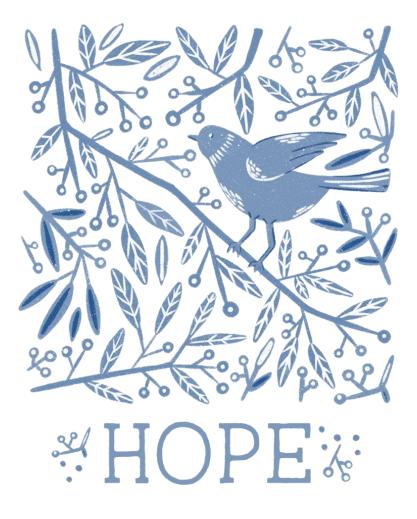
Order of Worship for Holy Eucharist Rite II

First Sunday of Advent December 1, 2024 10:00 a.m.



St. Andrew's Episcopal Church Feeding the Hungry + Welcoming the Stranger Being Transformed by God

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

 Lighting of the Advent Candle
 Audrey, Travis, and Fox Willse

 Reader
 We light this candle as a symbol of Christ our Hope. May the light sent from God shine in the darkness to show us the way to salvation.

Hymnal 57

BCP p. 355

All O Come, O Come Emmanuel.

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

Lo! he comes, with clouds descending

The Opening Acclamation

CelebrantBlessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.PeopleAnd blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.CelebrantOur King and Savior draws near:PeopleO come, let us adore him.CelebrantLord, grant us your light, that being rid of the darkness of our hearts, we may come to the true light which is Christ. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

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 Children's Procession to Children's Chapel

Children in grades K–5 *are invited to an Advent Children's Chapel this morning. They will process out of the church together, following the cross, and go to our Children's Chapel downstairs for a special story, thanksgiving, and communion just for the little ones.*

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 First Reading

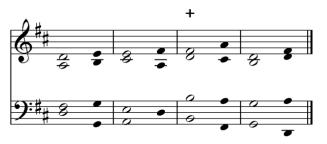
1 Thessalonians 3:9–13

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.

ReaderThe Word of the Lord.PeopleThanks be to God.

The Psalm (sung by all)



Psalm 25:1–9 Anglican Chant by Jerome Meacham

Chanting the Psalm

Move to next note after / and * and at each new verse. When a verse begins with + sing from + in the chant.

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. Let none who look to you be put to / shame; * let the treacherous be disappointed in their / schemes. Show me your ways, O / Lord, * and teach me your / paths. 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. Remember, O Lord, your compassion and / love, * for they are from ever- / lasting. Remember not the sins of my youth and my trans- / gressions; * remember me according to your love and for the sake of your goodness, O / Lord. Gracious and upright is the / Lord; * therefore he teaches sinners in his / way. He guides the humble in doing / right * and teaches his way to the / lowly. + All the paths of the Lord are love and / faithfulness * to those who keep his covenant and his / testimonies.

Gradual Hymn (standing, sung by all)

The King shall come when morning dawns (vv. 1–3)

The Holy Gospel

DeaconThe Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.PeopleGlory 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."

DeaconThe Gospel of the Lord.PeoplePraise to you, Lord Christ.

Gradual Hymn

The King shall come when morning dawns (vv. 4-5)

The Sermon (seated)

The Nicene Creed (standing)

The Prayers of the People (standing or kneeling)

Reader	Let us pray. As we await the fulfillment of God's promise, let us offer the prayers of our hearts.
	For the church, that it may help to clear a path for God's reconciling love. God of all hopefulness,
People	Hear our prayer.
Reader	For the world, that hurt and destruction may yield to the beauty and justice of God's peaceable reign. God of all hopefulness,
People	Hear our prayer.

Hymnal 73

Luke 21:25-36

Hymnal 73

The Rev. Ginny Bain Inman

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 Reader
 For all in positions of power, that they may have hearts of compassion and become advocates for the vulnerable and the oppressed. God of all hopefulness,

 People
 Hear our presser

- People Hear our prayer.
- *Reader* For the sick, the lonely, and all who suffer, that through our love and care, God's tender love may be made known. God of all hopefulness,

People Hear our prayer.

Reader For all who have died, that they may be gathered into the strong and gentle arms of God. God of all hopefulness,

People Hear our prayer.

Celebrant O God, whose Word brings hope and whose promise is a new creation, make a way in the wilderness of our world. Open our eyes to see your coming, and strengthen us for the work of preparing the way for your reign of peace. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. *AMEN*.

The Confession and Absolution

The Peace

Announcements

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem

Thou Shalt Know Him

Thou shalt know him when he comes, Not by any din of drums, Not his manners nor his airs, Not by anything he wears.

At the Presentation

The Doxology

The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer B

CelebrantThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.CelebrantLift up your hearts.PeopleWe lift them to the Lord.CelebrantLet us give thanks to the Lord our God.PeopleIt is right to give God thanks and praise.

Frank L. Tatem, Jr.

Thou shalt known him when he comes,

Not by his crown or by his gown,

Which his coming makes in thee.

But his coming known shall be

By the holy harmony

Hymnal 380, v. 3

BCP p. 367

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The Lord's Prayer 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)	
Jesus came, adored by angels	Hymnal 454
Watchman, tell us of the night	Hymnal 640
"Sleepers, wake! A voice astounds us	Hymnal 61
Postcommunion Prayer	BCP p. 365

Advent Blessing

May the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.

Closing H	Iymn
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Hail to the Lord's Anointed		Hymnal 616
The Dism	issal	BCP p. 366
Deacon	Let us go forth together sharing the hope of Christ.	
People	Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.	

Postlude

Acolytes: Josie Starrett, Holden Troutman. Readers: AmyRuth McGraw, Tommy Webb. Chalicists: Buster Lewis, Anne Webb. Verger: Debbie Dowd. Ushers: Lee Eanes, Joe Graves, Nancy Kimbrough, Roger Kimbrough, Sandy Shelton. Greeter & Newcomer Host: Jon Anderson. Altar Guild Members: Dottie Clark, Lisa Garrett, Carolyn Hackett, Judy Hackett, Margaret Horne, Anne Jones, Pat Marsh, Johnetta Shablack, Cindy Shane, Linda Van Ormer, Gail Walters, Barb Watkins. Livestream Team: Phil Barrineau, Tim Fleming.

> The flowers at the altar today are given to the glory of God in memory of Anne and Harry Stowe by their children.

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Sanctus

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Hymnal S–130

We Pray For

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan

There have seemingly always been tensions in the historic nation of the Sudan, especially between the south (which identified with East African nations) and the north (which identified with North African Arabs and with Egypt). A long civil war ended with the creation of a new nation, South Sudan, in 2011. Six years later, Anglicans created a new Episcopal Church of South Sudan, with perhaps 3 ½ million members. Sadly, they have serious ethnic divisions leading to violent conflicts. Recently the president created a South Sudan Truth Commission, but the next step, investigating South Sudan war crimes, has not been taken. Additionally, in 2024 flooding covered forty counties in the country, affecting almost one million people. In the midst of all of this, the American Friends of the Episcopal Church of the Sudans, founded in 2005, tries to be supportive of Anglicans in the two Sudans, including of a new school in the Diocese of Wau.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: The Anglican Communion

Western North Carolina and all those impacted by the recent hurricanes.

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; Charles Claunch; Barbara Van Cleve; Jeff Cummer; Charles Kelshaw; David McGraw; Betty Atwell; Rich and Maria; Liz Wert; Carol Phillips; Ed Phelps; Mack Baker; Lauren; Downs Brown, Jr.; Martha and Jim Kaley; Nancy O'Donnell; Tina Sink Gangi; Heather; Victoria; Dean Barrett; Johnetta Shablack; Erik Flak; Frank Tatem; Pauline Tatum; Jim Tatum; Pia; Henry, Christine, and Emily Davis-Potter; Linda Heller; Katelyn Flowers; Jeannie Phillips; James; Jim and Sue Ligon; Madeline Colavito; Bob Emmaus; Hilary Towle; Renee Maness; Kayla Alford; Charlotte Lloyd; Walker Sanecki; Sarah Sellers; David; Jack; Mary Rose; Sue Keith; Irina and son

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: Eva Harris

Birthdays: Lowell Adkins, Clay Journey, Ryan Revell

Prayer requests can be sent to Susan Frye, Parish Administrator, at **parish@standrewsgso.org** or 336-275-1651, ext. 1. Please also contact Susan with birthdays and anniversaries for the bulletin.

Today-First Sunday of Advent

Our Chrismon Tree is Up

Chrismon means CHRISt MONogram, and the ornaments on the Chrismon Tree tell the story of Christ's life, ministry, death, and resurrection. Chrismon Trees began as an offering to God to glorify God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. The colors of the ornaments are white and gold—white as the liturgical color for Christmas and for God's purity and perfection, and gold to refer to God's majesty and glory. The white lights of the tree symbolize Christ the Light of the world.

Adult Formation: Advent Reflections on Hope, Peace, Joy, & Love—Right after Worship (Library) *Sundays, December 1, 8, 15, and 22*

This four-week offering explores the themes we experience when we light the Advent Candles each year—hope, peace, joy, and love. Led by Phil Barrineau, the class will be primarily interactive and conversational as we connect with others around our experiences of these broad themes and their Biblical / theological meaning.

Phil Barrineau holds a Master of Divinity degree from Asbury Theological Seminary and a Ph.D. in Counseling and Human Development from the University of Georgia. He has been a part of this parish since 2007.

Come to Our Intergenerational Advent Event with Wreath Making and Fellowship *Right after Worship (Parish Hall)*

We will host an Advent Event in the Parish Hall after church today. 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.

Announcements

Our Advent Lessons and Carols Service is Next Sunday-December 8, 10 a.m. Worship

Join us on the Second Sunday of Advent for an Advent Service of Lessons & Carols. This service consists of scripture readings interspersed with choral presentations and hymns, all of which recall mankind's longing for liberation from sin and death, and our hope and expectation for the coming of Christ the Lord. Through our experience of sacred Word and music, the story unfolds gradually and deepens our understanding of God's message of love and redemption. May the words and music of this service propel you quietly toward the true joy of Christmas.

Hope for the Holidays-Sign Up Today to Donate Gifts for Children's Home Society

Once again, we are 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 at <u>https://bit.ly/2024AngelTreeStA</u> to bring a gift. We ask that new, unwrapped presents be delivered to the church on December 8, for the blessing. If you can't come to church that day, please deliver to the church office on December 10, 10 a.m.–2 p.m. Thank you for your generosity and for helping to provide a joyful holiday season to children in need. If you have questions or need to arrange for an alternate drop-off time, contact Susan Brannan (<u>susanbrannan@hotmail.com</u>).*

St. Nicholas' Visit and Blessing of the Hope for the Holidays Gifts-December 8

Come learn about St. Nicholas and bring your unwrapped presents for a blessing next Sunday before they are delivered to the Children's Home Society for children in foster care.

You're Invited to a Christmas Concert-Monday, December 9, at 7 p.m. (St. Andrew's Sanctuary)

The Triad Early Music Society (TEMS) will perform their annual Christmas concert in our sanctuary, December 9 at 7 p.m. The concert is free and open to all parishioners and the public. Please invite your friends! Learn more about TEMS at <u>facebook.com/TriadEarlyMusicSociety/</u>.

Come to EYC Next Sunday, But Bundle Up Before You Do!-December 8, 5-6:30 p.m.

Next Sunday middle and high school youth are invited to head outside for a fire pit party and a stroll through Sunset Hills' famous light balls! We'll kick off with a fire pit party with hot chocolate and s'mores at church, then embark on a leisurely stroll through our neighborhood's beautiful holiday lights. Wear comfortable shoes and warm clothes and come ready to get your steps in!

Support the Altar Guild with Christmas Flower Gifts-Submit by Sunday, December 15

Each Advent, donation envelopes are placed in the pews providing parishioners an opportunity to make donations expressly for the Altar Guild. These honorary and memorial gifts help cover costs of special services and "day-to-day" altar requirements. Every gift is appreciated, and donors and tributes will be listed in the Christmas Eve bulletin. **All donations and tributes must be received in the office by Sunday, December 15.** Please include cash or check to St. Andrew's, with "Altar Guild" on the memo line, in the envelope. Or you may submit your form and payment online, starting at <u>https://bit.ly/2024STAFlowers</u>. If you are mailing a gift, please include the following: *This donation for the Altar Guild is given by _______ in memory of ______OR in honor of _______*.

Our Christmas Pageant Will Be on Sunday, December 22 at 10 a.m. (But arrive a little early.)

We invite all children to be part of a special service on the fourth Sunday of Advent, including a "popup" nativity pageant. Everyone is welcome to participate, with no rehearsals necessary. Just arrive at church a few minutes early, pick a costume, and you'll be ready to help make the story of Christmas come to life. After worship we will have a birthday party for Jesus. Join us in the Parish Hall!

All are Invited to a Love Delivery, Hosted by the Daughters of the King-December 22, 2 p.m.

Our Daughters of the King chapter thanks you for supporting their collection for our houseless neighbors. On December 22 at 2 p.m., we invite you to join us at LeBauer Park to distribute toiletries and other provisions to help them feel loved. Meet on the Elm St. side of the park at 2 p.m.

Join Us for Christmas Eve Worship at 6 p.m.!—Arrive at 5:45 p.m. for Prelude Music

Our Christmas Eve service will be a Festive Eucharist with prelude and service music from our choir and guest brass musicians. We look forward to singing *Silent Night* by candlelight.

Join us this Advent & Christmas Season as we celebrate Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love!



ST. ANDREW'S ADVENT & CHRISTMAS CALENDAR

Dec. 8, Sun.-Second Sunday of Advent

Advent Service of Lessons and Carols, *10 a.m.* St. Nicholas Visit *and* Hope for the Holidays Ingathering Advent Reflections on Hope, Peace, Joy, & Love, *adult formation after church* EYC Together for Joy: Light Balls Walk & Firepit Party, *5 p.m.*

Dec. 15, Sun. – Third Sunday of Advent

Third Sunday Early Worship, *8:30 a.m.* Worship and Children's Formation, *10 a.m.* Advent Reflections on Hope, Peace, Joy, & Love, *adult formation after church* Sprouts Lunch Bunch, *right after church at The Sage Mule* EYC White Elephant Gift Exchange, *5 p.m.*

Dec. 22, Sun.-Fourth Sunday of Advent

Worship with Children's Nativity Pageant, *10 a.m.* Advent Reflections on Hope, Peace, Joy, & Love, *adult formation after church* Birthday Party for Jesus, *after church* Christmas Gifts for the Houseless, *2 p.m.*

Dec. 24, Tues. – Christmas Eve

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service & Festive Eucharist, 6 p.m. Arrive at 5:45 p.m. for Brass Prelude

Throughout Advent – Advent Resources are Available for You

We are happy to offer you a printed devotional booklet as well as online resources for Advent study and reflection.

- *Living Well Through Advent* 2024: *Practicing Peace with All Your Heart, Soul, Strength, and Mind,* from Living Compass. Printed copies of this booklet are available at church, and you can also download the booklet or sign up to receive devotions as daily emails at <u>livingcompass.org/advent</u>.
- *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 <u>adventword.org</u> to subscribe or read devotions online.
- The Weary World Rejoices, 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 to download for free at https://katebowler.com/seasonal_devotional/the-weary-world-rejoices/.

Deck the Halls is Here! This Saturday, December 7, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Please check out the Deck the Halls Special Edition at <u>https://conta.cc/4fXNY18</u>! If you have a Deck the Halls question, please contact Marion Seaman at <u>seamanmarion@gmail.com</u>.

This week the Parish Hall will be undergoing extensive reorganization as the work of setting up hits peak activity. Here are the dates for delivery of Deck the Halls donations:

- **Boughs of Holly** is looking for donations of holly with berries or pieces of cedar that can be used for centerpiece greenery. You may bring these to the Parish Hall on **December 3–4**.
- Donations for Presents Under the Tree will be accepted in the Parish Hall on December 3-4.
- Drop-off days for **Mrs. Claus's Sweets and Treats** are **December 4–5.** There is very limited freezer and refrigerator space for food items. If freshness is a concern, donations certainly may be delivered on Friday, December 6, before 2 p.m.
- Don't forget to leave a couple of bottles of wine for the **Wine Pull**. Please leave donations in the designated box by the church office.

Have you heard about these special events you can look forward to at Deck the Halls 2024?

- The **Silent Auction** will include items such as a handmade quilt by Shelley Kappauf, a Nest thermostat, books, furniture and handmade jewelry. Come check out all of the items.
- Tickets for the **Ring Raffle** will be sold at Deck the Halls. Don't miss your chance to win a lovely women's sapphire ring.

Please support our Mission & Outreach fundraiser—and the volunteers who will spend countless hours this week making it happen—by coming to Deck the Halls this Saturday, December 7, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Invite everyone you know to come shop, bid on auction items, and grab a meal while supporting the work of local nonprofit human service agencies.

Supporting St. Andrew's in 2024 & 2025



"Together" Stewardship Campaign-Now is the Time

Thank you for your faithful participation in our *Together* Giving Campaign for 2025. Everything we do is through your generosity. If you haven't yet, please send in your pledge. You can do so online at <u>https://bit.ly/TOGETHER2025</u> or using a

pledge card. (Email **parish@standrewsgso.org** to request a pledge card.) Every pledge matters. *May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of Lord Jesus Christ.* Romans 15:5–6

Year End Is Coming

We are grateful for your continued gifts that sustain the mission and ministry of St. Andrew's. If you have questions about your giving this year, setting up or changing a recurring draft, or making gifts of

stock or other funds, please email Ray Marsh, at **bookkeeper@standrewsgso.org** or leave him a message at 336-275-1651, ext. 3. Ray is in the office on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. To make a new gift or to continue your pledge, please scan the QR Code at right, visit **abundant.co/standrewsepiscopalch/give**, or mail your check to *St. Andrew's Episcopal Church Bookkeeper*, 2105 *W. Market St., Greensboro, NC* 27403.



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