



# ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

## Second Sunday of Advent December 9, 2018

Prelude *Nun komm der Heiden Heiland* BWV 659

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Processional Hymn 67 "Comfort, comfort ye my people"

*Psalm 42*

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

Opening Acclamation

Book of Common Prayer p. 355

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

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

Collect for Purity

BCP p. 355

Trisagion S102 (front section of hymnal)

Alexander Archangelsky (1846-1924)

*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: Baruch 5:1-9

Take off the garment of your sorrow and affliction, O Jerusalem, and put on forever the beauty of the glory from God. Put on the robe of the righteousness that comes from God; put on your head the diadem of the glory of the Everlasting; for God will show your splendor everywhere under heaven. For God will give you evermore the name, "Righteous Peace, Godly Glory." Arise, O Jerusalem, stand upon the height; look toward the east, and see your children gathered from west and east at the word of the Holy One, rejoicing that God has remem-

bered them. For they went out from you on foot, led away by their enemies; but God will bring them back to you, carried in glory, as on a royal throne. For God has ordered that every high mountain and the everlasting hills be made low and the valleys filled up, to make level ground, so that Israel may walk safely in the glory of God. The woods and every fragrant tree have shaded Israel at God's command. For God will lead Israel with joy, in the light of his glory, with the mercy and righteousness that come from him.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

## Canticle 16

Richard Clark

*The congregation is encouraged to sing the psalm.*



- 1 Blessèd be the Lord, the <sup>1</sup>God of <sup>1</sup>Israel; \*  
he has come to his <sup>1</sup>people and <sup>1</sup>set them <sup>1</sup>free.
- 2 He has raised up for us a <sup>1</sup>mighty <sup>1</sup>savior, \*  
born of the <sup>1</sup>house of his <sup>1</sup>servant <sup>1</sup>David.
- 3 Through his holy prophets he promised of old,  
that he would <sup>1</sup>save us from our <sup>1</sup>enemies, \*

- 4 He promised to show<sup>1</sup>mercy to our<sup>1</sup>fathers \*  
and to re<sup>1</sup>member his<sup>1</sup>holy<sup>1</sup>covenant.
- 5 This was the oath he swore to our<sup>1</sup>father<sup>1</sup>Abraham, \*  
to set us<sup>1</sup>free from the<sup>1</sup>hands<sup>1</sup>of our<sup>1</sup>enemies,
- 6 Free to worship him with<sup>1</sup>out<sup>1</sup>fear, \*  
holy and righteous in his<sup>1</sup>sight all the<sup>1</sup>days of our<sup>1</sup>life.
- 7 You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the<sup>1</sup>Möst<sup>1</sup>High, \*  
for you will go before the<sup>1</sup>Lord to pre<sup>1</sup>pare his<sup>1</sup>way,
- 8 To give his people<sup>1</sup>knowledge of sal<sup>1</sup>vation \*  
by the for<sup>1</sup>giveness<sup>1</sup>of their<sup>1</sup>sins.
- 9 In the tender com<sup>1</sup>passion of our<sup>1</sup>God \*  
the dawn from on<sup>1</sup>high shall<sup>1</sup>break up<sup>1</sup>on us,
- 10 To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the<sup>1</sup>  
<sup>1</sup>shadow of<sup>1</sup>death, \*  
and to guide our<sup>1</sup>feet into the<sup>1</sup>way of<sup>1</sup>peace.

*(Gloria Patri may be omitted)*

Glory to the Father, and<sup>1</sup>to the<sup>1</sup>Son, \*  
and<sup>1</sup>to the<sup>1</sup>Holy<sup>1</sup>Spirit:  
As it was in the be<sup>1</sup>ginning, is<sup>1</sup>now, \*  
and<sup>1</sup>will be for<sup>1</sup>ever. A<sup>1</sup>men.

## Second Lesson: 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.

*Reader*        The Word of the Lord.

*People*        Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn 65 "Prepare the way, O Zion"

*Bereden väg för Herran*

Gospel: Luke 3:1-6

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

*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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.'"

*Clergy* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

Rev. Catherine Healy

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

BCP p. 360

Peace

Announcements

## **The Holy Communion**

Presentation of Bread and Wine

Offertory Anthem *The record of John*

Orlando Gibbons (1583–1625)

*This is the record of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites to Jerusalem to ask him: Who art thou? And he confessed and said plainly: I am not the Christ. And they asked him: What art thou then? Art thou Elias? And he said: I am not. Art thou the prophet? And he answer'd: No. Then said they unto him: What art thou? That we may give as answer to them that sent us. What say'st thou of thy self? And he said: I am the voice of him that crieth in the wilderness: Make straight the way of the Lord.*

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

Old 100th

Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP p. 361

Sanctus S 127

Calvin Hampton

Fraction Anthem S 151

David Hurd

Breaking of the Bread

***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.***

Communion Anthem *People, look east*

Besançon Carol

*People, look east. The time is near  
Of the crowning of the year.  
Make your house fair as you are able,  
Trim the hearth and set the table.  
People, look east and sing today:  
Love, the guest, is on the way.  
Furrows, be glad. Though earth is bare,  
One more seed is planted there:  
Give up your strength the seed to nourish,  
That in course the flower may flourish.  
People, look east and sing today:  
Love, the rose, is on the way.  
Birds, though you long have ceased to build,  
Guard the nest that must be filled.  
Even the hour when wings are frozen*

*God for fledging time has chosen.  
People, look east and sing today:  
Love, the bird, is on the way.  
Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim  
One more light the bowl shall brim,  
Shining beyond the frosty weather,  
Bright as sun and moon together.  
People, look east and sing today:  
Love, the star, is on the way.  
Angels, announce with shouts of mirth  
Christ who brings new life to earth.  
Set every peak and valley humming  
With the word, the Lord is coming.  
People, look east and sing today:  
Love, the Lord, is on the way.*

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

Ascension

Thanksgiving after Communion

BCP p. 365

Blessing

Recessional Hymn 76 "On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry"

*Winchester New*

Dismissal

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

*People* Thanks be to God.

Postlude *Gottes Sohn ist kommen BWV 600*

J.S. Bach

**Please join us for coffee hour after the 10am service today,**  
hosted by Julie Koeninger & Peter D'Anieri and Amy Wilson



**Flowers today are given to the Glory of God and in celebration of the life of**  
Corydon P. Cronk.

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

*Altar Guild* D.D. Alexander, Dell Beggs, Terri Burnell, Jean Childs, Elizabeth Clarke,  
Caren Parker, Cynthia Scott, Carol Sullivan, and Liz Tecca

*Flower Guild* Cynthia Ballantyne and Melissa Bradley

**Serving at 8am**

*Lay Reader/Chalice Bearer* Margaret Blackwell

*Usher* Jane Givens & Mark Housel

**Serving at 10am**

*Acolytes* Elizabeth Robbins-Cole, Scott Sawyer, Miles Olivetti,  
Annika Svedlund, and Sterling Williams

*Chalice Bearers* Adams Carroll, Eliot Heher, Meg Harris, and Ann Johnson

*Greeters* Wendy & Jonathan Barry

*Lay Readers* Ann Johnson, Janet Giele, and Meg Harris

*Ushers* David Boghosian, Giles Boland, Tim Phillips, Larry Scott, and Paul Zusky

## 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



# About The Readings

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

**Baruch 5:1-9** This book is attributed to Baruch, secretary to the prophet Jeremiah, and claims to have been written during the exile in Babylon to the people who remained in Jerusalem (1:1-4). It is composed of a prose section (1:1-3:8), describing the repentance needed for God to end their exile, and a poetic section, which contains two poems, one on wisdom (3:9-4:4) and a second on restoration (4:5-5:9). The two sections differ in style, vocabulary and viewpoint, seemingly indicating that the book may have had at least two authors. The book, which is addressed to a people in dispersion, has been dated anywhere from the Maccabean period, about 175 BCE, to the period after 60 BCE. Today's reading comprises the end of the second poem, which takes up the hopeful theme of the exiles' return to Jerusalem. Jerusalem will be glorified and will

receive a new name to mark her destiny. All God's dispersed children will be gathered again, and the Lord will make a path for them.

**About the *The Song of Zechariah* (Canticle 16): Luke 1:68-79** Zechariah's song or canticle introduces Luke's technique of paralleling the experiences of men and women. Just as Mary broke into song with her "Magnificat" (1:46-55), now Zechariah echoes the same theme: when God breaks into our lives, everything is changed! Zechariah praises God for bringing salvation by fulfilling the promises to Abraham and David. He recognizes the unique role of John the Baptist who prepares the way, offering knowledge of Jesus and forgiveness of sin. God's salvation in Jesus, a gift from above like the daylight we receive each

day, will enlighten us and guide us to peace.

**Philippians 1:3-11** Paul had a close relationship with the community in Philippi, which was the first community he formed in Europe. The Philippians, in turn, supported him throughout his years of ministry. Paul is writing to them from prison (1:13)—most likely from Rome about AD 61. Today’s reading introduces the letter with a salutation (1:1-2) and a thanksgiving (1:3-11). The greeting combines the usual Greek (“grace”) and Hebrew (“peace”) salutations, gifts that come not from Paul and Silas but through them from God. Paul’s thanksgiving for the Philippians focuses on their constant help with his gospel ministry (1:5) and their participation in financial support (4:15). Paul prays that God will continue their spiritual growth until “the day of Christ”—the Old Testament “day of the Lord,” one of judgment and glory, when they will show everyone the results of their loving relationships.

**Luke 3:1-6** Luke sets his account of John’s preaching, and thus the beginning of Jesus’ ministry, firmly into the context

of world history. Into this world comes God’s word manifesting God’s active power, as revealed to the prophet John. For Luke, John is the last of the Old Testament prophets, summing up salvation-history to that point and preparing for its fulfillment. At the Jordan, the entrance to the promised land where the exodus generation had been “baptized” by crossing the river to show their commitment to live as the covenant community, John proclaims a baptism that signifies repentance and results in forgiveness. He invites those baptized to emerge from the water and enter the new community of God’s kingdom. John’s baptism was modeled after a Jewish custom of baptizing Gentile proselytes who wished to become Jews. This cleansed them from ritual defilement and marked a total break with their earlier life. Luke quotes Isaiah 40:3 to show that John’s proclamation marks the fulfillment of God’s plan. John prepares the way for Jesus; making straight paths for him. Luke adds Isaiah 40:4-5 to emphasize the universality of God’s saving work: “All flesh shall see the salvation of God.”





# 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!*

## Advent Lessons & Carols

All are invited to our annual Advent Lessons & Carols Service **tonight, December 9, at 5pm**: a candlelight reception will follow.

— Wardie Mannix

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## Alternative Gift Fair

St. Andrew's will hold our annual holiday Alternative Gift Fair **today, December 9, after the 10am service**. The fair benefits our outreach partners and offers the opportunity to support many ministries and give a gift that keeps on giving. — Heidi Harper

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## Christmas Pageant Signups

All children and youth are invited to join in the Christmas pageant. Auditions and rehearsals are as follows:

- **Sunday, December 9, 11:15am**: Rehearsal for speaking roles
- **Saturday, December 15, 9:40am to 12pm**: Rehearsal for all participants
- **Sunday, December 16, 9am**: Participants gather for 10am pageant!

— Amanda Kern

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## Mitten Tree

The St. Andrew's mitten tree is in the parish hall. This is a long-standing outreach ministry. Please bring new hats, gloves, and mittens for those in need this winter.

— Heidi Harper

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## 5pm Christmas Eve Intergenerational Choir Signup

We are looking for people and families, big and small, all ages, all music levels, to be part of the 5pm Christmas Eve Intergenerational Choir. This choir is an opportunity to make your Christmas Eve at St. Andrew's even more special by singing in the choir with your family and friends! Please sign up with Amanda or Wardie. Important dates to remember:

- **Sunday, December 23, 11:30am to 1:30pm**: Choir rehearsal in the sanctuary. Pizza after rehearsal!
- **Monday, December 24, 4pm**: Meet in the choir room for warm-ups and a final rehearsal. Sing at the **5pm** service.

— Amanda Kern

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## 9am Christian Learning

Join us **today, December 9**, when Adrian Robbins-Cole, speaks on *Archbishop Williams: Being a Disciple of Forgiveness*. On **Sunday, December 16**, spiritual directors from The Bethany House of Prayer will lead us in a forgiveness meditation. Join us in **Room 2 at 9am**. All are welcome.

— Rev. Margaret K. Schwarzer

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## Firearm Safety Task Force

The St. Andrew's Firearm Safety Task Force monthly meeting will be **today, December 9, at 11:30am in the Harvey Room**. We are hoping that parishioners with interest in this issue will join us to explore how we as Christians can respond to the ongoing epidemic of firearms-related deaths in our country. — Paul Merry

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## Bible Circle: Isaiah

Bible Circle will meet on the morning of **Tuesday, December 11, at 10:30am in the Harvey Room** and the evening of **Wednesday, December 12 from 7 to 8pm in Room 2**. Our topic is the book of Isaiah, one of the most important prophetic books in Judaism and Christianity. In it, the prophet calls God's people to lead a life of service and honor. At our December meeting, we will read and discuss Chapters 8 through 9:7. All are welcome. Please bring your Bible (we have new Oxford Annotated Bibles to share). — Margarethe Kulke

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## First Aid Kits

We have first aid kits in all the church school classroom and both kitchens. 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.

— Rev. Adrian Robbins-Cole

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## Book Circle

Book Circle will meet on **Thursday, December 13, at 7pm in the Harvey Room** to discuss *I Heard the Owl Call My Name*, a novel by Margaret Craven. Please join us for lively conversation, perspective, and friendship. — Betsy Millane

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## Confirmation Prep & Youth Group

Confirmation prep and youth group will next meet **Sunday, December 16**, with eighth-grade confirmation prep from **5 to 6:30pm** and high school youth group from **6:45 to 8pm**. All youth are welcome.

— Rev. Catherine Healy

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## Youth Group Alumni Night

On **Sunday, December 16, from 6:45 to 8pm**, recent high school grads (2016–2018) are invited to drop by the parish hall and join the current youth group members for a Christmas party! — Rev. Catherine Healy

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## Family Promise Angel Tree

Be an angel for a child in need this Christmas! The church school committee is organizing an “angel tree” for the homeless families of Family Promise Metrowest. To participate, take an ornament from the tree in the parish hall, buy the gift listed on the ornament, and return it (unwrapped) to St.

Andrew’s by **Sunday, December 16**. Not a shopper? You may also contribute by writing a check to St. Andrew’s Church with “Family Promise Angel Tree” in the memo line. — Rev. Catherine Healy

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## Blue Christmas Service

Sometimes Advent and Christmas are full of joy and satisfaction; in other years, we find ourselves in the midst of loss, illness, or disappointment. 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 on **Wednesday, December 19, from 6:30pm to 7:15pm in the Children’s Chapel**. We will rest in the promise of Christ, remembering that even in times of sorrow, God’s love and grace can find us and support us. All are welcome. — Rev. Margaret Schwarzer

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## Collecting Coats for Kids and Adults

As the cold weather sets in, there are thousands of people in our area who are without a warm winter coat. Gently used warm coats of all sizes—infant through adult XXL—are accepted. Donated coats will be cleaned free

of charge by Anton’s Cleaners and then distributed through the Coats for Kids Distribution Partners network. This collection will continue **through December 31**. Please check your closets and drop your unwanted coats in the collection box in the office corridor. — Joanna Horobin

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## Christmas Baskets for St. Stephen's

Jack & Jill Whiting are preparing lovely Christmas baskets for the seniors at St. Stephen's. They would really appreciate homemade cookies to add to the baskets. If you are able to bake your favorite holiday cookie for St. Stephen's, would you kindly let Jack & Jill know by contacting them via email at [mfwjsw@hotmail.com](mailto:mfwjsw@hotmail.com) or phone at 781/235-1152. The baskets will be filled on December 20. Our outreach partner, St. Stephen's in Boston, really appreciates the gifts! — Heidi Harper

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## Childcare—Christmas Eve 5pm

Babysitting will be available during the **5pm** service on **Monday, December 24**, in Kids’ Place. Feel free to drop your children for all or part of the service. — Susan Jackson

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## Support El Hogar with Amazon

If you are using Amazon for some of your Christmas shopping, please consider going through the El Hogar website first:

[www.elhogar.org/amazon](http://www.elhogar.org/amazon). El Hogar receives up to 12% of your total, at no extra charge to you! Thanks! — Becky Taylor

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## Sunday Parking on Denton Road

We received a letter from one of our Denton Road neighbors complaining that a parishioner had parked partially blocking their driveway two Sundays ago. We have also had a number of calls about this since the beginning of the year. *Please be very 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!

— Rev. Adrian Robbins-Cole

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## Book of Common Prayer

The worship committee has purchased new prayer books to replace those in the church that were in poor condition. If you would like one of the old ones for your personal use, please feel free to take one from the display in the narthex. — Cynthia Scott

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## MLK Day of Action

Live out the legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr. through the MLK Day of Action! Volunteers will gather at St. Andrew's in the morning to drive into the South End of Boston and spend the day working on projects at the Blackstone School, a partner of St. Stephen's Church, our sister parish. All ages are invited; children below grade 9 should bring a parent. See the sign-up on the SERVE page of the website. — Cam McCormick

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## Online Giving Available

Electronic giving is offered on our website under the GIVE tab to make pledge payments (one-time or recurring) and special contributions (e.g., memorial flowers, outreach). Creating a profile only takes a moment, and you can make changes to your donations as well as view and print your donation history. We hope you will take advantage of this convenient feature on our website.

— Rev. Adrian Robbins-Cole

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## 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 agree 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 the vestryperson for communications

— Peter Lull • [peter\\_lull@verizon.net](mailto:peter_lull@verizon.net)



## Gratitude

### Advent Taizé-style Service

On Sunday night, the Taizé-style Advent service welcomed 75 members of our community to a gentle service with 100 candles blazing. Many thanks to our worship team members who helped to plan the service: D.D. Alexander, Laura Brown MacKinnon, Margaret Kulke, Liz Parsons, Jenny Sawyer, and Cynthia Scott. Many thanks also go to members of our choir who helped support the chanting with their beautiful voices: Liz Dean, Diane Mitchell, Alexa Pekowitz, Julia Pekowitz, Karen Pekowitz, Barbara Shellito, and Paul Shellito. Special thanks also go to Katharine Clark for the loan of a beautiful triptych.



## **Family Promise Metrowest Host Week**

From Thanksgiving weekend through the week that followed, 16 St. Andrew's volunteers graciously stepped out of their comfortable homes and spent time supporting our neighbors staying at Village Church. They provided cheerful inviting shelter, meals, and connection to our Family Promise guests. Thank you Caroline Boynton, Nancy Braun, Elke Cardella, Amanda Curtis, Lily Curtis, Ashley Denton, Heidi Harper, Carol Jankowski, Isabel Lyndon, Cam McCormick, Debbie Osborn, Caren Parker, Carol Shedd, Elsie Stanton, Jessica Stanton, and Mike Stanton. The St. Andrew's partnership with Village Church to support area families in great need — particularly during the holiday season — cannot be successful without your time, energy, and caring.

## **Sox Box**

Thank you to all the anonymous angels who remember that this is a year-round ministry and continue to fill the SOX BOX. Our pre-Christmas collection of 568 pairs of socks to Healthcare Without Walls was delivered on November 26. The staff at HCWW were overjoyed and look forward to distributing the socks along with other items. Since 2007, St. Andrew's parishioners have generously donated a total of 9,021 pairs of socks. Thank you for your continuing support.

# Vestry

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**Youth Formation** Jen Martin

# Staff

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*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.*

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# Weekly Calendar

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- The **Holy Eucharist** is celebrated on Sundays at 8am, 10am and 5pm. The **Holy Eucharist** is also celebrated every Wednesday at 7:30am—we offer healing prayer at this service; **Silent Contemplative Prayer** is also offered weekdays at 8:45am, unless otherwise noted.
- **Senior Choir** rehearsal is on Thursdays at 7:30pm, and Sundays at 9am; **Junior Choir** rehearsal is on Sundays at 9am.
- **Parish Office** hours are Monday through Thursday, 9am to 5pm, and Friday, 9am to 12pm.
- **12-Step Programs** Al-Anon, Tuesdays, 7:30pm; Men's AA, Wednesdays, 8pm; Women's AA, Thursdays, 7pm; Emotions Anonymous, Saturdays, 9:30am; Sober Sisters, Saturdays, 10:30am.

## Sunday, December 9

*See service schedule above*

9am Christian Learning  
9:45pm Kids' Place, Church School,  
Rite-13  
11:15am Christmas Pageant  
Rehearsal  
11:30am Alternative Gift Fair  
11:30am Firearm Safety Task Force  
3:30pm Senior Choir Rehearsal  
5pm Advent Lessons & Carols

## Tuesday, December 11

9:15am Pastoral Care Team  
10:30am Bible Circle  
7:30pm Outreach Meeting

## Wednesday, December 12

7pm Bible Circle

## Thursday, December 13

7pm Book Circle

## Saturday, December 9

9:30am Christmas Pageant Rehearsal

## Sunday, December 16

*See service schedule above*

9am Christian Learning  
9am Christmas Pageant Rehearsal  
9:45pm Kids' Place only  
10am Holy Eucharist and Christmas  
Pageant  
5pm Confirmation Prep  
6:45pm High School Youth Group



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