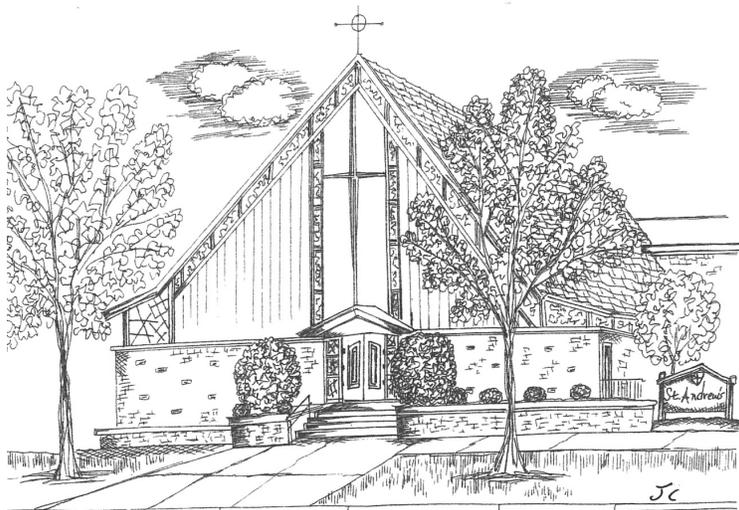


The First Sunday of Advent

November 28, 2021

10:30 AM Holy Eucharist



ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Newport News, Virginia

10:30 A.M. Holy Eucharist - Rite II

Prelude *on the first hymn*

John Schaffner

Blessing and Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Celebrant: May the visitation of your Holy Spirit, O God, make us ready for the coming of Jesus, our peace, our hope, our joy, and our love and our light.

People: ***O Come, O Come Emmanuel. Amen.***

Processional Hymn *O Come, O come, Emmanuel*

Hymnal 56 (vs. 1-4)

1. *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. *O come, thou Wisdom from on high, who orderest all things mightily;
to us the path of knowledge show, and teach us in her ways to go.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!*
3. *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, and majesty, and awe.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!*
4. *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!*

THE WORD OF GOD

Officiant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: ***And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.***

All: ***Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid:
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly
love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.***

Holy God *Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One,
have mercy upon us. (Repeat twice)*

Hymnal S-100

The Collect of the Day

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.***

The 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."

The Word of the Lord

Response: Thanks be to God.

The Psalm Psalm 25:1-9

- 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 compassion and love,
for they are from everlasting.
- 6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;
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.

The Epistle 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 Jesus with all his saints.

The Word of the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn *Jesus calls us; o'er the tumult*
(for St. Andrew the Apostle, November 30)

Hymnal 550

1. *Jesus calls us; o'er the tumult of our life's wild, restless sea,
day by day his clear voice soundeth, saying, "Christian, follow me;"*
2. *as, of old, Saint Andrew heard it by the Galilean lake,
turned from home and toil and kindred, leaving all for his dear sake.*
3. *Jesus calls us from the worship of the vain world's golden store;
from each idol that would keep us, saying, "Christian, love me more."*

4. *In our joys and in our sorrows, days of toil and hours of ease,
still he calls, in cares and pleasures, "Christian, love me more than these."*
5. *Jesus calls us! By thy mercies, Savior, may we hear thy call,
give our hearts to thine obedience, serve and love thee best of all.*

The Gospel Luke 21:25-36

Response before: ***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 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."

Response after: ***Praise to you, Lord Christ.***

The Sermon

The Rev. Carol Chamberlain

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

***We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.***

The Prayers of the People for Advent

Leader: My brothers and sisters, the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. Prepare your hearts for his arrival.

People: *Fill the valleys; make low the hills; come, great Redeemer.*

Leader: God our hope, make your Church pure and blameless that we may greet with joy the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. We pray for Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Susan, our Bishop; Anne and Marc, our priests; Carol, John, Phillip, and Travis, our associate clergy; and parishioner Matt Deller, exploring a call to the diaconate.

People: *Increase our love to overflowing; keep your Church on the paths of love and faithfulness.*

Leader: God of hope, in your reign of justice and righteousness divisions are overcome, unity restored. We pray for all those in authority in this and every land, especially Joseph, our President; Ralph, our Governor; and Glenn, our governor-elect.

People: *Bring us together in a spirit of love and respect.*

Leader: Make your deeds known among the people, O God. Lift up the lowly. Fill the hungry with good things.

People: *May all people know your peace.*

Leader: Show the strength of your arm, O God. Heal and restore the sick and the suffering, especially those whom we now name, silently or aloud.... May we know security. May we know peace.

People: *Stir up your strength, O Lord; and come to help us.*

Leader: Bless the dying, embrace the dead, and comfort those who mourn. We pray for those who have died, and for those whom we now name, silently or aloud.... Great Shepherd, gather your flock into your eternal kingdom.

People: *God, you are our salvation, and we thank you.*

Leader: Merciful God, we long for the light of hope to break into our world, to shine on those who dwell in darkness and to guide us into the way of peace.

People: *O come, O come Emmanuel; be our hope and our salvation. Amen.*

The Collect

Confession and Absolution

BCP 360

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All: *Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.*

The Peace

The Announcements

The Offertory Sentence

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Anthem *Peace Between Nations*

Christopher Wiggins

The Great Thanksgiving; Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP 361

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: *We lift them up to the Lord.*

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: *It is right to give him thanks and praise.*

Celebrant:

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus and Benedictus

Richard Proulx

Choir: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and God of might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Choir and Congregation:

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

Choir: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Choir and Congregation:

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, 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; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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. ***Amen.***

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,

*thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.*

The Breaking of the Bread

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

All: *Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Administration of Communion

Hymns for Choir and Congregation:

Once he came in blessing

Hymnal 53

- 1. Once he came in blessing, all our ills redressing;
came in likeness lowly, Son of God most holy;
bore the cross to save us, hope and freedom gave us.*
- 2. Still he comes within us, still his voice would win us
from the sins that hurt us, would to Truth convert us:
not in torment hold us, but in love enfold us.*
- 3. Thus, if thou canst name him, not ashamed to claim him,
but wilt trust him boldly nor dost love him coldly,
he will then receive thee, heal thee, and forgive thee.*
- 4. One who thus endureth bright reward secureth.
Come, then, O Lord Jesus, from our sins release us;
let us here confess thee till in heaven we bless thee.*

Creator of the stars of night

Hymnal 60

- 1. Creator of the stars of night, your people's everlasting light,
O Christ, Redeemer of us all, we pray you hear us when we call.*
- 2. In sorrow that the ancient curse should doom to death a universe,
you came, O Savior, to set free your own in glorious liberty.*
- 3. When this old world drew on toward night, you came, but not in splendor bright,
not as a monarch, but the child of Mary, blameless mother mild.*
- 4. At your great Name, O Jesus, now all knees must bend, all hearts must bow:
all things on earth with one accord like those in heaven, shall call you Lord.*
- 5. Come in your holy might, we pray, redeem us for eternal day;
defend us while we dwell below from all assaults of our dread foe.*
- 6. To God the Father, God the Son, and God the Spirit, Three in One,
praise, honor, might, and glory be from age to age eternally.*

1. *Hark! the glad sound! the Savior comes, the Savior promised long;
let every heart prepare a throne, and every voice a song.*
2. *He comes, the prisoners to release in Satan's bondage held;
the gates of brass before him burst, the iron fetters yield.*
3. *He comes, the broken heart to bind, the bleeding soul to cure;
and with the treasures of his grace to enrich the humble poor.*
4. *Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace, thy welcome shall proclaim;
and heaven's eternal arches ring with thy beloved Name.*

The Postcommunion Prayer

BCP 365

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: *Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn *Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding*

Hymnal 59

1. *Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding. "Christ is nigh," it seems to say;
"Cast away the works of darkness, O ye children of the day."*
2. *Wakened by the solemn warning, from earth's bondage let us rise;
Christ, our sun, all sloth dispelling, shines upon the morning skies.*
3. *Lo! the Lamb, so long expected, comes with pardon down from heaven;
let us haste, with tears of sorrow, one and all to be forgiven;*
4. *so when next he comes with glory, and the world is wrapped in fear,
may he with his mercy shield us, and with words of love draw near.*
5. *Honor, glory, might, and blessing to the Father and the Son,
with the everlasting Spirit, while unending ages run.*

Dismissal

Response: *Thanks be to God.*

Voluntary *Sleepers, Awake!*

J. S. Bach

Service Participants

The Rev. Anne R. Kirchmier

The Rev. Carol Chamberlain

Lector/Prayers: Vera Horne, Fritz Horne
Ushers: Graham Ferguson, Walter Deal, Greg Edwards, Kirk Klinger
Acolyte: Cris Oman
Greeters: Danny Switzer, Diana Skelton
Altar Guild: Becki Shamblen, Al Roby, Diana Skelton, Danny Switzer
Flower Guild: Nancy Boxx, Martha Sides, Martha Smith, Deborah Smith

Announcements

This Week at St. Andrew's

Sunday, November 28	8:00 AM	Holy Eucharist I
	10:15 AM	Children's Chapel
	10:30 AM	Holy Eucharist II
Tuesday, November 30	1:00 PM	Crafters
Wednesday, December 1	9:15 AM	Staff Meeting
	11:00 AM	Holy Eucharist with Healing
	5:15 PM	Centering Prayer
	6:00 PM	Adult Choir
Thursday, December 2	7:30 AM	Centering Prayer
	10:00 AM	Bible Study
	2:00 PM	Service at The Chesapeake

Adult Forum - December 5

Join us on December 5 at 9:15 AM in the Parish Hall as Margaret Bivins leads the discussion on *Long Expected Messiah, Unexpected Jesus*.

Advent Gift from Anne - Slow down. Quiet. It's Advent!

As a gift to the congregation, Anne has purchased Advent calendars for all of us to use this December as we prepare once again for the coming of Christ. They will be available at church beginning this Sunday, November 28 at the end of each service.

Adult Parish Advent Party – December 5

The Adult Parish Advent Party will be on December 5 from 5:00 to 7:00 PM at the home of Al and Rachel Roby, 900 River Road, Newport News. Bring a holiday hors d'oeuvre to share and your favorite holiday beverage. If you are new to St. Andrew's, you are our guests and you do not need to bring anything with you – just come and join us!

Farewell to Tonia & Ron Graves

This Sunday we bid farewell to Tonia and Ron Graves as they are moving to Winchester, Virginia. The Graves have been a part of our church family for almost 20 years and deeply engaged in the life and work of the church. Ron has helped to lead our Response to Racism Team and has served as church treasurer. Tonia has been a lay reader and a VBS volunteer. She served on the Altar Guild and as a member of our Vestry. Ron and Tonia's children, Eric and Kathryn grew up at St. Andrew's, serving as acolytes. Even though Eric and Kathryn are grown and on their own now, Tonia has continued to assist with acolyte scheduling. Ron and Tonia will be greatly missed, but their presence among us leaves a lasting, loving impression and has made St. Andrew's a richer community.

**Preparing for St. Andrew's December 5 Annual Meeting:
immediately following the 10:30 service**

Dear friends,

As you know, we gather every year in early December for an annual parish meeting, at which we elect new vestry members and thank those who are retiring. Current vestry members report on our accomplishments, challenges, and hopes as we look to the future; those reports are collected into a document that will go out electronically and will also be available as a hard copy. This year, there will be a new element to our congregational meeting, and I wanted to let you know about it so that you can prepare.

Our recent practice with annual meetings has not included time for conversation among parishioners and parish leaders. Beginning with the December meeting, we are going to change that. The vestry wants and needs to hear your thoughts; and then to use your hopes, suggestions, and concerns to help shape our priorities for the coming months. To that end, we have developed a set of questions for you to consider prior to December 5 so that we can talk about them together at the annual meeting.

As you know, our parish mission statement is: *St. Andrew's: Building God's kingdom through worship, outreach, and fellowship*. Please prayerfully spend some time with the questions below and come prepared on December 5 to engage in a dialogue about them:

1. How are we doing at living into our mission?
 - a. What's going well?
 - b. What's not going well?
2. What should we do to address the challenges we are facing?
3. How are we doing at loving one another – offering each other grace and forgiveness; reaching out across our political/social/economic divides; not only welcoming but also intentionally including new or unfamiliar people in our parish activities and fellowship?

Beginning in 2022, there will be two congregational meetings each year, spaced six months apart. That will give us a chance to engage in a long-term conversation, with vestry leaders listening closely to your input at each meeting and then reporting back to you six months later about how we have addressed your comments. I am excited about engaging in this new process, and I look forward to our time together on December 5.

Blessings. -Anne

**St. Andrew's Young Adult Ministry Team (YAMT)
seeking more members – possibly YOU??**

How can we as a parish minister to young adults – those who are parishioners, and other outside of our doors? That's the central question that guides the work of St. Andrew's Young Adult Ministry Team. In addition to the Covid pandemic, there is a pandemic of despair, depression, and hopelessness gripping the world's young people. As Dan Waddill pointed out so eloquently in his recent forum series, the Church is in the business of hope and light, gifts from God that our world and our young people desperately need.

Over the past year, the members of the YAMT (Dan Waddill, Melissa Sale, Elizabeth Mayo, Nicole Emmelhainz-Carney, and Anne Kirchmier), with your help, have engaged in a number of projects to reach out to young adults near and far: a letter-writing campaign; regular text messages; phone calls; an in-person gathering; provision of gift bags for CNU students; consultation with the United Campus Ministries minister at CNU, etc. We promoted the Firepit gatherings to our local young adults and will also be encouraging them to take part in the parish Fellowship Groups currently being formed.

What can you do? We would love to have you join us in our efforts to reach out to young folks in Jesus' name. Our next meeting will be Tuesday night, November 30 at 7 PM via Zoom. The link is here:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87112694567>

Please come! Meanwhile, feel free to reach out to any member of our team if you have questions about this ministry. And please keep our world's young adults in your prayers.