



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 after Christmas Day

December 28, 2025

We are livestreaming the 10am service.

Prelude *In dulci jubilo (In sweet joy)*

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Processional Hymn 87 "Hark! the herald angels sing"

Mendelssohn

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

Hymn 96 "Angels we have heard on high" vvs 1 & 2

Gloria

Collect of the Day

Celebrant Together we pray,

People Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

First Lesson: Isaiah 61:10-62:3

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,

he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride

adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations. For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines

out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 147:13-21

The congregation is encouraged to say the psalm responsively.

- 13 Worship the Lord, O Jerusalem; *
praise your God, O Zion;
- 14 For he has strengthened the bars of your gates; *
he has blessed your children within you.
- 15 He has established peace on your borders; *
he satisfies you with the finest wheat.
- 16 He sends out his command to the earth, *
and his word runs very swiftly.
- 17 He gives snow like wool; *
he scatters hoarfrost like ashes.
- 18 He scatters his hail like bread crumbs; *
who can stand against his cold?
- 19 He sends forth his word and melts them; *
he blows with his wind, and the waters flow.
- 20 He declares his word to Jacob, *
his statutes and his judgments to Israel.
- 21 He has not done so to any other nation; *
to them he has not revealed his judgments.
Hallelujah!

Second Lesson: Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian. But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his

Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn 82 "Of the Father's love begotten"

Divinum mysterium

Gospel: John 1:1-18

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what

was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

Clergy The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon 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 Hymn 109 "The first Nowell" *The First Nowell*

Eucharistic Prayer B BCP p. 367

S130 Sanctus (front section of hymnal) Franz Peter Schubert

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 164 Fraction Anthem (front section of hymnal) Franz Peter Schubert

Communion Hymn 115 "What child is this" *Greensleeves*

Thanksgiving after Communion BCP p. 365

Blessing

Recessional Hymn 99 "Go, Tell It on the Mountain" *Go tell it on the Mountain*

Dismissal

Clergy Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude *Wir Christen leut' (Come, Christian folk)* J.S. Bach

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Please join us after the service for coffee hour.

How to use your smartphone to connect to the listening system



We recently installed *ListenWiFi* for parishioners who use hearing aids with Bluetooth capabilities. Download the *ListenWiFi* app from your app store. Then follow the instructions at the ushers table for how to connect your app to the church system.



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

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



Serving St. Andrew's this week

Altar Guild Lacey Brandt, Kim Carlson, Heidi Harper, Sarah Harris, Ann Johnson,
Paige Manning, Chris McAvoy, Liz Parsons, and Star Zabriskie

Flowers the flower guild

Serving at 8am

Lay Eucharistic Minister Tom Palmer

Ushers Harriet Thompson and Michael Young

Serving at 10am

Acolytes Crucifer, Peter Mahoney; Torch, Tanner Francour; and Torch, Caroline Rankin

Broadcast Tech Volunteer Rob Brandt

Greeters Kim & Scott Francour

Lay Eucharistic Ministers Laura Brown MacKinnon and Meg Harris

Readers Madison Riley and Kate Farella

Ushers Steve Beach, Harry Condon, Scott Jones, and Peter Lull

Intercessions from the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

Churches of the Alewife Deanery

Church of Our Redeemer, Lexington

St. James' Church, Somerville

Christ Church, Waltham

Congregation of St. Peter at Christ Episcopal Church, Waltham

Church of the Good Shepherd, Watertown



Icon of the Week

Holy Family

Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, bless me and grant me the grace of loving the Holy Church as I should, above every earthly thing, and of ever showing my love by deeds.

Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, bless me and grant me the grace of openly professing as I should, with courage and without human respect, the faith that I received as your gift in holy Baptism.

Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, bless me and grant me the grace of sharing as I should in the defense and propagation of the Faith when duty calls, whether by word or by the sacrifice of my possessions and my life.

Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, bless me and grant me the grace of loving my family and others in mutual charity as I should, and establish us in perfect harmony of thought, will, and action, under the rule and guidance of the shepherds of the Holy Church.

Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, bless me and grant me the grace of conforming my life fully as I should to the commandments of God's law and those of His Holy Church, so as to live always in that charity which they set forth.

Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, I ask in particular this special favor:
(mention your favor).



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.

Epiphany Fireside Service & Dinner

This intergenerational Holy Communion service on **Sunday, January 4, at 5pm**, in the parish hall is accompanied by a roaring fire. We hear a short Epiphany homily and sing Epiphany hymns followed by dinner

Year End Donations

Looking towards year end, please observe the following best practices to **fulfil your 2025 pledge or contribute toward your 2026 pledge** in this calendar year:

- **In-person** Drop in the collection plate by **Sunday, December 28** or at the church mailbox outside 79 Denton Road by noon on **Wednesday, December 31**.
- **Realm** If paying through Realm, please process your request by **Friday, December 26**. Payments submitted online can take 48 hours to be received and will not be credited to your 2025 statement if received in 2026.

For your **2025 pledge balance**, log in to *Realm* and go to "Giving" where your

payments and balance will be listed.

For **2026**, you should update your automatic payments from 2025 Pledge to 2026 Pledge. If new to Realm, 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

9am Adult Christian Learning

Join us on **Sunday, January 25**, for the first class of our new term. Attend every class or just the ones that interest you. Meet in the parish hall [or on Zoom](#).

—[Margaret Schwarzer](#)

Morning Prayer

There will be no morning prayer the week of December 29, Monday through Thursday.

Join us again on **Monday, January 5**.



Children and Youth

Please see previous announcements for any intergenerational information.

Kids' Place Childcare

Kid's Place will **not** be available until **Sunday January 4.**

Church School

There will be **no** classes on **Sunday, December 28.** Church School will resume on **Sunday, January 4.**

Rite-13

Sunday, January 4, at 5pm Rite-13ers should attend the Epiphany Fireside service **in the parish hall.**

Confirmation Class

- **January 4 5pm** with attendance at the Epiphany Fireside service **in the parish hall.**
- **January 11 4:30pm** classes will resume.

Youth Group

- **January 4 5pm** with attendance at the Epiphany Fireside service **in the parish hall.**
- **January 11 5:45pm** class will resume.

Children's Choir

There will be no rehearsals until **Thursday, January 8.** See you then.

Vestry

- Any member of the vestry can be emailed at their ministry address. All addresses are on our website: <https://standrewswellesley.org/about/vestry/>

Adult Formation Carrie Hawley

Clerk Tad Heuer

Communications Betsy Veidenheimer

Fellowship Sarah Harris

Finance Sam Burns

Human Resources Laurin Baldwin

Membership Amanda Curtis

Outreach Herb Manning

Property Sam Schaefer

Stewardship Madison Riley

Treasurer Joe Hamilton

Wardens Tom Faust

Ginny Snow

Worship Erica Gelser

Youth Formation Pamela Grossetti

Staff

- 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** is offered online **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.
- **Parish office hours** are **Monday through Thursday, 9am to 4pm** (the doors are locked, please ring the intercom) and **Friday, 9am to noon** (church access by appointment) unless otherwise announced. **Tuesday at noon is the deadline for all materials** for the bulletin, the e-Pistle, or any 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.



Regular meetings and gatherings, *unless otherwise announced below*

- Sundays** • 9am adult Christian learning • 9:45am Kids' Place • 9:45am church school
• 11am coffee hour • 4:30pm confirmation • 4:30pm Rite-13 • 5:45pm youth group
- Thursdays** • 12pm weekly beginner's Bible study • 5pm children's choir
• 7:30pm senior choir
- First and third Saturdays at 8am** • men's Bible study
- Second Tuesdays at 11am and second Wednesdays at 7pm** • open Bible study

Sunday, December 28

- 9am **NO** Christian learning
9:45am **NO** Kids' Place or church school
4:30 **NO** Rite-13 or Confirmation class
5pm **NO** service
5:45pm **NO** youth group

**Monday through Thursday,
December 29 through January 1**
NO morning prayer

Thursday, January 1

- Parish office closed*
NO choir practices

Sunday, January 4

- 9am coffee hour for 8am worshippers
9am **NO** Christian learning
4:30 **NO** Rite-13 or Confirmation class
5pm Epiphany Fireside service



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