



## Order of Worship for Holy Eucharist Rite II

Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

November 19, 2023

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### *Welcome to this morning's worship!*

*Thank you for joining us today. If you are new to our service, please take a moment to fill out our visitor's card so we can get to know you. Please use this bulletin, the red Book of Common Prayer (BCP), and the blue Hymnal to follow along in worship. Nursery care is available down the stairs at the back of the church. Activity bags are available at the back of the church to keep little hearts and hands engaged.*

### **Prelude**

*Quiet Reflection*

Jason W. Krug

*Morning Song*

Handbell Ensemble: Linda Cummer, Ann Herman, Shirley Keel, Carol Phillips, Marion Seaman

### **Opening Hymn** *(Please stand as you are able.)*

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

Hymnal 390

### **The Opening Acclamation**

BCP p. 355

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

*People* ***And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.***

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.***

### **Hymn of Praise**

*How wondrous and great thy works, God of praise!*

Hymnal 533

## **The Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

## **The Children's Procession**

*Children in grades K–5 are invited to a children's ministry time. They will process out of the church together and go to the bright yellow classroom hall. K–2<sup>nd</sup> Graders will attend Godly Play, a Montessori-based teaching method using stories from the Bible. 3<sup>rd</sup>–5<sup>th</sup> Graders will attend Kids of the Kingdom, an opportunity for older children to grow in faith through Bible readings, crafts, and activities. Both groups will enjoy Angel Choir together before returning to the sanctuary for the Eucharistic Prayer.*

***This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine! (Sing 3 times.) Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!***

***Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine! (Sing 3 times.) Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!***

## **The Word of God**

### **The Epistle**

1 Thessalonians 5:1–11

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

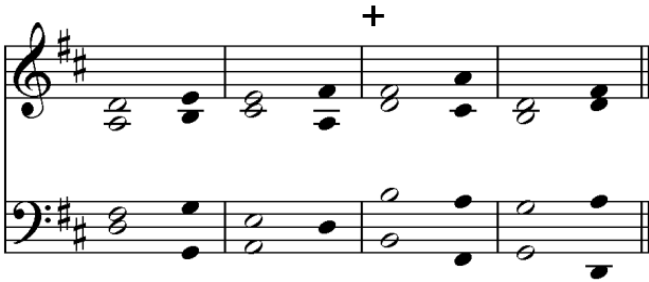
*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

**The Psalm** (*sung by all*)

Psalm 123

Anglican Chant by Jerome Meacham



*Chanting the Psalm*

Move to the next tone at / , \* ,  
and the start of each new verse.

When the last verse starts with + ,  
begin at the + in the chant.

*To you I lift up my / eyes, \*  
to you enthroned in the / heavens.*

*As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their / masters, \*  
and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her / mistress,*

*So our eyes look to the Lord our / God, \*  
until he show us his / mercy.*

*Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have / mercy, \*  
for we have had more than enough of con-/tempt,*

**+** *Too much of the scorn of the indolent / rich, \*  
and of the derision of the / proud.*

**Gradual Hymn** (*sung by all*)

*God himself is with us (vv. 1-2)*

Hymnal 475

**The Holy Gospel** (*standing*)

Matthew 25:14-30

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

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

Jesus said, "It is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to

me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

### **Gradual Hymn**

*God himself is with us (vv. 3–4)*

Hymnal 475

**The Sermon** (*seated*)

The Rev. Ginny Bain Inman

**The Nicene Creed** (*standing*)

BCP p. 358

**A Litany of Thanksgiving** (*standing or kneeling*)

BCP p. 836

Let us give thanks to God our Father for all God's gifts so freely bestowed upon us.

For the beauty and wonder of your creation, in earth and sky and sea.

*We thank you, Lord.*

For all that is gracious in the lives of men and women, revealing the image of Christ,

*We thank you, Lord.*

For our daily food and drink, our homes and families, and our friends,

*We thank you, Lord.*

For minds to think, and hearts to love, and hands to serve,

*We thank you, Lord.*

For health and strength to work, and leisure to rest and play,

*We thank you, Lord.*

For the brave and courageous, who are patient in suffering and faithful in adversity,

*We thank you, Lord.*

For all valiant seekers after truth, liberty, and justice,  
*We thank you, Lord.*

For the communion of saints, in all times and places,  
*We thank you, Lord.*

Above all, we give you thanks for the great mercies and promises given to us in Christ Jesus our Lord; To him be praise and glory, with you, O Father, and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.  
*Amen.*

## **The Confession and Absolution**

BCP p. 360

## **The Peace**

## **Announcements**

### **Prayer to End Homelessness**

*Loving God, open our eyes to see your children who have no place to call home. Open our hearts to feel the pain of their daily struggle to find a safe and secure place to rest. Make us advocates for public policy and allocation of resources to increase the availability of safe, affordable housing options in our communities. Give us the compassion to share our blessings freely with our brothers and sisters so that all can have a place to call home. Help us to truly love our neighbors as ourselves as builders of the beloved community. Amen.*

*My people will abide in a peaceful habitation, in secure dwellings, and in quiet resting places. —Isaiah 32:18*

## **The Holy Communion**

### **Offertory Anthem**

*Give thanks, O Christian People*

Mary Jackson Cathey  
arr. Michael Burkhardt

*Give thanks, O Christian people, for workers of our day who heed the call to service and make it their life's way to go to feed the hungry, to tend to those in need, to work for equal justice, till all God's folk are freed.*

*Give thanks, O Christian people, for leaders of our years who live to share with others our joy when Christ appears, to teach the ones who seek light, to guide the faltering feet, to lead the followers forward our living Lord to meet.*

*Give thanks, O Christian people, for all who love the Lord, who live each day believing in God's eternal Word: to share Christ's love in living, to witness with each deed, to use the talents given to plant the gospel seed.*

*Give thanks, O Christian people, for life in fellowship with all who trust our Savior their serving to equip: to ease another's burdens, to cope in joy and stress, to magnify God's message and Christ's great love confess. Amen.*

### **At the Presentation**

*The Doxology*

Hymnal 380, v. 3

## The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP p. 361

*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 God thanks and praise.***

## Sanctus

Hymnal S-125

## The Lord's Prayer

BCP p. 364

## The Breaking of the Bread

*We are offering Communion in both kinds. If you do not want to receive Communion but would like to come forward for a blessing, come to either side of the altar rail and place your arms across your chest in the form of an "X" or cross.*

## Communion Hymns (sung by all)

*We gather together*

Hymnal 433

*As those of old their first fruits brought*

Hymnal 705

*Come, ye thankful people, come*

Hymnal 290

## Postcommunion Prayer

BCP p. 365

## Blessing

## Closing Hymn

*Now thank we all our God*

Hymnal 397

## The Dismissal

*Deacon* Alleluia! Let us go forth spreading the love of Jesus.

*People* ***Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!***

## Postlude

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**Acolytes:** Jonathan Spinks, Lindy Taylor, Nate Taylor. **Readers:** John Sweeney, Celeste Williams. **Chalicians:** Phil Barrineau, Barbara Lawless. **Ushers:** Charles Kappauf, Rob Moore, Amelia Menston-Sambola, Jankoba Sambola. **Greeters & Newcomer Hosts:** Fran Swan, Lois Washburn. **Vergers:** Debbie Dowd. **Altar Guild Members:** Carolyn Hackett, Judy Hackett, Anne Jones, Linda Van Ormer, Gail Walters. **Livestream Team:** Jorge Chaires, Virginia Haskett.

*The flowers at the altar today are given to the glory of God by Nancy Bishop in loving memory of Nancy's son, John Gregory Barrett; her husband, Art "Sonny" Bishop; and her twin sister, Ann Clark; and by Jankoba Sambola in honor of Amelia's birthday on the 19th and in honor of Mrs. Fanny Menston.*

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## We Pray For

### **Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma)

*Anglican chaplains accompanied the British Army in Burma in 1824, but mission work itself only began with the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in the mid-1850s. The Mission to Seamen established themselves in 1907, and the Bible Churchmen's Missionary Society, in the 1920s. Many Anglicans were Anglo-Burmese or Anglo-Indian (persons of either British and Burmese or British and Indian descent). Many left at independence in 1948, leading to a sharp decline in the number of Anglicans in this overwhelmingly Buddhist nation. In 1961 Buddhism was declared the state religion, and five years later, all foreign missionaries were expelled. From its early years Anglicans in Burma had been part of the Church of England in India; in 1930, they became part of a province named the Church of India, Burma and Ceylon. The Burmese church became its own province in 1970, renamed the Church of the Province of Myanmar when the country changed its name in 1989.*

**Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:** Episcopal Center at Duke University; Episcopal Campus Ministry—Raleigh; Greensboro Colleges and Universities / St. Mary's House

**Those on our parish prayer list:** Mary Stalter, Norma Bullock, Moira Ermentrout, Maria Wilmoth, Jimmye Olivey, Patrick and Margaret Miller, Ed Morea, Julie Dameron, Traci and Erik, Barbara Cernansky, Ella Janssen, Gabriel, Charles Claunch, Libby Eberhard, Gwen Snead, Ali Avery, Barbara Van Cleve, David Heflin, Jeff Cummer, Charles Kelshaw, David McGraw, Maureen Morea, Carolyn Ritchie, Betty Atwell, Eva Harris, Harold Johnson, Bob Emmaus, Judy Gecinger, Liz Wert, Wes Hood, Carol Phillips, Leslie Deaton, Linda Fischer, Jean and Ed Phelps, Tom Walton, Mack Baker, Amber Morales, Lauren, Phillip Marion, Downs Brown, Jr., Martha and Jim Kaley, Ben Dormus, Nancy O'Donnell, Tina Sink Gangi, Florine, Vickie, Heather, Victoria, Dean Barrett, Bob, Leslie

**Those serving in our military:** Tom Stauffer, Paul Zeigler, Stephen Johnson, Benjamin Phillips, Kenneth Gearhart, Alex Reyes, Michael McNeil, Jordan Payne, Catharyn Nosek

**The departed:** Virginia (Ginny) Morton

**Those expecting:** Anna Bengel and Joshua Greene, daughter and son-in-law of Tony Bengel; Catharine Kappauf and Clarke Hitch, daughter and son-in-law of Shelley and Charles Kappauf; Samantha and Martin Kappauf, daughter-in-law and son of Shelley and Charles Kappauf; Megan and Ryan Waide

**Birthdays:** Claudia Feifs, Lauren Gaspar, Amelia Menston-Sambola, Auden Rich-Minardo, Anna Taylor, John Worrell

**Anniversary:** Bob and Kathy Mills

*Please send prayer requests to Susan Frye, Parish Administrator, at [parish@standrewsgso.org](mailto:parish@standrewsgso.org) or 336-275-1651, ext. 1. Names are taken off of our prayer list after six weeks. If a name should remain on the list, please let Susan know. Please also contact Susan with birthdays or anniversaries for the bulletin.*

## Today and Tomorrow

### **Diocesan Day of Prayer to End Homelessness**

Affordable housing is a priority of St. Andrew's and of our diocese. The Bishop's Committee on Affordable Housing was established at the 204th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina in 2019. The Committee recently produced a curriculum and guidebook to showcase successful housing programs in the Diocese and to suggest ways for all to get involved (available at [episdionc.org/affordable-housing/](http://episdionc.org/affordable-housing/)). Today, in response to an invitation from the Committee, we join parishes across our state in a Day of Prayer to End Homelessness.

### **Community Conversation: Reducing Gun Violence—Today, after Worship**

Please join us after church today in the Parish Hall for an important community conversation around reducing gun violence. **Sara Smith, the Statewide Community Organizer for North Carolinians Against Gun Violence and a member of our diocesan task force**, will join us to provide information and offer suggestions on how we can put our thoughts and prayers into action. After her presentation, we will have time for table discussions about concrete ways we can be instruments of God's healing and peace.

### **EYC Rake & Run & Pizza—See You Tonight at 5!**

All middle and high schoolers are invited to a special EYC night of **Raking Beyond Borders**. We'll meet at church at 5, have a friendly competition to see which team can rake the most unsuspecting yards, then celebrate with a cheese pizza dinner at church. Winning team goes first in line for pizza!

### **If You Would Like to be Confirmed or Received—Bishop Sam Will Be Here December 3**

*Today is the deadline to notify Reverend Ginny of your interest.*

Confirmation is the sacramental rite through which persons **confirm** their baptismal vows and deepen their commitment to the Episcopal Church. Those wishing to join the Episcopal Church may do so through confirmation or, if confirmed already, through reception or a reaffirmation of their confirmation commitment. Persons already confirmed in other churches adhering to the apostolic succession (such as Roman Catholic and Lutheran) are not confirmed again but **received** into our communion. Those who are baptized and confirmed who wish to recommit themselves to a life of faith may **reaffirm** their baptismal vows. *Bishop Sam Rodman will be with us on December 3, 2023. If you are interested in confirmation, reception, or reaffirmation, please contact Rev. Ginny at [rector@standrewsgso.org](mailto:rector@standrewsgso.org) by November 19.*

### **Funeral for Virginia (Ginny) Morton—November 27 at 11 a.m.**

All are invited to a Celebration of Life for Ginny Morton, Monday, November 27, at 11:00 a.m. in the sanctuary. A reception will be held following the service, in the Parish Hall.



## Announcements

### **Love Grows Here—Stewardship Campaign**

*“May the Lord make you grow and abound in love for one another and for all.”* 1 Thessalonians 3:12

We are preparing the budget for next year. If you have not yet pledged for 2024, please join us in our *Love Grows Here* giving campaign. We are invited to share our time, talent, and treasure as a response of thanksgiving to our generous God. Thank you for giving joyfully and generously so that St. Andrew’s can continue to grow in Christ’s love and make that love visible in this church, in this community, and in this world.

*Our Pledge Commitment form is online at [bit.ly/2024LoveGrowsHere](https://bit.ly/2024LoveGrowsHere), or you may request a pledge packet by emailing the office at [parish@standrewsgso.org](mailto:parish@standrewsgso.org).*

### **Hot Breakfast for 150—Please Support the Tuesday Morning Episcopal Breakfast at GUM**

Sponsor a Tuesday breakfast at Greensboro Urban Ministry (GUM) and the Tuesday Morning Episcopal Breakfast Crew will cater it, preparing and serving 140–150 shelter guests and people who have no housing. Your contribution of \$312 will cover the food costs for breakfast on the Tuesday of your choice. To sponsor a breakfast, send your check (with memo “Episcopal Breakfast”) to **Greensboro Urban Ministry**, 305 W. Gate City Blvd., Greensboro, NC 27406. Or donate online at [greensborourbanministry.org/donate](https://greensborourbanministry.org/donate). Gifts may be made in honor or in memory of loved ones or favorite cooks. The TMEB Crew thanks you!

### **How to Help with Deck the Halls—Now through December 2**

#### **Here's Your Call to Deck the Halls**

Many hands make light work! This is a great opportunity to get to know other parishioners and work toward our common goal of support for mission and outreach. Whether you are new to St. Andrew’s or have volunteered many times before, we need your help. Submit your name to [deckthehalls@standrewsgso.org](mailto:deckthehalls@standrewsgso.org) or see a Green Apron Helper after church on Sunday.

#### **Bake a Little Extra this Thanksgiving?**

Whether you’ll be hosting or enjoying guest status on Thanksgiving, remember Mrs. Claus’s Sweets and Treats if you are in the kitchen. Double your favorite recipe and tuck it in your freezer until delivery to the Parish Hall on November 30 or before noon December 1. We especially welcome items that are attractively wrapped and labeled with ingredients. Contact Nancy Rizzuto with any questions (336-707-0302, [nrizzuto@triad.rr.com](mailto:nrizzuto@triad.rr.com)).

### **... Plus Save the Date for a Doubly Special Deck the Halls Eve—December 1**

#### **Preview Night with a Celebration of Mack & Eleanor Baker—Friday, December 1, 4:30–6:00 p.m.**

The dedication and enthusiasm of our volunteers makes Deck the Halls in all its iterations, past and present, possible. This year, we will hold an informal, heartfelt **Celebration of Mack and Eleanor Baker**, who have exemplified the spirit of giving with a unique combination of generosity and

dedication. We don't know the exact number of years that Mack Baker has offered his wonderful woodworking gifts in service of parish fundraisers, but it's a lot of years! We want to pause in the midst of our preparations to say, "Thank you." There will be time to share memories and stories of Mack's treasures and you can bring Mack's wooden crafts that night for a blessing. This is a time to extend gratitude to the Bakers who have helped us become a giving community.

**This night will also provide a special Preview for parishioners.** Décor and sales tables will be in full bloom, including Andy's Christmas Kitchen, serving soup, sandwiches, and chili for those who'd like to purchase supper. There will be Friday specials, like the Advent wreaths (for children of all ages), cider, hot chocolate and treats, plus photo spots suitable for Christmas cards. Remember that every Deck the Halls purchase supports Mission and Outreach. Please consider Friday evening an extra opportunity to shop with a purpose, to *Share the Love*. We hope you will join us!

### Supporting St. Andrew's

#### **Your Generosity Matters—Thank You!**

We are grateful for your continued giving that sustains our ministry and our impact in our community. If you have questions about your giving, please contact Ray Marsh at [bookkeeper@standrewsgso.org](mailto:bookkeeper@standrewsgso.org) or 336-275-1651, ext. 3. To make a new gift or continue your pledge, scan the QR code at right or visit [abundant.co/standrewsepiscopalch/give](http://abundant.co/standrewsepiscopalch/give). Checks may be mailed to St. Andrew's Episcopal Church Bookkeeper, 2105 W. Market St., Greensboro, NC 27403.



### *A General Thanksgiving*

*Accept, O Lord, our thanks and praise for all that you have done for us. We thank you for the splendor of the whole creation, for the beauty of this world, for the wonder of life, and for the mystery of love.*

*We thank you for the blessing of family and friends, and for the loving care which surrounds us on every side.*

*We thank you for setting us at tasks which demand our best efforts, and for leading us to accomplishments which satisfy and delight us.*

*We thank you also for those disappointments and failures that lead us to acknowledge our dependence on you alone.*

*Above all, we thank you for your Son Jesus Christ; for the truth of his Word and the example of his life; for his steadfast obedience, by which he overcame temptation; for his dying, through which he overcame death; and for his rising to life again, in which we are raised to the life of your kingdom. Grant us the gift of your Spirit, that we may know Christ and make him known; and through him, at all times and in all places, may give thanks to you in all things. Amen.*

—Book of Common Prayer, p. 836

**Come Celebrate Advent with Us**  
*St. Andrew's Advent and Christmas Calendar*

- Dec. 3, Sun.     *First Sunday of Advent*  
Worship and Bishop's Visitation, Advent Children's Chapel  
Advent Event (after church) *with Cake, Advent Wreath Making, St. Nicholas Visit, Blessing of Angel Tree Gifts, and Daily Devotionals*
- Dec. 5, Tues.    Angel Tree Gift "Last Chance" Drop-Off (10 a.m.–2 p.m.)
- Dec. 10, Sun.    *Second Sunday of Advent*  
Worship & Advent Service of Lessons and Carols  
Adult Formation: Music, Art, & Poetry of Advent (after church)  
EYC Be the Light—Light Balls Walk, Firepit, & Hot Chocolate Bar (5:30 p.m.)
- Dec. 17, Sun.    *Third Sunday of Advent*  
Worship and Children's Formation  
Birthday Party for Jesus (after church)  
Adult Formation: Music, Art, & Poetry of Advent (after church)  
EYC Christmas Party (5 p.m.)
- Dec. 24, Sun.    Christmas Eve Worship at 10 a.m. & 6 p.m.  
*10 a.m. Children's Pageant*  
*6 p.m. Festive Eucharist*

**First Sunday of Advent—December 3**

Advent is the season of the church year when we prepare for the coming of Christ. On Sunday, December 3, as the season begins, we will welcome Bishop Sam Rodman by gathering in the Parish Hall after worship for cake, fellowship, and St. Andrew's Advent traditions. Here are all of our plans for this special day.

- **Advent Children's Chapel**  
Our children are invited to celebrate the start of Advent with Children's Chapel during 10 a.m. worship. We'll have a story, a special offering, and—best of all—music and movement with our beloved music leader, Mr. Riley.
- **Advent Wreath Making**  
Everything you need to make your own Advent wreath will be provided, and we'll enjoy fellowship and conversation while we build our wreaths together. A donation of \$10 per wreath-making kit is suggested but not required. *Please RSVP to Martha Chaires at [martha@standrewsgso.org](mailto:martha@standrewsgso.org) so we can reserve a wreath kit for you!*
- **A Visit from St. Nicholas**  
*Read more about this visit in our **Hope for the Holidays** announcement on the next page.*

- **Hope for the Holidays—Sign Up Now to Bring Angel Tree Gifts on December 3<sup>rd</sup> (or 5<sup>th</sup>)**  
We are once again joining with Hope for the Holidays, an annual gift drive for children in foster care, sponsored by the Children’s Home Society. For many years we have engaged in this ministry in conjunction with our **celebration of St. Nicholas**, who blesses the gifts we send off for these children.

*Please sign up for an Angel Tree Gift at [bit.ly/STAEC2023Hope](http://bit.ly/STAEC2023Hope), then bring your unwrapped presents to the Parish Hall on Sunday, December 3, for the blessing.*

If you can’t come to church that day, please deliver gifts to the church office on our “Last Chance” Drop-Off date, **Tuesday, December 5, 10 a.m.–2 p.m.** Thank you for your generosity and for helping to provide a joyful holiday season to children in need. Contact Laura Slaughter ([slaughterlaura7@gmail.com](mailto:slaughterlaura7@gmail.com)) or AmyRuth McGraw ([amyruthmcgraw@gmail.com](mailto:amyruthmcgraw@gmail.com)) with questions or to make alternate gift delivery arrangements.

### Second and Third Sundays of Advent—December 10 & 17

**Formation Offering—Music, Art, & Poetry of Advent, December 10 & 17 at 11:15 a.m.**

Hymns, anthems, and chants; ancient and contemporary; lyrical and instrumental—music helps us more deeply experience the waiting and watchfulness of Advent. Assistant Choir Director Sean Toso will lead an exploration of the meaning and beauty of the season of Advent, as expressed in music. Join us in the Cloister on these two Sundays set aside for Advent listening, participation, and reflection.

### Throughout Advent—Advent Resources are Available for You

This Advent season we are happy to offer a printed daily devotional book as well as online resources for reflection.

- *Living Well Through Advent 2023: Practicing Wonder With All Your Heart, Soul, Strength, and Mind, from Living Compass.* Printed copies of this booklet will be available at church beginning December 3, and you can also download the booklet or sign up to receive the devotions as daily emails at [livingcompass.org/advent](http://livingcompass.org/advent).
- *AdventWord Daily Meditations Series, from Forward Movement.* AdventWord is an inspirational online Advent calendar that features daily prompt words from the Sunday Lectionary readings. Visit [adventword.org](http://adventword.org) to subscribe or read devotions online.
- *Bless the Advent We Actually Have, by Kate Bowler.* Duke Professor Kate Bowler is committed to seeing the world the way it really is and practicing hope in the midst of our struggles. Her Advent offering for this year is available for download at [katebowler.com](http://katebowler.com).

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