

An Advent Service *of* Lessons & Carols

Holy Eucharist Rite II

10:00AM - December 14, 2025

Joy



ORGAN VOLUNTARY

James Hoover, organ

Variations on “Awake, Awake and Greet the New Morn” – *Robert Benson*

WELCOME

Fr. Gregg Morris

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Officiant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People And blessed be God’s kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Introit

The Parish Choir

Matin Responsory

*I look from afar: and lo, I see the power of God coming,
and a cloud covering the whole earth.
Go ye out to meet him and say:
Tell us, art thou he that should come to reign over thy people Israel?
High and low, rich and poor, one with another,
Go ye out to meet him and say:
Hear, O thou Shepherd of Israel, thou that leadest Joseph like a sheep,
Tell us, art thou he that should come?
Stir up thy strength, O Lord, and come to reign over thy people Israel.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
I look from afar: and lo, I see the power of God coming,
and a cloud covering the whole earth.
Go ye out to meet him and say:
Tell us, art thou he that should come to reign over thy people Israel?*

THE PROCESSION IN

The Parish Choir and the Congregation

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

1. *Sung by the Choir Women Only*

O come, O come Emmanuel and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

2. *Sung by the Choir Men Only*

O come, thou branch of Jesse's tree, free them from Satan's tyranny
that trust thy mighty power to save, and give them victory o'er the grave.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

3. *Sung by Everyone*

O come, thou Dayspring from on high, and cheer us by thy drawing nigh
disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadow put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

4. *Sung by all Men*

O come, O come thou Lord of might, who to thy tribes on Sinai's height
in ancient times didst give the law, in cloud, in majesty, and awe.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

5. *Sung by Everyone*

O come, thou Key of David come, and open wide our heavenly home;
make safe the way that leads on high, and close the path to misery.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

A Lay Eucharistic Minister lights three Candles of the Advent Wreath.

COLLECT FOR THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Officiant

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are
sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver
us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and
glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The People may be seated

THE BIDDING PRAYER

Dear People of God:

In the season of Advent, it is our responsibility and joy to prepare ourselves to hear once more the message of the Angels, to go even to Bethlehem and see the Son of God lying in a manger.

Let us hear and heed in Holy Scripture the story of God's loving purpose from the time of our rebellion until the glorious redemption brought to us by the holy Child Jesus; and let us look forward to the yearly remembrance of Christ's birth with hymns and songs of praise.

But first, let us pray for the needs of the whole world; for peace and justice on the earth; for the unity and mission of the Church for which he died, and especially for his Church in our country and in the communities in which we live.

And because he particularly loves them, let us remember in his name the poor and helpless; the cold, the hungry and the oppressed, the unemployed and the estranged, the sick and those who mourn; the lonely and the unloved; the aged and little children; as well as those who do not know and love the Lord Jesus Christ.

Finally, let us remember before God his pure and lowly Mother Mary, his earthly Father Joseph, and the Communion of Saints which no one can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and with whom, in Jesus, we are one for evermore.

May the loving God bless us with his grace: Christ give us the joys of everlasting life; and to the fellowship of the citizens above may the King of Angels bring us all. **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON

Genesis 3:8-15

Adam and Eve rebel against God and are cast out of the Garden of Eden.

Reader: Briony Nelsen

Adam and Eve heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the

LORD God among the trees of the garden. But the LORD God called to the man, and said to him, “Where are you?” He said, “I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.” He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?” The man said, “The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate.” Then the LORD God said to the woman, “What is this that you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent tricked me, and I ate.” The LORD God said to the serpent, “Because you have done this, cursed are you among all animals and among all wild creatures; upon your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will strike your head, and you will strike his heel.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

A CAROL

The Parish Choir

Jesus Christ the apple tree - *Words traditional; music by Elizabeth Poston*

*The tree of life my soul hath seen,
Laden with fruit and always green:
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.*

*For happiness I long have sought,
And pleasure dearly I have bought:
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 apple tree.*

*His beauty doth all things excel;
By faith I know, but ne'er can tell,
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 apple tree.*

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

*This fruit doth make my soul to thrive,
It keeps my dying faith alive;
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 apple tree.*

THE SECOND LESSON

Isaiah 40:1-11

God comforts his people and calls on them to prepare for redemption.

Reader: Greg Colombe

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins. A voice cries out: In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken. A voice says, "Cry out!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the LORD blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand for ever. Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, "Here is your God!" See, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

A CAROL

The Parish Choir & Congregation

Prepare the way, O Zion



1 Pre - pare the way, O Zi - on, your Christ is draw - ing near!
2 He brings God's rule, O Zi - on; he comes from heaven a - bove.
3 Fling wide your gates, O Zi - on; your Sa - vior's rule em - brace.



Let ev - ery hill and val - ley a lev - el way ap - pear.
His rule is peace and free - dom, and jus - tice, truth, and love.
His tid - ings of sal - va - tion pro - claim in ev - ery place.



Greet One who comes in glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry.
Lift high your praise re - sound - ing, for grace and joy a - bound - ing.
All lands will bow be - fore him, their voic - es will a - dore him.



Oh, blest is Christ that came in God's most ho - ly name.

THE THIRD LESSON

Isaiah 35:1-10

The prophet proclaims that God will come and save us.

Reader: Mark Nelsen

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the LORD, the majesty of our God. Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you." Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray. No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed

shall walk there. And the ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

A CAROL

The Parish Choir and Congregation

The desert shall rejoice

The des-ert shall re-joice and blos-som as a rose:

1. It shall
 2. For the
 3. For the
 4. For the

blos - som a - bun - dant - ly and re - joice with praise and sing - ing.
 ears of the deaf shall hear And the blind, their eyes be o - pened.
 tongue of the mute shall sing and the lame will dance with glad - ness.
 ground will be - come a pool and the dry land springs of wa - ter.

5. The desert shall rejoice
 and blossom as a rose:
 as the ransomed return to God
 and come singing back to Zion.

6. The desert shall rejoice
 and blossom as a rose:
 unto Zion we come with joy,
 for our God has come to save us.

THE FOURTH LESSON

Isaiah 11:1-4a, 6-9

The Spirit of the Lord will rest upon the Holy One.

Reader: Mother Tara Osborne

A shoot shall come out from the stock of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

A CAROL

The Parish Choir

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming - Words: Traditional; Music: arr. Hal H. Hopson

*Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung!
Of Jesse's lineage coming, by faithful prophets sung.
It came a flow'ret bright, amid the cold of winter, when half spent was the night.*

*Isaiah 'twas foretold it, the Rose I have in mind;
(O come, O come, Emmanuel)
with Mary we behold it
(and ransom captive Israel,
The Virgin Mother kind.
(that mourns in lonely exile here)
To show God's love aright*

*(until the Son of God appear)
She bore for us a Savior,
(Rejoice! Rejoice!)
When half spent was the night.
(Emmanuel shall come to thee,)
Isaiah 'twas foretold it,
O Israel.*

THE FIFTH LESSON

Luke 1:26-38

***The Angel Gabriel announces to the Virgin Mary
that she will bear the Son of the Most High.***

Reader: Joseph Myers

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

<i>Reader</i>	The Word of the Lord.
<i>People</i>	Thanks be to God.

A CAROL

The Parish Choir
Laura Holm, Soloist

Mary's Magnificat - Words & music—Andrew Carter

*Softly a light is stealing,
Sweetly a maiden sings,
Ever wakeful, ever wistful,
Watching faithfully, thankfully, tenderly her King of kings.*

*My soul doth magnify, doth magnify the Lord:
And my spirit hath rejoiced,
rejoiced in God my Saviour.*

*Mary her song to Jesus
Softly, serenely sings:
“I will love you, I will serve you,
May my lullaby glorify, magnify my King of kings.”
Lullaby.*

THE SIXTH LESSON

Luke 2:1-7

The Birth of Our Lord Jesus Christ

Reader: Mary Jane Haley

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

As I Was A-Walking - Derek Healey

*As I was a-walking in the death of the year,
 I heard a young maid sing as night did draw near.
 O she was a-singing, a-singing so sweet,
 As the wind blew so bitter cold, down every frozen street.
 She sung of her husband, who search'd all the town
 For a room they might sleep in, as weary they'd grown.
 But only a stable poor Joseph had found,
 all the hay was a-frozen hard, and ice was on the ground.
 But all the bells of heaven this cold night will ring,
 As God's Son will come to us, while choirs of angels sing.
 They will sing so sweet and joyful, all the world for to hear
 Of a babe in a stable lain, in the death of the year.*

Luke 2:8-20

The Angels announce the birth to the Shepherds

Reader: Mary Jane Haley

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the People; to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.” And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!” When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.” So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Come Ye Shepherds - *Words: traditional; Music: arr. by Katherine Hoover*

*Come ye shepherds, come!
Come all ye shepherds, come quickly with me.
There lies a little babe, sweet and wondrous to see.
Jesus our Lord at last come from heaven, whom God had promised, now is given.
Be not afraid.
Come, come to the stable, in a manger the baby lies.
'Twas there among the cattle that He opened his eyes.
Come, come and see why heaven rejoices,
Open your hearts, lift your voices. Hallelujah!
Come shepherds, be not afraid.
Come, come to Bethlehem.
There lies a little baby. Be not afraid.
Come shepherds, come, come to the stable, in a manger He lies.
'Twas there among the cattle that He opened his eyes. Hallelujah!
Come and see why Heav'n rejoices,
Open your hearts, lift your voices. Hallelujah!*

THE SEVENTH LESSON

John 1:1-18

The Word Was Made Flesh and We Beheld His Glory

Reader: Father Gregg Morris

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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

A CAROL Parish Choir & Congregation

O Come, All Ye Faithful

Everyone 1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O
Everyone 2 God from God, Light from Light e - ter - nal,
Choir 3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,

Everyone 1 come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;
Everyone 2 lo! he ab - hors not the Vir - gin's womb;
Choir 3 sing, all ye ci - ti - zens of heaven a - bove;

Everyone 1 come, and be - hold him, born the King of an - gels;
Everyone 2 on - ly - be - got - ten Son of the Fa - ther;
Choir 3 glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est;

Refrain

O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a -

dore him, O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord.

6 Yea, Lord, we greet thee,
 born this happy morning;
 Jesus, to thee be glory given;
 Word of the Father,
 now in flesh appearing;

Refrain

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

The Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord and are then seated.

The Offertory

Celebrant

Wherever you are on your journey of faith, you are welcome at God's Table. Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

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*Place your desired donation amount in the "Unpledged Donation" box,
which acts like putting a donation in the offering plate.
Scroll down to the bottom of the menu to complete the
donation process.*



We are grateful for every giver, and for every gift - THANK YOU!

SHARING GOD'S GIFTS

As the gifts are brought forward, the People stand as they are able

Celebrant All things come of thee, O Lord,
People **and of thine own have we given thee.**

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

The People stand as they are able

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant

Loving God, we delight to give you thanks and praise, for you alone are the fountain of life and source of all goodness. You made all things and fill them with your blessing. All of creation bears witness to your presence everywhere and in every thing.

Even though we are made in your image, gracious God, we chose our own way and rebelled against you. Because of your infinite love and mercy, you call us to return to you, again and again. And then you sent Jesus to us, born in human flesh and yet the Eternal Word that is God. In Jesus you open for us the way of freedom and peace, and gather us as your beloved children. In Jesus, you reconcile us and all of creation to yourself.

And so, Holy One, we your people now bring before you these gifts of bread and wine. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you. This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

God of love and mercy, we now celebrate the memorial of your Son Jesus Christ. By means of this holy bread and cup, we acknowledge the pouring out of his life for us, and proclaim his resurrection, until he comes again. Gather us by this Holy Communion into one body in Christ, and make us a living community of praise and gratitude, of love and service.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

Celebrant

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

Celebrant and People

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

FRACTION

Celebrant

Jesus said, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

COMMUNION

The celebrant invites the people to share in communion and says,
The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The people may be seated.



All are welcome to receive Communion.
At the invitation of the ushers, the People come forward
to receive Communion or a Blessing.

Please indicate when coming forward if you would like a gluten-free wafer.

If you would like Communion brought to you at your seat, please inform an usher.

THE ADVENT ANTIPHONS

Celebrant O Wisdom, breath of the Most High, pervading and permeating all creation:
People **Come and make us friends of God.**

Celebrant O Lord of lords and Leader of the house of Israel, who appeared to Moses in
the burning bush and gave him your law on Sinai:
People **Come and save us with outstretched arm.**

Celebrant O Root of Jesse, standing as a signal to the nations, before whom all kings
are mute, to whom the nations will do homage.
People **Come and save us, delay no longer.**

Celebrant O Key of David and Ruler of the house of Israel, when you open nobody
can close, when you close nobody can open:
People **Come and proclaim liberty to captives and set the down-trodden free.**

Celebrant O radiant Dawn, Splendor of eternal light and Sun of justice:
People **Come and give light to those who live in darkness and the shadow of death.**

Celebrant O King of the nations, the Ruler they long for, the Cornerstone binding all together:

People **Come and save the people you fashioned from the dust of the earth.**

Celebrant O Emmanuel, our King and our Lawgiver, the Anointed of the nations and their Savior:

People **Come and save us, O Lord our God.**

Celebrant O Christ, scatter the darkness from before our path:

People **COME LORD JESUS, COME SOON!**

THE PROCESSION OUT

The Parish Choir & Congregation

Once in Royal David's City

The musical score is written for a choir and congregation. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a vocal line with lyrics and a piano accompaniment line. The second system also has a vocal line with lyrics and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are as follows:

All Women 1 Once in roy - al Da - vid's ci - ty stood a
Everyone 2 He came down to earth from hea - ven, who is
Everyone 3 We, like Ma - ry, rest con - found - ed that a
Everyone 4 For he is our life - long pat - tern; dai - ly,
Everyone 5 And our eyes at last shall see him, through his
Everyone 6 Not in that poor low - ly sta - ble, with the

All Women 1 low - ly cat - tle shed, where a mo - ther laid her
Everyone 2 God and Lord of all, and his shel - ter was a
Everyone 3 sta - ble should dis - play hea - ven's Word, the world's cre -
Everyone 4 when on earth he grew, he was tempt - ed, scorned, re -
Everyone 5 own re - deem - ing love; for that child who seemed so
Everyone 6 ox - en stand - ing round, we shall see him; but in

All Women 1 ba - by in a man - ger for his bed: Ma - ry
Everyone 2 sta - ble, and his cra - dle was a stall; with the
Everyone 3 a - tor, cra - dled there on Christ - mas Day, yet this
Everyone 4 ject - ed, tears and smiles like us he knew. Thus he
Everyone 5 help - less is our Lord in heaven a - bove; and he
Everyone 6 hea - ven, where his saints his throne sur - round: Christ, re -

All Women 1 was that mo - ther mild, — Je - sus Christ her lit - tle child. —
Everyone 2 poor, the scorned, the low - ly, lived on earth our Sa - vior ho - ly.
Everyone 3 child, our Lord and bro - ther, brought us love for one an - oth - er.
Everyone 4 feels for all our sad - ness, and he shares in all our glad - ness.
Everyone 5 leads his chil - dren on — to the place where he is gone. —
Everyone 6 vealed to faith - ful eye, — set at God's right hand on high. —

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

James Hoover, organ

Vom Himmel hoch – setting, Robert Benson

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Prepare the way, O Zion - Hymnal 65

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Pattie Woitovich

Alto

Donna Armstrong
Leslie Keros
Kathy Nelsen
Janine Pickett

Tenor

Rick Anderson
Greg Colombe
Mark Nelsen

Bass

Joseph Myers
Glenn Spitler
Waring Webb

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHANGE OF SCHEDULE:

Sunday school will NOT be held **TODAY**, December 14 .
Please come to the service and enjoy Lessons and Carols at
the 10am Eucharist.

CHILDREN'S
MINISTRY



CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Christmas is a special time to remember those we love and to give thanks for God's blessings. Your contribution in the form of a memorial or a thankoffering to the Altar Guild will help purchase the Christmas Flowers. Please use the "**Christmas Flower Offering Pew Envelope**" and clearly indicate your intention on the envelope. Checks should be made payable to St. Andrew's Church.

Deadline for the printed list is Sunday, December 21.

SMART GIVING

Smart Giving - Want to save on your income taxes while you help St. Andrew's? Recent changes to the federal income tax laws encourage year end charitable giving by allowing you to claim up to a \$2000 (for joint filers) deduction or \$1000 (for a single tax payer) deduction for charitable contributions up to these amounts **even if you don't itemize your deductions**. This means you can help St. Andrew's now with a 2025 contribution or by prepaying a portion of your 2026 pledge. It's also a great time to help St. Andrew's with any remaining 2025 RMD dollars (required minimum distributions for those 73 or older) or tax smart gifts from those eligible to take advantage of QCDs (qualified charitable donations).



ST. ANDREW'S NEW 2026 CHURCH PHOTO DIRECTORY

We will be taking individual and family portraits during December for our new color Church Photo Directory, published every two years. The directory will be printed and distributed in early 2026.

Photo dates for the directory are: **TODAY**, Sunday, **December 14**
& Sunday, **December 21**

Photos will be taken in the Phil Room (Room #5) 2nd floor opposite the Nursery, between services and following the second service.

You will be asked to verify phone and address information for the Directory before having your picture taken, which is about five minutes per family/person.

Please contact Kurt Wiesner if you have any questions or special needs.

SAVE THE DATE

Wednesday, January 7, 2026, 5:30 PM for a Chilean meal in the Parish Hall with The Rev. Russ and Heidi Smith, US missionaries to Chile for 40 years. There is no charge for dinner, and all (including babies and small children) are welcome. Sign up and details to follow. For questions, contact Connie Butler.



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Cathy Waitek

Jean Young

VIDEO/SOUND 10 AM

Orin Albrecht

SUNDAY LOCK UP

Matt Andrews

LABYRINTH STEWARD

Christine Swanson

ACOLYTES

8AM

10AM

Juliette Matiuk

Caleb Pickett

Olive Brazier

LAY EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Mary Jane Haley

Joanne Schupbach

Matt Andrews

Sally Hedrick

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Mary Meade

See Readings

GREETERS

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Jack Minster

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THE CLERGY

The Rev. Gregg A. Morris, Rector

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THE STAFF

Dellana Mote, Parish Administrator

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Chris Stansbury, Youth Music Director

Sally Hedrick, Chaplain

Joanne Schupbach, Chaplain

Diane Sellinger, Chaplain

Diana Bolz Rhoads, Chaplain

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Liz Foreman, Parent's Day Out Director

PARISH LEADERS

Gracia Morton, Sr. Warden

Bob Sellinger, Jr. Warden

Mike Dunn, Parish Treasurer

Diane Sellinger, Clerk of the Vestry

NEXT SUNDAY AT SAINT ANDREW'S

The Fourth Sunday of Advent – Dec. 21, 2025

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist – Rite II

In-Person

10:00 AM Holy Eucharist – Rite II

In-Person & Facebook Live

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Isaiah 7:10-16

Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18

Romans 1:1-7

Matthew 1:18-25