68 “Rejoice! rejoice, believers”

*Llangloffan*

Gospel: Mark 13:24-37

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

*People*      Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, “In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in clouds’ with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

“From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth

will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

“But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.”

*Clergy*      The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*      Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

Rev. Sarah Robbins-Cole

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 *Adam lay ybounden*

Philip Ledger (1937-2012)

*Adam lay ybounden,  
Bounden in a bond;  
Four thousand winter  
Thought he not too long.  
And all was for an apple,  
An apple that he took,  
As clerkes finden written  
In their book.*

*Ne had the apple taken been  
The apple taken been;  
Ne had never our lady  
A-been heavene queen.  
Blessed be the time  
That apple taken was,  
Therefore we moun singen  
Deo gratias!*

Doxology Hymn 380 "Praise God from whom all blessings flow"

Old 100th

*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.*

Eucharistic Prayer A

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S129 Sanctus (front section of hymnal)

Robert Powell (b. 1932)

Breaking of the Bread

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

*People* Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

*All are welcome to receive communion. Ushers will direct the congregation.  
Gluten free wafers are available.*

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

Gerald Near

Communion Anthem *Jesus Christ the apple tree*

Daniel Pinkham (1923-2006)

text by Rev. Richard Hutchins (1761)

*The tree of life my soul hath seen,  
Laden with fruit and always green;  
The trees of nature fruitless be,  
Compared with Christ the Apple Tree.*

*His beauty doth all things excel,  
By faith I know but ne'er can tell  
The glory which I now can see,  
In Jesus Christ the Appletree.*

*For happiness I long have sought,  
And pleasure dearly I have bought;*

*I missed of all but now I see  
'Tis found in Christ the Appletree.*

*I'm weary with my former toil -  
Here I will sit and rest awhile,  
Under the shadow I will be,  
Of Jesus Christ the Appletree.*

*This fruit doth make my soul to thrive,  
It keeps my dying faith alive;  
Which makes my soul in haste to be  
With Jesus Christ the Appletree.*

Communion Hymn 63 "O heavenly Word, eternal Light" *Verbum Supernum prodiens*

Thanksgiving after Communion

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Blessing

Recessional Hymn 616 "Hail to the Lord's Anointed"

*Es flog ein kleins Waldvoegelein*

Dismissal

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

*People* Thanks be to God.

Postlude *Piano Trio No. 2 in C Minor, Op.66 I*

*Allegro energico e con fuoco*

Felix Mendelssohn

**We welcome and thank Wellesley College students**

Tatum Eppinger, violin, '27; Eva Villavicencio, cello, '24; and Kimi Lin, piano, '27

**Please join us after the service for coffee hour.**



**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* so that our clergy and members of our congregation can welcome you and help you get engaged with our church.



# Serving Today

**Altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving 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, Nancy Echlov,  
Wendy Haering, Ntonhle Kekana, Jennifer Martin, and Heather Schaefer

*Flowers* the Flower Guild

## **Serving at 8am**

*Lay Eucharistic Minister* Wendy Haering

*Ushers* Jane Givens and Mark Housel

## **Serving at 10am**

*Acolytes* Crucifer, Eloise Svedlund; Torch, Dininar Alpers;

Torch, Tawanda Masiwa; and Banner, Sino Masiwa

*Broadcast Tech Volunteer* Rob Brandt

*Lay Eucharistic Ministers* Sarah Dent, Suzy Littlefield,

Sarah Harris, and Paul Shackford

*Readers* Megan Burns and Tim Phillips

*Ushers* Terri Rawson-Wakefield, Kris Vanin,

Michael Vanin, and Michael Wakefield

## **Intercessions from the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer**

*Churches of the Alewife Deanery*

Church of Our Saviour, Arlington

St. John's Church, Arlington

Order of St. Anne & Bethany House of Prayer, Arlington

The Standing Committee

Brotherhood of St. Gregory



# St. Andrew's Cheerful Givers

## 2024 Stewardship Campaign Givers

**226 of target 300 givers through November 28, 2023**

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

Anonyomous (1)

Bonnie Akins

Hope Aldrich

Pam & Elmore Alexander

Jill Allen & Kenneth Graves

Holly & Travis Anza

Amy & Owen Bacewicz

Veronica & Douglas Bacon

Laurin Baldwin

Connie & Peter Barnes

Wendy & Jonathan Barry

Maggie & Jonathan Baxter

Merle Bazile

Christine & Steve Beach

Dell Beggs

Peggy & Mark Benjamin

Barbara Bergstrom

Sally Blackman

Margaret & Jim Blackwell

David Boghosian

Judith & Giles Boland

Mark Bono & Beth Gilbert-Bono

Al Bornemann

Melissa & Jack Bradley

Lacey & Robert Brandt

Dara & Christopher Brigham

Brooke & Eric Brown

Karen & Al Budney

Joyce & Buck Bukaty

Megan & Sam Burns

Elizabeth & Arthur Butcher

Pam Byron

Alice & Kent Campbell

John Carey

Kim Carlson

Adams Carroll & Janet Wu

Miranda Chapman

Jean & John Childs

Elizabeth & Stephen Clarke

Sally Collier

Kathryn & Harry Condon

Caroline Conlin & Jessie Cochran

Beverly Costa

Kristy & Thomas Cunningham

Amanda & Charles Curtis

Jean Dalton



Peter D'Anieri & Julie Koeninger

Becca & Ryan Daws

Elizabeth Dean

Elsie & Jim Deane

Cathleen & James Dehn

Ashley Denton

Jo Dermer

Kristin & Thomas Donahue

Nancy Echlov

Ruth & George Ecker

Nancy & Richard Ehrlichman

Bianka & Lee Eichelberger

Bettina & Arnout Eikeboom

Heidi & Chris Emerson

Thomas Engels & Wendy Haering

Natalie & Caleb Farny

Heather & Travis Faust

Jean & Curt Feuer

George Fischer & Sarah Klein

Kim & Scott Francour

Linda Gallo

Erica Gelser & Stephen Mahoney

Janet Giele

Jane Givens

Blair Glennon & Wayne Kernochan

Jan & Suzanne Gleysteen

Katey & Chuck Goehring

Nancy Goodnow

Nicole Goodnow-Hussey

Anne Grape

Mary-Laura & Grant Greely

Harry Grey & Cam McCormick

Deedee & Corey Griffin

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 Hoffmann

Vivian & Stephen Holland

Barbara & Bernie Horan

Joanna Horobin & Alan Joachim

Mark Housel

Lisa Howe

Caroline & Bradford Hudson

Luisa Hunnewell & Larry Newman

Luisa Hunnewell

Emily & Frank Hunnewell

Cynthia & Sam Hunt

Joe Jankowski

Muffy & Peter Johannsen

Jeanne Johnsen

Ann & Lane Johnson

Nancy & Allen Jones

Scott Jones

Ingrid & Timm Kainen

Peter Kaufman & Marshall McKee

Donna & Toby Kell

Susan & Dan Kemp  
Michael Kemp  
Jane Kettendorf  
Earl Kivett  
Ruthie Klinck  
Debby & Chuck Klotz  
Nancy Kohl & Robert Ware  
Edwin Krieg  
Bernhard Kulke  
Scott Kwiker & Rita Sadowski  
Lisabeth & Fred Lane  
Leslie & Bill Lee  
Suzy & Josh Littlefield  
Debbie Lorenz  
Patricia & Travis Lowe  
Linda & Peter Lull  
Isabel Lyndon  
Lakey & Hugh MacArthur  
Ellen MacFadyen  
Pat MacKinnon  
Laura Brown MacKinnon &  
Bruce MacKinnon  
Anne Manners  
Paige & Herb Manning  
Rebekah & Jim Mannix  
Jennifer & Ansley Martin  
Alison Martin  
Chris & Bill McAvoy  
Kimberly & Brian McCaslin  
Libby McClintock  
Llynda McFarlane  
Karen & Tom Melican  
Paul Merry  
Karen Metcalf  
Diane Mitchell  
Stephanie & Bradley Mitchell  
Lois & Douglas Mizzi  
Debbie & Tom Monti  
David Morris & Gena Peditto  
Lauren & David Murphy  
Bobby Murray  
Marie Narcisse  
Bonny Nothern  
Suzanne & Will Nystrom  
Anne & Mark O'Hearne  
Lisa Onorato & David Welch  
Debbie & David Osborn  
Terri O'Toole  
Thomas Palmer  
Caren & Randy Parker  
Tim Phillips & Nora Tracy Phillips  
Nancy Place  
Joanne Potter  
Betsy Powell  
Alex & Paula Powers  
Anne & Bob Prensner  
Terri Rawson-Wakefield  
Dot Reed  
Linda Reineman  
Madeline & Michael Richards  
Sandra Rigney  
Laura & Madison Riley  
Sarah & Adrian Robbins-Cole  
Elizabeth Robbins-Cole  
William Robbins-Cole  
Rennie Roberts

Julie & Mason Ross  
Barbara & Frank Rowbotham  
Deb Russo  
Jenny & Mark Sawyer  
Victor Calcaterra & Mary Scanlon  
Heather & Sam Schaefer  
Ann Schwarz  
Margaret Schwarzer  
Cynthia & Larry Scott  
Martha Sears  
Paul Shackford  
Barbara & Paul Shellito  
Cynthia & David Sheridan  
Benjamin & Allison Shirley  
Ginny & Drew Snow  
Linda Fink Specht  
Lynda Sperry & Bill Wiberg  
Carol & Stephen Spinelli  
Joan & Frank Stasiowski  
Ann & David Steele  
Laura Stettner  
Deborah & Peter Strzetelski  
Carol Sullivan  
Charlotte & Tim Surgenor  
Elizabeth & Jonas Svedlund

Nancy & Craig Tashjian  
Bruce Taylor and Laurie Oliver-Taylor  
Robin Taylor  
Eleanor Tedesco  
Harriet Thompson  
Lia Tron  
Joann Tuytschaevers  
Coryell & Greg Urban  
Kris & Michael Vanin  
Betsy & Rob Veidenheimer  
Katherine Vig  
Anna Lee & Justin Wahls  
Sandy & Bob Warren  
Christy West  
Jill & Jack Whiting  
Ken Wiberg  
Virginia & Geoffrey Wickwire  
Laurie & Jeff Witt  
Lorri Woodacre  
Maggy 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

## Salamu Maria

Hail Mary, in Swahili

Speaking about the painting he created, artist Brother Mickey McGrath said, “Black Madonna’s have been venerated as sources of healing and inspiration for centuries. St. Ignatius’ life was changed when he prayed before Our Lady of Montserrat in Spain. In our own anxious times of racial and religious strife, we need Mary’s wisdom and peace more than ever.”

*Bwana yu Nawe*, which is on the scroll clasped by Jesus, is Swahili for *the Lord is with You*. “Oh Clement, Oh Loving, Oh Sweet Virgin Mary” in the white box does not reference Clement the Pope. Clement is the Latin word for merciful. The Hail Mary in Swahili follows the English translation:

*Hail Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy, our Life, our Sweetness, and our Hope. To Thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve. To Thee do we send up our sighs mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn then, most gracious Advocate, Thine Eyes of Mercy toward us, and after this our exile show us the Blessed Fruit of thy Womb, Jesus. Oh Clement, Oh loving, Oh Sweet Virgin Mary. Pray for us O Holy Mother of God, that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.*

*Salamu Maria, umejaa neema,*

*Bwana yu nawe.*

*Umebarikiwa kuliko wanawake wote,*

*na Iesu, mzaao wa tumbo lako, amebarikiwa.*

*Maria Mtakatifu, Mama wa Mungu,*

*utuombe sisi wakosefu,*

*sasa na saa ya kufa kwetu. Amina.*



# Family Advent & Christmas Events

## **Advent Wreath-Making** Sunday, December 3 at 11:15am

Everyone is invited to make Advent wreaths in the parish hall following the 10am service with local evergreens. Please bring your own wire wreath rings and candles or these can be purchased (\$12 for the ring and \$5 for the candles,) cash or check preferred.

## **Little Angels' Gift Shop and Family Cookies & Carols**

Friday, December 8

One of St. Andrew's best-loved traditions is the Little Angels' Gift Shop and Family Cookies & Carols night. There's something for all ages: while the children shop, adults are welcome to some child-free, stress-free Christmas cheer and cookie swapping in the parish hall.

### **Little Angels'** at 5:30pm

No adults allowed! Children (pre-K through grade 5) are invited to purchase small gifts for family members at this beloved gift shop, held in Room 2. Kids in grades 6 to 12 will assist with gift wrapping.

### **Cookies & Carols** at 6:30pm

Bring your favorite cookies to share. No time to bake? Come anyway! Pizza and drinks will be provided from 5:30 to 6:30pm. Finally, at 6:30pm caroling! Dress warmly, as we will be caroling door-to-door along Denton Road, spreading Christmas cheer!

## **Christmas Pageant**

Sunday, December 17 at 9am

Christmas pageant participants gather for the pageant at 9am on Sunday, December 17. The pageant replaces the lessons and sermon for our 10am Eucharistic service.



# Christmas & Epiphany Services

## **Advent Taizé-style Service** Sunday, December 3 at 5:45pm

Join us for 100 flickering candles, chanted prayer, and holy silence. This service is shaped by the worship of the monastic Christian community in Taizé, France ([taize.fr/en](http://taize.fr/en)).

## **Advent Lessons & Carols** Sunday, December 10 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 13 at 7pm

If you or someone you love has had a hard year, come rest in the promise of God's love. Join us in the Transept Chapel.

## **Christmas Eve Services** Sunday, December 24 (3pm & 5pm will be broadcast)

### **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, choral anthems, and a sermon. A 20-minute musical prelude precedes the hour-long service with the full choir and a string quartet.

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

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

## **Epiphany Fireside Service & Dinner** Sunday, January 7 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 dinner.



# 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.*

## Christmas Pageant!

There will be **two mandatory rehearsals, today, December 3 and Sunday, December 10 after the 10am service.** Snacks will be provided, but children with dietary restrictions should bring their own. All children are welcome but children who are five or younger must have an accompanying parent. The pageant will be **on Sunday, December 17 at the 10am service.**

## 9am Christian Learning

Our 9am Christian learning class will be in **Room 2 today.** Join us in person or online ([Zoom link here and in the e-Pistle](#)).

**Today, December 3** join us for *The End Times of Advent* taught by Margaret Schwarzer. Come learn about the second coming of Christ hidden in Advent preparation. **Sunday, December 10,** join us for *Visio Divina: The Creche Interpreted in Art*, taught by Margaret Schwarzer. We will soulfully consider two different paintings of the birth of Christ and reflect upon what each artist wants to communicate about Christmas.

Everyone is welcome; come for every class or just ones that interest you. We have childcare at 8:55am in Kids' Place so parents can join our class (or sing in the senior choir).  
—Rev. Margaret Schwarzer

## Taizé-style Service on First Advent

Join us **today, December 3 at 5:45pm** for 100 flickering votive candles, chanted prayer and holy silence. The service is shaped by the worship of the [monastic Taizé Christian community in Taizé, France](#). This service will be broadcast. —Rev. Margaret Schwarzer

## Cookies for Lessons & Carols

We will have a **festive reception on the patio after the 5pm service on December 10** with mulled wine, hot cider, and an array of homemade cookies. This is where you come in! Please bring a plate of your favorite cookies to add to the tables.

## The Alternative Gift Fair

The Alternative Gift Fair is **Sunday, December 10 at coffee hour;** you can buy gifts for our Outreach partners in honor of your family and friends: such as groceries for the Wellesley Food Pantry; books for El Hogar; bed linens for families moving into a first apartment from homelessness and more! Look for a downloadable AGF form in the e-Pistle or get one at church.

## Village Church Tea

Wellesley Village Church women are inviting the women of St. Andrew's to attend their **Christmas Tea and Piano Concert on Tuesday, December 12 at 1 pm.** "Please join us for a special piano concert performed by Alexander Xhoja, a talented young musician who received the 2023 Most Valuable Player award from the Massachusetts Association of Jazz Education. He is currently studying at the Berklee School of Music on a full scholarship. The performance will be followed by our annual Christmas tea with light refreshments. **Please RSVP by Tuesday, December 5 to [normajeankamar@gmail.com](mailto:normajeankamar@gmail.com).**"

## The Season of Giving

Our **Giving Tree** has a rich and generous history. It was started in the mid-1950s by Anne Austill, the director of the St. Andrew's church school, who was inspired by a similar tree 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.

Our tree now includes gift tags with specific requests from people served by our outreach partners, such as the children of St. Stephen's Youth Program or new mothers in the Bridges to Moms program. *Please take a tag from the tree at the back of the church, and fulfill the wishes of a child in Boston or a new*

*mother.* Unwrapped packages will be welcome and much appreciated. Please attach the original request tag and try to get these gifts under the tree **by Monday, December 12** if you can. Of course, later gifts will be gratefully received.

## Blue Christmas Service

Join us on **Wednesday, December 13 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 endures. We can each choose to light a candle to honor the person or hard time we are acknowledging.

—Rev. Margaret Schwarzer

## Confirmation Class

**On Sunday, December 17,** the Confirmation class is meeting **at 5:45pm.** We will start out **in Room 202.** We will be learning about what it means to learn about prayer.

## St. Andrew's Outreach Season of Thanks and Giving 2023

- Call for Warm Winter Coats in December
- The Giving Tree will be put up on December 1
- The Alternative Gift Fair will be on Sunday, December 10.
- Calling all cookie bakers for gift bags for seniors in December



## Parking on Denton Road

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

## Call for Warm Winter Coats

**Circle of Hope** is a Needham-based non-profit that partners with homeless shelters, healthcare clinics, and community programs in Boston/MetroWest. Every coat donated will go directly to migrant families staying in shelters and emergency housing facilities that Circle of Hope supports. **They need coats of all sizes**, small to XL, for children, teens, women, and men. Please only give gently used coats that you yourself would wear and if possible washed (dry cleaning is not necessary). There are two bins for coats, one in the office hallway and one in the parish hall.

## Open Bible Study, December

The Gospel of Mark is the oldest, shortest and most breathlessly told Gospel. Only 16 chapters long. This month, join us to read and consider Chapter 4. We will meet on [Tuesday, December 12 at 11am](#) and on [Tuesday, December 12 at 7 pm](#), a onetime change from our usual Wednesday evening time. Both events meet in the Harvey Room and on Zoom. (Zoom links above and in the e-Pistle.)—Rev. Margaret Schwarzer

## Year End Donations

Looking towards year end, please observe the following best practices 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 (2023 Pledge, 2024 Pre-paid Pledge, Capital Campaign, etc.)
- **In-person:** Drop in the collection plate **by December 25** or at the church office by noon on December 29.
- **Online Realm or website:** If paying by credit card, please process your request **by December 26**. If paying by ACH, process by December 27. Payments submitted online can take 48 hours to be received and will not be credited to your 2023 statement if received in 2024.
- **By mail:** Please mail by **December 15** to allow for holiday mail delays.

**For your 2023 pledge balance**, log in to *Realm* and go to “Giving” where your payments and balance will be listed. **For 2024**, you can set up automatic payments within *Realm* specifying the amount and frequency as well as a start and end date to have your pledge payments paid and recorded. Please reach out with questions and thank you for your continued support of St. Andrew’s! —Joanne Butler

## Parish Photo Release

We recognize that safety and privacy are of primary concern to members of our congregation. After researching best practices and reaching out to our national church, the communications committee developed a policy *not to identify anyone by name in website photos* in the fall of 2013. We also agreed to publish the following release language in registration forms, The Call, service leaflets, annual reports, and any future publications. This language is as follows:

*Occasionally, we may take photographs or videos of St. Andrew's-related activities. By appearing at and/or participating in any such activities, you are aware that you may appear in such pictures and agree to let us use such images in related communications (including*

*print and web usage), and you agree to release St. Andrew's from any liability, damages, or claims whatsoever that might arise from such use. This notice also applies to any members of your family appearing and/or participating in such church activities. Our policy is that we will not identify anyone by name on website photos.*

For any questions or more information about photos and usage please contact Katharine Clark

**Wellesley College Chamber Music Today, December 3, at 2pm**, Wellesley College music students will present a chamber music concert here in the sanctuary. It is free and all are welcome to enjoy this wonderful music from our neighbors down the street.



## Gratitude

### Wellesley Turkey Trot

A high-spirited "thank you" to everyone who got up early on Thanksgiving morning to run the Wellesley Turkey Trot at 8am. Seventy members of our St. Andrew's team pounded down pavement, raising money for charity. Special shout outs to Peter Lull, our photographer, Ansley Martin, who passed out our red hats, and Al & Zebby Dubé, co-chairs of our St. Andrew's water table. Our youngest teammate was 4 and our oldest teammate was 80! A grand time was had by all.

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- In an emergency, please contact Adrian on his cell phone, 603/831-4938. Additional clergy cell phone numbers are: Margaret Schwarzer, 617/733-0661, and Sarah Robbins-Cole, 603/831-4711.
- 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*), and on Facebook.
- **Senior Choir** rehearsal is on **Thursdays at 7:30pm**.
- **Parish office hours** are (generally) **Monday through Thursday, 9am to 4pm**, and **Friday, 9am to 12pm**, unless otherwise noted or announced. **Tuesday at noon is the deadline for 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 3

8:55am Kids' Place  
9 Coffee Hour For 8am Worshippers  
9am Christian Learning  
9:45am Church School  
11am Coffee Hour & Wreath-Making  
11am Pageant Rehearsal  
5:45pm Taizé-style Service

## Wednesday, December 6

7:30pm Men's Book Club

## Thursday, December 7

*Annual Report deadline*  
9:45am Church School Committee  
12pm Beginner's Bible Study

## Friday, December 8

5:30pm Little Angels Gift Shop  
6:30pm Cookies & Carols

## Sunday, December 10

8:55am Kids' Place  
9am Christian Learning  
9:45am Church School  
11am Coffee Hour  
11am Alternative Gift Fair  
11am Pageant Rehearsal



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