

First Sunday of Advent November 28, 2021

Please note, everyone in church (except age two and under) must wear a mask covering the nose and mouth. We are livestreaming the 10am service.

Prelude Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Processional Hymn 61 "Sleepers, wake!"

Wachet auf

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 forever. Amen.

Collect for Purity

BCP p. 355

S102 Trisagion (front section of hymnal)

Alexander Archangelsky (1846-1924)

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: Jeremiah 33:14-16

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In

those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety.

And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 25:1-9 Richard Clark

The congregation is encouraged to sing the psalm.



- 1 To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you; * let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me.
- 2 Let none who look to you be put to shame; *
 let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.
- 3 Show me your ways, O LORD, * and teach me your paths.
- 4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, *
 for you are the God of my salvation;
 in you have I trusted all the day long.
- 5 Remember, O LORD, your com passion and love, * for they are from ever lasting.
- 6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my trans gressions; * remember me according to your love, and for the sake of your goodness, O'LORD.
- 7 Gracious and upright is the LORD; * therefore he teaches sinners in his way.
- 8 He guides the humble in doing right and teaches his way to the lowly.
- † 9 All the paths of the LORD are love and faithfulness * to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

Second Lesson: 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you.

And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Iesus with all his saints.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn 640 "Watchman, tell us of the night"

Aberystwyth

Gospel: Luke 21:25-36

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So

Clergy The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

Rev. Margaret Schwarzer

Nicene Creed BCP p. 358

Prayers of the People

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

Confession of Sin BCP p. 360

Peace

Announcements

The Holy Communion

Presentation of Bread and Wine

Offertory Anthem *My Lord, what a mourning*Laura Cervinsky, soloist arranged by H.T. Burleigh (1866-1949) *My Lord, what a mourning when the stars begin to fall done quit my worldly ways Join that heavenly band. My Lord, what a mourning when the stars begin to fall.*

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

Eucharistic Prayer A BCP p. 361

Robert Powell (b. 1932)

S129 Sanctus (front section of hymnal)

Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

S 151 Fraction Anthem (front section of hymnal) Christ our Passover David Hurd

All are welcome to receive communion. Ushers will direct the congregation. You have the choice of receiving a wafer or a packaged container of bread and wine. Gluten-free wafers are available.

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;

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 497 "How bright appears the Morning Star" Wie schön leuchtet
Thanksgiving after Communion BCP p. 365

Blessing

Recessional Hymn 59 "Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding"

Merton

Dismissal

Clergy Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland

J.S. Bach

Please join us for fellowship immediately following the service on the patio and hosted by Zebby & Al Dubé





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

We're glad you found us. Please look for someone from our membership committee during fellowship to welcome you and answer questions you may have. Please also feel free to 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.

In-person Services and COVID-19

Following the diocesan guidelines, these are the protocols that we will observe to keep all of us safe. (These protocols may change.)

- People will be asked to sit six feet apart from people not in their "bubble."
- Everyone in church must wear a mask covering the nose and mouth (except age two and under) and remain masked to sing. Clergy and readers unmask for speaking.
- There will be separate hymnals and prayer books for each service.



The flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of

Milton Dermer, Johann & Magdalena Hoefler, Bernhard Hoefler, AnnaMarie Schmid, and Josepha Schmid given by the Dermer Hoefler family.

Serving St. Andrew's this week

Altar Guild Kim Carlson, Blair Glennon, Heidi Harper, Sarah Harris, Ann Johnson, Paige Manning, Liz Parsons, and Star Zabriskie Altar Flowers DD Alexander and Dell Beggs

Serving at 8am

Lay Eucharistic Minister Nancy Echlov Usher Harriet Thompson

Serving at 10am

Acolytes Crucifer, Emily Breedis; Torch, Cameron Cowperthwaite; and Torch, Conor Donahue

Broadcast Tech Volunteers Rob Brandt and Bruce MacKinnon

Lay Eucharistic Ministers Joe Hamilton and Margaret Zusky

Lay Readers Lisa Howe and Madison Riley

Ushers Steve Beach, Harry Condon, Greg Hunter,

Scott Jones, Peter Lull, and Jeff Waldron

Intercessions from the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

Parishes 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



Christmas Services

Christmas Eve In-person Services

Friday, December 24, our in-person services will be at 3pm, 5pm, and 10pm. COVID safety protocols will limit attendance at each service to 350 people, on a first come, first served basis. If you want to attend the 5pm service, we suggest you arrive early. We encourage some of you to attend the 3pm or 10pm service instead

Children's Service at 3pm

This half-hour service is designed for young children and families to experience the Christmas story through music and movement (no Holy Communion).

Family Eucharist at 5pm

This is an hour-long service with carols, communion, and a sermon. This service ends with the church lights darkened and everyone holding a candle as we sing *Silent Night*. This is the most popular service.

Choral Service at 10pm

This is a beautiful hour-long service with communion, carols, choir anthems, and a sermon, preceded by a string quartet prelude at 9:40pm. The service ends with the church lights darkened and everyone holding a candle as we sing *Silent Night*.

Christmas Eve Online Services

We will be streaming the 3pm and the 5pm, also available to view later. If you plan to attend the 5pm online, you can order pre-

consecrated host so that you can participate in Holy Communion at your home.

5pm Christmas Communion Orders

We will offer consecrated wafers and wine/juice to be used with the 5pm service for those wishing to celebrate online. Orders will be taken until Wednesday, December 8 and may be picked up Sunday, December 12 from 11:30am to 12:30pm. Use the above link or the link in the e-Pistle to order. Self-pick-up will also be available in the parish hall from 9am to 3pm on Monday through Wednesday, December 13 to 15. If necessary, you can opt to have your wine and wafers delivered by a volunteer. Please contact Lynda Sperry.

Christmas Day

On Saturday, December 25, at 10am there will be an in-person service of Holy Communion with carols. This is a rather relaxed and happy service with about 50 to 60 people. Coming to this Christmas service in person would avoid a crowd.

Sunday December 26

On Sunday, December 26 there will be no in-person services at St. Andrew's. Instead, at 10am there will be a live Zoom-style service online with readings, carols, prayers, and a homily. This will be broadcast from the homes of the clergy in the same way we did during the pandemic. This service will be available later online as well.



About the Readings

Jeremiah 33:14-16 In 626 BCE, God's call came to a young priest, Jeremiah. Reluctant expresses joy at the news of the to take up his mission, Jeremiah often criticized his task, his performance and occasionally God. But he remained faithful to his commission and trusted in God's plan to renew the people after judgment. In teaching needed for further growth in today's reading, the prophet communicates sanctification. Paul instructs them about God's promise of healing and restoration. The promise concerns God's gift of a deliverer, a Messiah, from the line of David. This king's reign will be characterized by justice and a right relationship with God, unlike the reign of King Zedekiah, Judah's last king.

Psalm 25:1-9 Psalm 25 is a personal lament. Fear of the Lord compels the psalmist to acknowledge that God alone can make him into a person of true righteousness (v. 9) and so enjoy "the friendship of the Lord" (v. 14).

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 Paul's stay in Thessalonika was relatively brief, and after he left, the new converts faced the hostility of their neighbors. Paul's concern for the Thessalonians' welfare led him to send Timothy back to visit (3:2). Timothy's encouraging report about their faithfulness (3:6) occasioned Paul's letter to them. Written from Corinth about AD 51, it is the

earliest writing of the New Testament. Paul Thessalonians' perseverance and reiterates his continuing care for their spiritual growth. They are lacking, not in the faith that makes one a Christian, but in the the moral implications of their faith (4:1-12) and the meaning of the second coming (4:13-5:11).

Luke 21:25-36 In response to the disciples' questions about the end-time, Jesus offers an imaginative picture of the cosmic changes that will signal his triumphant return for the final transformation of the earth. The reference to the coming of the Son of Man "in a cloud" (v. 27) links Jesus' anticipated second coming to his transfiguration and ascension. The redemption announced by Anna (2:36-38) is drawing near. In verses 34-36, Jesus warns his disciples of those habits that can effectively prevent readiness. Overindulgence and worldly cares (v. 34) can so dull the spirit that the Lord's return will seem more of a trap than a sign of hope. Watchfulness must be accompanied by prayer so that the disciple can endure the cataclysm of the last days and find comfort in the Lord's presence



Notices & 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.

Advent Lessons & Carols

Join us on **Sunday**, **December 5**, **at 5pm**: the senior choir will sing anthems by Elizabeth Poston, Boris Ord, and John Tavener among others. Thomas Handel will be our guest organist. There will be a reception, weather permitting, outside the church on the patio. We are asking everyone to be masked and distanced for the safety of our congregation. We look forward to seeing you there!

Advent Taizé-style Service



Our Advent Taizé-style Service will be held on **Sunday**, **November 28 at 5:30pm**, instead of our regular 5pm service. If you are looking

for mystery, silence, and many flickering candles this Advent, please join us for some (masked) meditative chanting. Taizé chanting, originally sung in the monastic community of Taizé, France, invites the singer into meditative prayer while the singing of the chant regulates the breath. Taizé singing makes room for prayerful music during the chanting and a prayerful silence after the singing ends. We will gather in the sanctuary, distanced and masked, for this 30-minute service. Use this QR code to view the service live. — Rev. Margaret Schwarzer

Wreath Making

Today, November 28, following the 10am service, all are invited to make your own Advent wreaths. Bring your own ring, or rings and candles are available for sale \$5 for candles, \$12 for rings. <u>Contact Linda Lull</u> with questions!

First Sunday of Advent Church School

Both lower and upper church school (pre-K through fifth) will be with Rev. Adrian in the children's chapel at 9:45am today, November 28. We'll be learning about Advent together! Children will return to the sanctuary to be with their families for Eucharist. Families are invited to make their Advent wreaths together in the parish hall following the 10am service.

Pledging for 2022

Thank you to all who have sent in pledges for 2022. The results are encouraging. If you have not pledged, please do so as soon as possible so we can finalize our budget. You can send in a pledge form by mail, put one in the plate, or pledge on the GIVE tab of our website. Please do not hesitate to speak to me, a member of the stewardship campaign, the wardens, or the rector if you have questions. — Hugh MacArthur, vestryperson for stewardship

9am Christian Learning

Today, November 28, Rev. Margaret Schwarzer leads a class on *The Theology and History of the Apostles Creed*. This is the oldest creed of the church—different from the Nicene Creed in some intriguing ways. Join us in person in Room 2 (masked and distanced) or on Zoom, https://zoom.us/. *Meeting ID*: 815 3084 9594 *Passcode*: StAndrews. All are welcome.

Next **Sunday, December 5**, join us for "What does it mean to be a Stone-catcher?"

Lessons from Bishop Curry's podcast The Way of Love. Episode: The Blessings of Mercy with Bryan Stevenson, led by Ansley Martin and Laura Brown Mackinnon. The podcast link can be found in the announcement listed below. The zoom link and the list of classes are on our website. — Rev. Margaret Schwarzer

What Does it Mean to be a Stone-catcher?
Join 9am Christian Learning on Sunday, December 5, at 9am, to share and discuss Season 4, Episode 4 of Bishop Curry's Podcast, THE WAY OF LOVE: The Blessings of Mercy with Bryan Stevenson. Ansley Martin and Laura Brown-MacKinnon will lead us in a discussion of this podcast episode where Bishop Currey talks with Bryan Stevenson—author, lawyer, founder and executive director of Equal Justice Initiative, a human rights organization in Montgomery, Alabama—



about what it means to remember, reorient, and renew an active faith in Jesus and his *Way of Love*. For class, please use this QR

code (or the link above) to tune into the Podcast which is one hour long.

Laura Brown-MacKinnon

Racial Justice: Sacred Ground Preview

During 2022, we will be offering the Sacred Ground course developed by the Episcopal Church to explore issues of racial justice and living into Christ's vision for us to be the Beloved Community. The Sacred Ground course is being widely used throughout the Episcopal Church and involves ten once a month sessions which include a mix of film, reading, and discussion. We will be doing a 'taster' of the course on Sunday, December 5 at 11:30am. This will involve seeing some clips from the first film and looking at the proposed structure for conversation in each session. You will be able to attend this meeting in person in the parish hall or via Zoom. (Meeting ID: 231 303 1816 Passcode: StAndrews) If you have any questions, please contact Adrian. (Please note this will be in place of the previously advertised 'taster' session on Wednesday December 1 at 7pm.)

Feed our St. Stephen's Family

- Put a feast on their tables by contributing to the holiday dinners fund. We are providing holiday dinners for 100 families so please give generously.
 Donate on-line or leave cash or a check in the envelope in your pew ("holiday dinners" in the memo).
- Cook macaroni and cheese for distribution to kids in SSYP. The next opportunity is Sunday, December 5, at 8:30am, in the St. Andrew's kitchen

(contact Cam McCormick).

 Donate non-perishable grocery items in the collection box in the parish hall, <u>please sign-up here</u> on our website.

Family Promise

Family Promise serves homeless families in the Metrowest area. (Please see the annual report here.)

 Keeping the Promise is a free virtual concert and auction on Saturday, December 4, 7 to 9pm. There are many exciting things on which to bid!

Cookies and Carols

St. Andrew's beloved family tradition of Cookies and Carols is back! There will be cookie decorating, Christmas music and cookies to take home. Please bring two dozen of your favorite Christmas cookies to share. This event will take place in the parish hall on **Friday**, **December 10**, **from 6 to 7pm**. Please wear a mask and dress warmly. Look for the link next week to sign-up to help out.

The Christmas Pageant



The St. Andrew's Christmas Pageant will take place on Sunday, December 19 at the 10am service. There are opportunities for all ages to get

involved. We are looking for children, teens, and adults to bring the Christmas story to life as storytellers and behind the scenes helpers. To get involved, please see the signup and all the dates you will be committing to on our website, or use the QR code to get there. — Amanda Kern

Alternative Giving Fair



On Sunday, December 12, after the 10 am service, St. Andrew's will hold the *Alte*

Andrew's will hold the *Alternative Giving Fair* which benefits our outreach partners and supports many minis-

tries. Use this QR code to get there, or <u>you</u> <u>can find the form here on our website.</u>

Bishop's Visitation, December 12

It is the custom in the Diocese of Massachusetts for one of our two bishops to undertake a visit to each parish every other year. On Sunday December 12, Bishop Gayle Harris, the Suffragan Bishop in our Diocese, will be visiting St. Andrew's. She will preach and preside at the 10am service, be present at coffee hour, and then meet with the vestry. (Our last Bishop's Visitation at St Andrew's was in 2019 by Bishop Alan Gates, the Bishop of Massachusetts.) The purpose of the visitation is for the bishop to make sure that the parish is healthy and for the bishop to communicate any diocesan priorities to the parish. If you have any questions, please contact Adrian.

Name tags

Get to know folks and help everyone feel welcome by wearing a name tag. The membership committee offers reusable magnetic name tags for all members. If you would like a new or replacement name tag, <u>please contact Becky Hamlin</u>.

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 15**, **from 7 to 7:30pm in the sanctuary**. 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. Please contact <u>Rev</u>. <u>Margaret Schwarzer</u> if you want your loved one prayed for at this service; this service will not be online. All are welcome.

Youth Group Alumni Night

St. Andrew's young adults and college students are welcome back to youth group for a night of festive fun on **Sunday**, **December 19 at 6:45pm in the parish hall**. We can't wait to learn from your wisdom!

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 15 AND send me an email documenting the stock name, number of shares and how it should be applied (2021 Pledge, 2022 Pledge, Capital Campaign, etc.)

- Checks: Please mail by December 17 to allow for holiday mail delays.
- Online: If paying by credit card, please process your request by December 28. If paying by ACH, process by December 29. Payments submitted online can take 48 hours to be received and may not be credited until Monday, January 3, 2022. December 31st is a bank holiday.
- In-person: Drop in the collection plate by December 26 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

Provide Cozy Clothing

 Donate new or gently used warm coats in all sizes—babies through XXXL. They will be cleaned by <u>Anton's</u> Coats for Kid's and



<u>Families</u> for distribution via various organizations serving the needy. Drop them in the bin in the office corridor, until the end of the year.

- Leave new, white athletic socks (men's large) in the SoxBox in the office corridor for distribution to homeless people.
- Get ready to decorate the Mitten Tree in the rear of the church at the end of the month.



Gratitude

Thank you for your heartwarming generosity to provide holiday meals for 100 St. Stephen's families. And thank you to the Rite-13 families who industriously packed bags, to Jennifer & Tom Hanley, Herb Manning, and Jack & Jill Whiting who delivered 220 bags of food to St. Stephen's last Sunday, and to Harry Grey, Herb Manning, and Madison Riley, who delivered a mountain of turkeys on Tuesday. This was a tremendous effort of goodwill that is always greatly appreciated by our sister parish.

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Staff

- In an emergency, please contact Adrian on his cell phone: 603/831-4938.
- 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 us 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, and every Wednesday at 7:30am; Online Morning Prayer is also offered weekdays 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), or on Facebook, unless otherwise noted.



- Senior Choir rehearsal is on Thursdays at 7:30pm.
- Parish Office hours are Monday through Thursday, 9am to 5pm, and Friday, 9am to 12pm. Staff is continuing to work some hours remotely.
- **12-Step Programs** Men's AA, Wednesdays, 8pm; Women's AA, Thursdays, 7pm; Emotions Anonymous, Saturdays, 9:30am.

Sunday, November 28

9am Christian Learning
9am Senior Choir
9:30am Junior Choir
9:45am Church School
11am Advent Wreath-making
11am Coffee Hour
5:30pm Advent Taizé-style Service

Tuesday, November 30

10am Pastoral Care Team Meeting

Wednesday, December 1

7pm Men's Book Club

Thursday, December 2

9:45am Church School Meeting

Saturday, December 4

8am Men's Bible Study

Sunday, December 5

9am Christian Learning
9am Senior Choir
9:30am Junior Choir
9:45 Church School
9:45am Rite-13
11am Coffee Hour
11:15 Pageant Rehearsal
11:30am Sacred Ground Preview
5pm Advent Lessons & Carols
5pm Confirmation Class
6:45pm Youth Group

