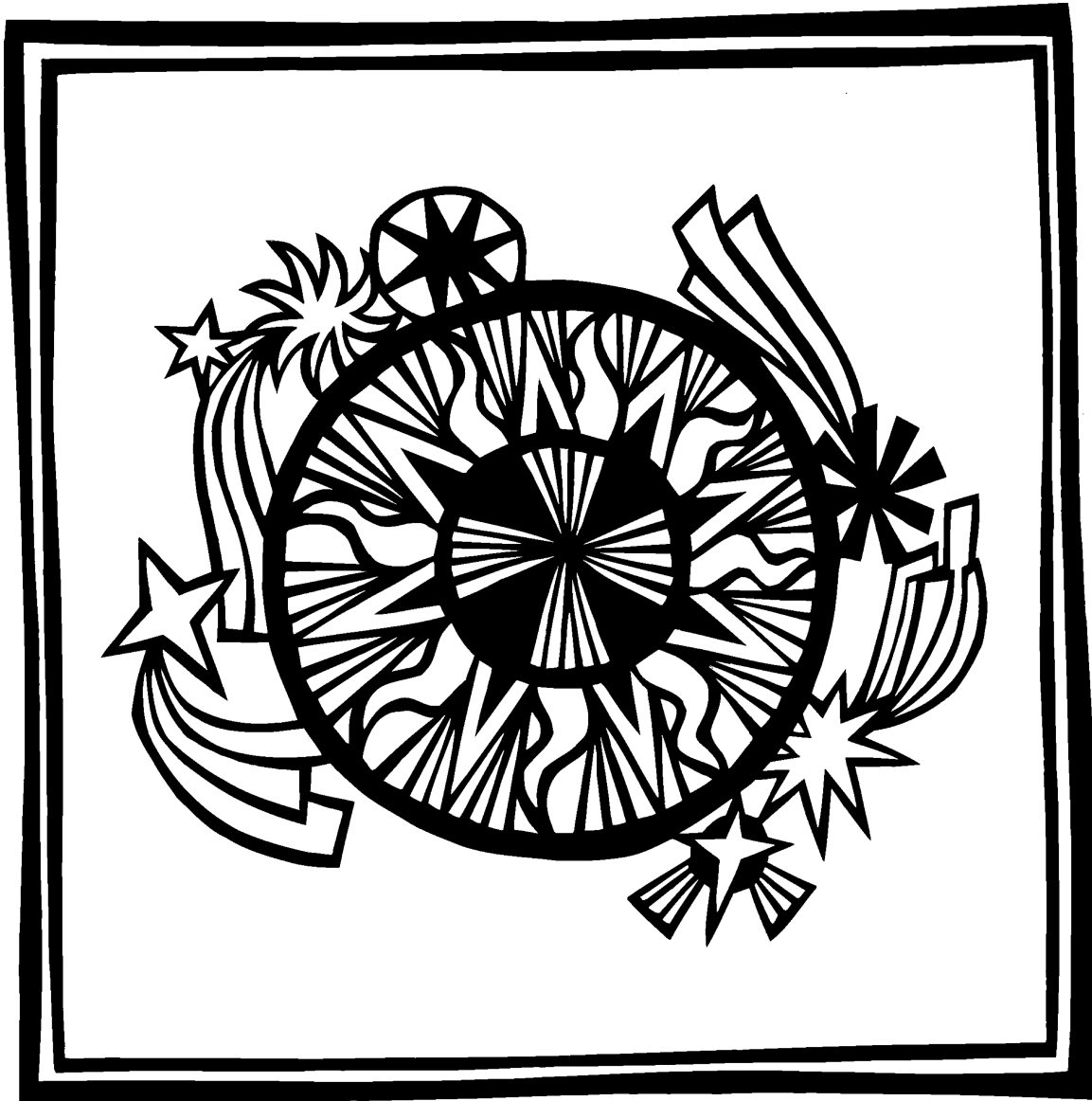


# WELCOME TO SAINT ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Sunday, January 5, 2025

9:00 AM & 11:15 AM



In the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, welcome! I am honored and delighted that you have chosen Saint Andrew's Episcopal Church as a place to worship this morning. If this is your first time to visit I encourage you to fill out a **Connect Card** on the back of the pew in front of you, and drop it in one of the offering plates so we can learn about you and thank you for worshiping with us. Please also pick up one of the red folders which includes information about Saint Andrew's life and ministry. I invite you to participate in today's worship service and thank you for joining us this morning.

Daryl T. Hay+  
Rector

The Rev. Daryl T. Hay, Rector  
Dr. Linda Patterson, Director of Music  
The Second Sunday after Christmas Day  
Tuesday, January 5, 2025

The Rev. Benjamin Sánchez, Church Planter  
The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two  
9:00 AM & 11:15 AM

## The Word of God

OPENING VOLUNTARY: Prelude on "We Three Kings" Paul Manz (1919-2009)

OPENING HYMN 128 We Three Kings

OPENING ACCLAMATION

*The people standing, the Celebrant says*

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

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

COLLECT FOR PURITY

*The Celebrant may say*

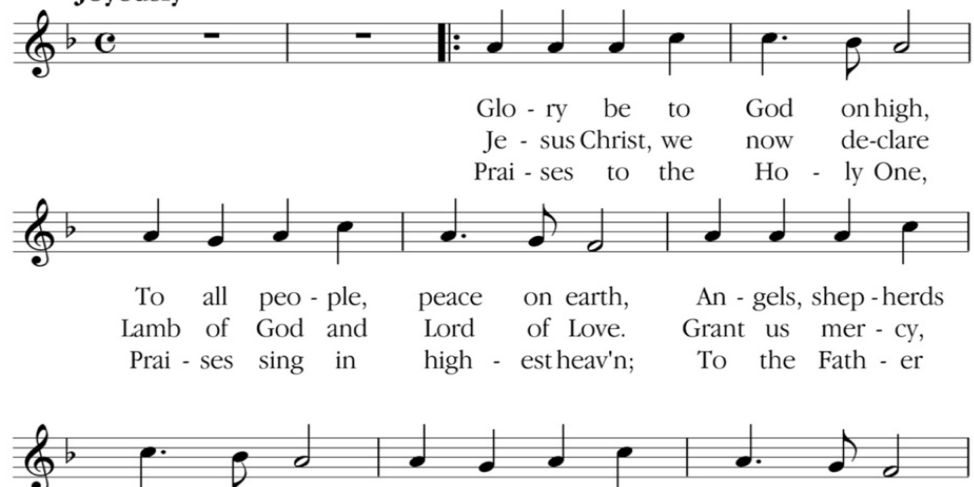
Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

OPENING ANTHEM OR SONG OF PRAISE

*The following is sung, all standing*

*The St. James Christmas Service*

**Joyously**



Glo - ry be to God on high,  
Je - sus Christ, we now de - clare  
Prai - ses to the Ho - ly One,

To all peo - ple, peace on earth, An - gels, shep - herds  
Lamb of God and Lord of Love. Grant us mer - cy,  
Prai - ses sing in high - est heav'n; To the Fath - er

draw - ing nigh, Join to ce - le - brate His birth.  
hear our prayer, Give us grace from heav'en a - bove.  
and the Son and the Ho - ly Spi - rit giv'n.



THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*The people kneel.*

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## The Lessons

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:7-14

*The people sit.*

A Reading from the Book of Jeremiah.

Thus says the LORD:

Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,  
and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;  
proclaim, give praise, and say,  
"Save, O LORD, your people,  
the remnant of Israel."

See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north,  
and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth,  
among them the blind and the lame, those with child and  
those in labor, together;  
a great company, they shall return here.

With weeping they shall come,  
and with consolations I will lead them back,  
I will let them walk by brooks of water,  
in a straight path in which they shall not stumble;  
for I have become a father to Israel,  
and Ephraim is my firstborn.

Hear the word of the LORD, O nations,  
and declare it in the coastlands far away;  
say, "He who scattered Israel will gather him,  
and will keep him as a shepherd a flock."  
For the LORD has ransomed Jacob,  
and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him.  
They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion,  
and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the LORD,  
over the grain, the wine, and the oil,  
and over the young of the flock and the herd;  
their life shall become like a watered garden,  
and they shall never languish again.  
Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance,  
and the young men and the old shall be merry.  
I will turn their mourning into joy,  
I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow.  
I will give the priests their fill of fatness,  
and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty,  
says the LORD.

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

PSALM 84:1-8  
*Remain seated.*



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- <sup>1</sup> How dear to me is your dwelling, O LORD of hosts! \*  
My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the LORD;  
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.
- <sup>2</sup> The sparrow has found her a house  
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; \*  
by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts,  
my King and my God.
- <sup>3</sup> Happy are they who dwell in your house! \*  
they will always be praising you.

ANTIPHON

<sup>4</sup>Happy are the people whose strength is in you! \*  
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way. ANTIPHON

<sup>5</sup>Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, \*  
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.

<sup>6</sup>They will climb from height to height, \*  
and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion. ANTIPHON

<sup>7</sup>LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; \*  
hearken, O God of Jacob.

<sup>8</sup>Behold our defender, O God; \*  
and look upon the face of your Anointed. ANTIPHON

SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:3-6,15-19a

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Ephesians.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN 124 What Star is This

*At 9:00 AM, the children are invited to follow the Processional Cross to Children's Chapel.*

GOSPEL: Matthew 2:1-12

*All stand.*

*Priest* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born

king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,  
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;  
for from you shall come a ruler  
who is to shepherd my people Israel."

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

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

## THE SERMON

## THE CREED

*All stand.*

**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

*The people kneel.*

Raising our voices in proclamation and praise, let us rejoice as we offer our prayers to God, responding, "Lord, hear our prayer."

In thanksgiving for the peacemakers who toil in troubled lands, and in families of discontent, that the Prince of Peace may give them words of wisdom as they seek to encourage new means of communication and the mending of relationships; let us pray.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

In thanksgiving for those who bring treasures to the poor and needy of the world, offering precious gifts of hope to God's fragile people; let us pray.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For those who exercise leadership throughout our Church, that they may bear in their actions the love of Christ, enlightening the hearts of those who have a hidden faith, and strengthening those of a weak spirit. We pray especially for Sean, the Presiding Bishop; Andy, Hector, Jeff, and Kai, our Bishops; Daryl, our Rector; Benjamin, our Church Planter; Amy and Michael, our Iona School Students; and those discerning a call to ministry. In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for All Saints', Austin; Calvary, Bastrop; and Christ Church, Cedar Park. We celebrate with those who have birthdays this week, especially Matthew, Justin, Madelyn, Lauren, Brinson, Lyssa, Preston, and Stephanie. We remember our Church Plant, Espiritu Santo, its volunteers and supporters, and those that they minister with. Strengthen them as they reach out to you in prayer and hope; let us pray.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For our President, members of our legislative bodies, and those who serve on the Supreme Court, that they may honor our historic inheritance and take us along new pathways in the service of bettering our nation; let us pray.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For those who have died in the noonday of their lives, especially De Estes, David Duncan, Cathy Pendergrass, and Bill Osborne, and for parents who grieve the loss of children, that they may be comforted by the Father of us all, whose only Son was not spared an early death; let us pray.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

In thanksgiving for all the blessings of this life, remembering those who have been our mentors and teachers, and through whose companionship we have experienced the riches of divine grace; let us pray.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

As God's adopted children, through the will of Jesus Christ, let us add to these prayers those in need of your healing and strength, especially Kim, Lunette, James, and Jim; let us pray.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect*

CONFESSION OF SIN

*The Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.  
*Silence may be kept.*

*Minister and People*

**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 Priest stands and says*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**



THE PEACE

*All stand.*

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

*People*            **And also with you.**

*Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## The Holy Communion

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

OFFERTORY HYMN: 117 Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning

DOXOLOGY

Hymn 380, verse 3

*The people stand.*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*The Celebrant says*

*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 him thanks and praise.**

*Facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

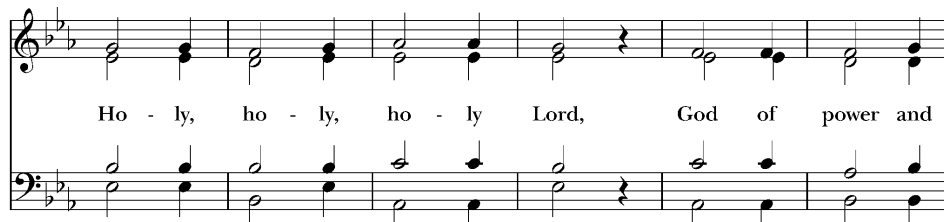
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

*Here a proper preface is said on all Sundays, and on other occasions as appointed.*

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 S 130 *Holy, holy, holy (Schubert)*

*Celebrant and People*



might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are

full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*The people kneel.*

*The Celebrant continues*

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:

*Celebrant and People*

**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.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

*People and Celebrant*

**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,  
 forever and ever. Amen.

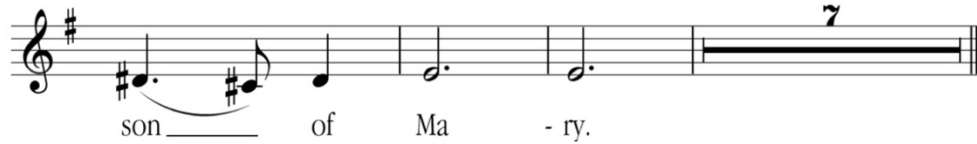
THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

FRACTION ANTHEM

*The St. James Christmas Service*

**Gently [In One]**

O Lamb of God, O Ho - ly  
 Child, who takes the sin of the world a - way; Have  
 mer - cy on us, lamb so mild, the babe, the  
 son of Ma - ry. This, this is your bo - dy  
 giv'n, Your pre - cious blood, the gift of heav'n.  
 Take, eat, for we are one in the babe, the



INVITATION

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COMMUNION HYMN 109 The First Nowell

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

**Almighty and everliving God,  
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food  
of the most precious Body and Blood  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;  
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries  
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,  
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.  
And now, Father, send us out  
to do the work you have given us to do,  
to love and serve you  
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.  
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

CHRISTMAS BLESSING

May Christ, who by his Incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, fill you with his joy and peace; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN 119 As With Gladness Men of Old

DISMISSAL

CLOSING VOLUNTARY: Prelude on "As With Gladness Men of Old"

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*The flowers are given to the Glory of God in celebration of Benjamin's 1<sup>st</sup> birthday by the Vilas Girls and in celebration of Madelyn, Brinson, and Lauren's 22<sup>nd</sup> birthday! by Kyle and Robin Rackley.*

NOTES ABOUT THE MUSIC: Though we haven't celebrated Epiphany yet, today's Gospel reading gives us the story of the Magi's arrival. John Henry Hopkins, Jr., the composer as well as author of the carol, "We Three Kings," drew on traditional lore about the Kings and their gifts. He was a professor at General Theological Seminary, and directed that verses 2-4 be sung by male soloists. It was written in 1857 and has been popular since then. Paul Manz's Prelude on the tune uses a repeated rhythmic ostinato to help depict the movement of the caravan.

## LOOKING AHEAD

To receive "The Line," our weekly e-newsletter, please email: [office@standrewsbcs.org](mailto:office@standrewsbcs.org)

Morning Prayer is offered Tuesday through Friday, 8 AM in the church.

Evening Prayer is offered Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday at 5 PM in the church.

The 9:00 AM & 11:15 AM Sunday services are also live-streamed on Facebook and YouTube and found on our website: [www.standrewsbcs.org](http://www.standrewsbcs.org)

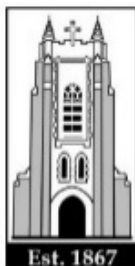
### UPCOMING EVENTS

- January 5      Eve of the Epiphany: Gifts for Baby Jesus (collecting diapers and wipes)
- January 6      The Epiphany of Our Lord Jesus Christ with the Holy Eucharist, 12:15 PM
- January 11     DOK, 9 AM  
Vestry Orientation, 10 AM  
Safeguarding Training, 12 PM  
Central Convocation Pre-Council Meeting, 3 PM at St. Thomas
- January 12     Second Sunday Lunch, 12:30 PM  
Plass Recital Series featuring pianist Thomas Fedorchik, 2 PM
- January 14     Youth Conversation Café, 6:30 PM at Starbucks in Kroger
- January 15     Public Service of Healing with Holy Communion, 5:30 PM  
Rector's Book Club: *God's Secretaries: The Making of the King James Bible*, 6 PM
- January 17     Third Friday Compline, 8:30 PM

### WEEKLY MINISTRIES

*Some ministries may still be on hiatus. Please check in with the ministry leaders.*

- Sunday        The Holy Eucharist, 7:30 AM, 9 AM & 11:15 AM  
Faith Formation for all ages, 10:15 AM
- Monday        Brotherhood of St. Andrew Bible Study, 6 PM at St. Francis Church
- Tuesday       Good Grief Group, 10 AM in the Parlor
- Wednesday    Choir Practice, 3 PM & 7 PM in the Music Room  
Bell Choir, 6 PM in the Sharp Room (except the First Wednesday of the month)  
20/30 Vision, 6 PM in the Upper Room
- Thursday      Men's Breakfast, 7:00 AM in the Parish Hall  
Ladies Breakfast, 8:30 AM at Toasted Yolk
- Friday         Music Play with Ms. Patty, 9:30 AM in the Parish Hall



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