

Order of Worship for Holy Eucharist Rite II

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 22, 2024



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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.

About the Christmas Pageant

All children are welcome to participate in our pageant. As you arrive, children may pick out a costume in the narthex in the back of the church. Helpers will assist with costumes. Children will be invited forward by part (shepherds, angels, animals) during the pageant. Please leave costumes in the basket in the narthex as you exit the church.

Prelude

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Rosemary Chaires and John de Beer

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

All ***O Come, O Come Emmanuel.***

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

Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates

Hymnal 436

The Opening Acclamation

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

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

Celebrant Our King and Savior draws near:

People ***O come, let us adore him.***

Celebrant Lord, 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.

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Word of God

Pageant Introduction and Hymn

Away in a manger, no crib for his bed (sung by all)

Traditional

*Away in a manger, no crib for his bed,
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.*

*The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
but little Lord Jesus no crying he makes.*

*The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.*

*I love thee, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky,
and stay by my side until morning is nigh.*

*Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask thee to stay
close by me for ever, and love me I pray.
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care,
and fit us for heaven to live with thee there.*

The Christmas Pageant

Based on Luke 2:1–14

Pageant Hymn

O little town of Bethlehem (vv. 1, 5, sung by all)

Hymnal 79

*O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by;
yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting Light;
the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.*

*O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;
cast out our sin and enter in, be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!*

The Peace (standing)

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People *And also with you.*

Announcements

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem

The First Noel / Pachelbel's Canon

Trad. English Carol & J. Pachelbel
arr. Michael Clawson

*The first Noel, the angel did say,
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay.
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep,
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.*

*Noel, noel, noel, noel.
Born is the King of Israel.*

*For all to see there was a star
Shining in the East beyond them far.
And to the earth it gave great light,
And it continued day and night.*

At the Presentation

The Doxology

Hymnal 380, v. 3

The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer B

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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-130

The Lord's Prayer

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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.

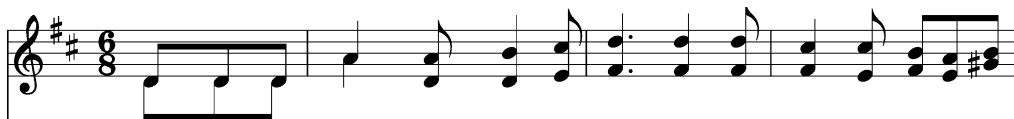
Communion Hymns (sung by all)

Comfort, comfort ye my people

Hymnal 67

Angels, from the realms of glory

Hymnal 93



1. Peo - ple, look East. The time is near of the crown-ing of the
2. Fur - rows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is plant - ed
3. Birds, though you long have ceased to build, guard the nest that must be
4. Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim one more light the bowl shall
5. An - gels, an - nounce with shouts of mirth Christ who brings new life to



1. year. Make your house fair as you are a - ble, trim the hearth and set the
2. there: give up your strength the seed to nour - ish, that in course the flow'r may
3. filled. E - ven the hour when wings are fro - zen God for fledg - ling time has
4. brim, shin - ing be - yond the frost - y weath - er, bright as sun and moon to -
5. earth. Set ev - ery peak and val - ley hum - ming with the word, the Lord is



1. ta - ble. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the guest is on the way.
2. flour-ish. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the rose is on the way.
3. cho - sen. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the bird is on the way.
4. geth - er. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the star is on the way.
5. com - ing. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the Lord is on the way.

Postcommunion Prayer

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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 Hymn

Go Tell It on the Mountain

Hymnal 99

*Refrain: Go tell it on the mountain,
over the hills and everywhere;
go tell it on the mountain,
that Jesus Christ is born!*

*1. While shepherds kept their watching
o'er silent flocks by night,
behold, throughout the heavens
there shone a holy light.*

Refrain

*2. The shepherds feared and trembled
when lo! above the earth
rang out the angel chorus
that hailed our Savior's birth.*

Refrain

*3. Down in a lowly manger
the humble Christ was born,
and God sent us salvation
that blessèd Christmas morn.*

Refrain

The Dismissal

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Deacon Let us go forth together sharing the love of Christ.

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

Postlude

Acolytes: Molly Anderson, Matthew Anderson, Lindy Taylor. *Chalicians:* Virginia Haskett, Geoff Swan. *Verger:* George Hanna. *Ushers:* Tim Fleming, Mark Kaley, Charles Kelshaw, Linda Van Ormer, Mike Van Ormer. *Greeters & Newcomer Host:* Jonathan Stephens. *Altar Guild Members:* Dottie Clark, Lisa Garrett, Carolyn Hackett, Margaret Horne, Anne Jones, Pat Marsh, Johnetta Shablack, Cindy Shane, Linda Van Ormer, Gail Walters, Barb Watkins. *Livestream Team:* Tim Fleming, Joe Stultz.

*The flowers at the altar today are given to the glory of God by
Carolyn and Mike Hackett in thanksgiving for their family.*

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We Pray For

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Church of the Province of Uganda

The Church of Uganda dates back to 1877, when the Kabaka (king) of Buganda welcomed missionaries from the Church Missionary Society. All did not remain cordial, however. The first Bishop of Eastern Equatorial Africa, James Hannington, was murdered in 1885, and the following year a number of Anglican and Catholic Christians were martyred. Some 90 years later, Idi Amin executed the Archbishop, Janani Luwum. (In our Episcopal Church's feast days, Bishop Hannington is remembered on October 29; the Martyrs of Uganda, on June 5; and Archbishop Luwum, on February 17.) Despite this strife and violence, the Church of Uganda is a leading church in Uganda and an especially strong member of the Anglican Communion, formed as a province in 1961. Sadly, its relationship with the Episcopal Church remains impaired, and its bishops did not attend the Lambeth Conference in 2022.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Diocese of Costa Rica

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; Jimmie 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; 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; Hilary Towle; Renee Maness; Kayla Alford; Charlotte Lloyd; Walker Sanecki; Sarah Sellers; David; Jack; Mary Rose; Sue Keith; Irina and son; Anne Franklin and family

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: Dean Barrett, son of Nancy Bishop

Birthdays: William Hanna, Virginia Haskett

Please send prayer requests to Susan at parish@standrewsgso.org or 336-275-1651, ext. 1. Names remain on our parish prayer list for six weeks. If you would like a name to be on the list for longer, please let Susan know. Please also tell Susan if you know of a birthday or anniversary that was missed in the bulletin.

Today—Fourth Sunday of Advent

Advent Reflections on Hope, Peace, Joy, & Love—Right after Worship (Library)

Join us after worship for the last in our four-week adult formation offering. Come explore the themes we experience when we light the Advent Candles each year—hope, peace, joy, and love. Led by Phil Barrineau, the class is primarily interactive and conversational as we connect with others around our experiences of these broad themes and their Biblical / theological meaning. Join us in the Library.

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.

All Kids (& Youth) are Invited to a Birthday Party for Jesus—Today after Church (Parish Hall)

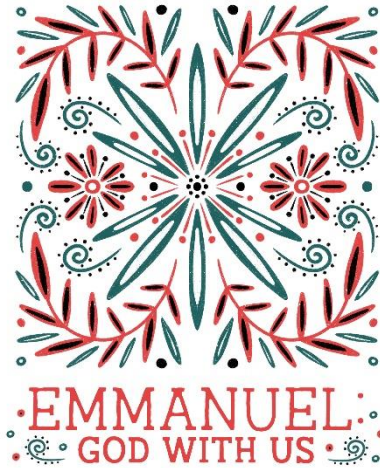
We know that all of our sweet angels, cows, sheep, donkeys, wise people, and stars are going to work up an appetite during the Christmas Pageant, so we're having a Birthday Party for Baby Jesus immediately following the service in the Parish Hall. Come for decorate-your-own cupcakes, a fun craft, and more. **EYC, we need you!** Stick around to help the little ones, and be ready to decorate your own cupcake too. Let's celebrate the birth of Jesus in the best way possible—with plenty of icing, sprinkles, and (probably) mess. We think He would approve!

Join Your Church Family for a Love Delivery, led by the Daughters of the King—Today at 2 p.m.

Our Daughters of the King chapter thanks you for supporting their collection for our houseless neighbors and invites you to join them in distributing these goods. We will meet at LeBauer Park and distribute toiletries and other provisions to help our neighbors feel loved. Meet on the Elm St. side of the park at 2 p.m.

Enjoy Our Chrismon Tree

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.



Come One, Come All, for Christmas Eve Worship!
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service & Festive Eucharist

5:45 p.m. Arrive for Seating & Brass Prelude Music

6:00 p.m. Service Begins

Nursery will be provided, and our service will be livestreamed.

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. Bring a friend with you to St. Andrew's!

Advent Resources

- *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 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 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/.

Announcements

Parish Office Closed December 23 through January 1

The office will be closed this week for the holidays. Normal office hours will resume beginning **Thursday, January 2**. If you have a pastoral emergency during this time, please contact our Deacon, the Rev. Pam Haynes, at 336-309-6265 or deacon@standrewsgso.org. For building-related or other matters, contact our Senior Warden, Craig Taylor, at craig.allan.taylor@outlook.com.

Schedule for Nursery and Children's Ministry, December 24, 29, & January 5

Children are always welcome to join us for worship, and activity bags are available at the back of the church to keep little hearts and hands engaged. **Our nursery will be open** on Christmas Eve and each Sunday. Children's ministry will not be offered December 29 and January 5 but will resume on **January 12, 2025**. We can't wait to see our K-5 friends again on Epiphany Sunday!

Join Us for 10 a.m. Worship Next Sunday, December 29

We will celebrate the First Sunday after Christmas in our worship on Sunday, December 29. Our service will be in-person and live-streamed, and The Rev. Gus Chrysson will preach and celebrate.

Year-End Giving: We Welcome Your Financial Gifts

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, email Ray Marsh, at bookkeeper@standrewsgso.org or leave him a message at 336-275-1651, ext. 3.

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*.



You may submit your pledge for our *Together* Campaign for 2025 online <https://bit.ly/TOGETHER2025>, or email parish@standrewsgso.org to request a pledge packet. 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

Burgundy Bag Donations—Please Hold Your Gifts at Home Until January 5

The One Step Further food pantry will be closed during the Christmas and New Year's holiday. Please continue to gather food donations, but we ask that you hold them at home until Sunday January 5, when you may resume bringing these gifts to the collection places at the Chapel and Church entrances.

All Are Invited to Celebrate the Life of Dean Barrett—January 10, 2025, at 3:00 p.m.

Dean Barrett, a beloved member of St. Andrew's, died Saturday, December 14, 2024. Our love and condolences go out to Dean's wife, Belinda Barrett; his mother, Nancy Bishop; and their family. The funeral will be on January 10, at 3:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary, with a reception to follow in the Parish Hall.

Save the Date for Our Annual Meeting, January 26, 2025—Leaders' Annual Reports due January 7

Our Annual All-Parish Meeting will be held after worship on Sunday, January 26, 2025. Leaders are asked to submit reports to Susan Frye at parish@standrewsgso.org by **January 7, 2025**—or earlier!

Thank You—Again—for a Most Successful Deck the Halls 2024

Our incredibly hard working and spirit-filled community at St. Andrew's once again came together to make Deck the Halls a lively, colorful, warm, and welcoming witness to Greensboro, demonstrating that we are a church engaged with our community and committed to mission. We welcomed many visitors and brought in over \$20,000. With gratitude, we celebrate all of the parishioners who gave so generously of themselves to carry on the tradition, to *Share the Love*. Thank you also to all who came to support and enjoy the event and its offerings.

Please Return Your Yard Signs: If you helped us by displaying a yard sign, please return it outside the office door across from the Chapel. We will use them again next year.

We Want Your Old Ornaments! As you admire your tree, if you have ornaments that have lost their meaning or no longer fit your style or your tree, please leave them in the box by the office door. We will curate the collection for a new project to debut with Deck the Halls 2025. Thank you!



Celebrate Epiphany with Us on January 12—Together in the Season of Light

Star Words & Chalking the Doors

Join us for worship on Sunday, January 12, at 10 a.m., when we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany. This year we will again introduce **Star Words** in this service, distributing star-shaped cards, each with a word on one side. As we consider together what it means to Look for the Light, reflecting on these words can serve as a simple spiritual practice, inviting you to set your intention for the new year. We will share more information about Star Words and **Chalking the Doors** for Epiphany in the new year.

Let's Celebrate Epiphany with Children's Chapel on January 12, 2025

Our children are invited to celebrate the start of Epiphany with Children's Chapel during 10 a.m. worship on January 12. We'll have a story, a special offering, and—best of all—music and movement with our beloved music leader, Mr. Riley.



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