ST. ANDREW'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH
WELLESLEY, MASSACHUSETTS

St. Andrew's is dedicated to supporting your spiritual life. Spirituality is how we are in relationship to God, to other people, to the world around us, and to ourselves.

Third Sunday of Advent and the Christmas Pageant December 15, 2024

We are livestreaming the 10am service.

Prelude *Gelobit seist du, Jesu Christ (Praise be to you, Jesus Christ)* J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Processional Hymn 56 (v. 1, 6-8) "O come, O come, Emmanuel" *Veni, veni, Emmanuel*

Blessing of the Advent Wreath

Celebrant Blessed are you, Sovereign Lord, just and true: to you be praise and glory for ever! Your prophet John the Baptist was witness to the truth as a burn-ing and shining light. May we your servants rejoice in his light, and so be led to witness to him who is the Lord of our coming Kingdom, Jesus our Savior and King of the ages. Blessed be God for ever.

People Blessed be God for ever.

The Word of God

Opening Acclamation Book of Common Prayer p. 355

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

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

Collect for Purity BCP p. 355

Trisagion S102 (front section of hymnal) Alexander Archangelsky (1846-1924)

Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One, have mercy upon us.
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Collect of the Day

Celebrant Together we pray,

People Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen*.

Christmas Pageant

The congregation remains seated during the pageant.
The choir and the congregation will sing all carols.

Hymn 83	O come, all ye faithful (vs. 1-3)	*Adeste fideles*
Hymn 79	O little town of Bethlehem (vs. 1-2)	*St. Louis*
Hymn 101	Away in a manger (vs. 1-2)	*Cradle Song*
Hymn 96	Angels we have heard on high (vs. 1-2)	*Gloria*
Hymn 99	Go tell it on the mountain (vs. 1-2)	*Go Tell It on the Mountain*
Hymn 111	Silent night (v. 1)	*Stille Nacht*
Hymn 128	We three kings of Orient are (vs. 1-5)	*Three Kings of Orient*
Hymn 100	Joy to the world (vs. 1-4)	*Antioch*

Homily Kara Eichelberger

Peace

Announcements

The Holy Communion

Presentation of Bread and Wine

Offertory Anthem "The holly and the ivy" English folk carol
traditional text arranged by Adrian Vernon Fish (b. 1956)

The congregation is encouraged to sing the final verse.

The holly and the ivy
when they are both full grown,
of all the trees that are in the wood
the holly bears the crown.

***Refrain**:*
The rising of the sun
and the running of the deer,
the playing of the merry organ,
sweet singing in the choir.

The holly bears a blossom,
white as the lily flower,
and Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ,
to be our sweet Saviour.

Refrain

The holly and the ivy
when they are both full grown,
of all the trees that are in the wood
the holly bears the crown.

Refrain

Doxology Hymn 380 "Praise God from whom all blessings flow" *Old 100th*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Eucharistic Prayer A BCP p. 361

S129 Sanctus (front section of hymnal) Robert Powell (b. 1932)

Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

All are welcome to receive communion. Ushers will direct the congregation.
Gluten free wafers are available.

S 156 Fraction Anthem (front section of hymnal) *Christ our Passover*
Gerald Near (b.1942)

Communion Anthem *People, Look East* Besançon carol

People, look east. The time is near
Of the crowning of the year.
Make your house fair as you are able,
Trim the hearth and set the table.
People, look east and sing today:
Love, the guest, is on the way.

Furrows, be glad. Though earth is bare,
One more seed is planted there:
Give up your strength the seed to nourish,
That in course the flower may flourish.
People, look east and sing today:
Love, the rose, is on the way.

Birds, though you long have ceased to build,
Guard the nest that must be filled.
Even the hour when wings are frozen
God for fledging time has chosen.
People, look east and sing today:
Love, the bird, is on the way.

Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim
One more light the bowl shall brim,
Shining beyond the frosty weather,
Bright as sun and moon together.
People, look east and sing today:
Love, the star, is on the way.

Angels, announce with shouts of mirth
Christ who brings new life to earth.
Set every peak and valley humming
With the word, the Lord is coming.
People, look east and sing today:
Love, the Lord, is on the way.

Communion Hymn 265 "The angel Gabriel from heaven came" *Gabriel's Message*

Thanksgiving after Communion BCP p. 365

Blessing

Recessional Hymn 57 "Lo! he comes, with clouds descending" *Helmsley*

Dismissal

Clergy Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude *Der Tag, der ist so freudenreich BWV 605* J.S. Bach

Please join us after the service for coffee hour
Hosted by Thomas Engels & Wendy Haering, Paige & Herb Manning,
and Margaret & Paul Zusky.

Christmas Pageant Cast

Angels..... Pippa Botsford, Heidi Dietz, Abby King
.....Harper Lorenz, Maisie Mitchell, and Lizzy Scott

Camel..... Sofia Morris

Donkey .....Fiona Mitchell

Gabriel ..... Hannah Dietz

Innkeepers..... Ben Dietz and Billy Scott

Joseph .....John Wahls

Magi .....Josh King, Madison Riley, and Lia Tron

Mary..... Imogen Heuer

Narrators..... Luke Eichelberger and Eleonora Tron

Pages..... Alex Riley, Charlie Riley, and Leo Tron

Reader.....Scarlett Farella

Sheep.....June Kenary and Brutus Mitchell

Shepherds ..... Brooks Boghosian, Sydel Boghosian,
.....Calian Brigham, Henry Brigham, Clarke Kenary,
.....James King, and George Urban

Speaking Angels .....Nell Kenary and Annabelle Reaves

Star Bearer..... Allison Cook Reaves

The altar flowers are given in memory of
Grant Warner Eustis, Nancy Eustis, and John P. Eustis II by the Eustis family.

Serving St. Andrew's this week
Altar Guild Bonnie Akins, Becky Hamlin, Jennie Hunnewell Kaplan, Debbie Lorenz, Linda McCammond, Debbie Monti, Caren Parker, Laura Hewitt Riley, Liz Rogers, Pamela Tusiime, and Betsy Veidenheimer
Flowers the flower guild

Serving at 8am
Lay Eucharistic Minister Paul Criswell
Ushers Mark Benjamin and Ken Graves

Serving at 10am
Acolytes Crucifer, Christina Lowe; Torch, Kara Eichelberger; and Torch, Bennett Farny
Broadcast Tech Volunteer Rob Brandt
Greeters Kim & Scott Francour
Lay Eucharistic Ministers Laura Brown MacKinnon, Joanna Horobin, Cam McCormick, and Sam Schaefer
Readers Debby Rempis and Madison Riley
Ushers David Boghosian, Lisa Howe, Alan Joachim, and David Osborn

Intercessions from the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer
Churches of the Alewife Deanery
Christ Church, Cambridge
St. Bartholomew's Church, Cambridge
St. James' Church, Cambridge
St. Peter's Church, Cambridge
Diocesan Disciplinary Board

Icon of the Week

Our Lady of Guadalupe

On December 9, 1531, Mary appeared to Juan Diego on Tepeyac Hill. Born in 1474 in Cuautlitlán, Mexico (near present-day Mexico City), Juan Diego was one of the Chichimeca people. He was baptized by Friar Peter da Gand, an early Franciscan missionary, around 1524. Mary asked Juan Diego to approach the bishop and request that a shrine be built to her on Tepeyac Hill, where she would bless those who called upon her. The bishop demanded proof of the vision and Juan Diego returned to the hill, where roses were blooming, though it was almost winter. He picked some roses and brought them to the bishop in his cloak. When he opened his cloak, the flowers fell out and an image of the Blessed Mother was imprinted on the cloak. The bishop then gave his blessing, and a chapel was built.

Juan Diego's cloak was placed in the chapel, and he lived in a small dwelling near the chapel for the rest of his life, serving as its caretaker, greeting pilgrims, and spending time in prayer. In 1548, he passed away and was buried in the chapel. In accepting the Christian message without foregoing his indigenous identity, Juan Diego discovered the profound truth of a new humanity, in which all are called to be children of God. Thus, he facilitated the meeting of two worlds and became the catalyst for a new Mexican identity, closely tied to Our Lady of Guadalupe, whose mestizo face expresses her spiritual motherhood which embraces all Mexicans.

Her Saints Day is December 12.

Dearest Lady of Guadalupe, fruitful Mother of Holiness, teach me your ways of gentleness and strength. Hear my prayer offered with deepfelt confidence to beg this favor…O Mary, conceived without sin, I come to your throne of grace to share the fervent devotion of your faithful Mexican children who call to you under the glorious Aztec title of "Guadalupe" *the virgin who crushed the serpent. Queen of Martyrs, whose Immaculate heart was pierced by seven wounds of grief, help me to walk valiantly amid the sharp thorns thrown across my pathway. Queen of Apostles aid me to win souls for the Sacred Heart of my Savior. I plead this through the merits of your merciful Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.*

Christmas & Epiphany Services

Blue Christmas Service

Wednesday, December 18, at 7pm

If you or someone you care about has had a hard year and you are longing to make room for spirit in a time of struggle or loss, please join us. We will rest in the promise of Christ, remembering that God's love and grace endure. We can each choose to light a candle to honor the person or time we are acknowledging. Join us in the transept chapel.

Christmas Eve Services

Tuesday, December 24, *(3pm & 5pm will be broadcast)*

Children's Service
at 3pm
This half-hour service is aimed at young children. We sing carols and hear the Christmas story.

Family Eucharist
at 5pm
This hour-long Holy Communion service is the most well attended and ends in a darkened church with everyone holding a candle as we sing *Silent Night*.

Holy Eucharist
Choral Service at 10pm
This is a traditional service with communion, carols, a sermon, and choral anthems as well as a 20-minute musical prelude preceding the service with a full choir and a string quartet.

Christmas Day Services

Wednesday, December 25

Barn Service 9am
A service of carols, readings, and prayers among the hay bales, and animals. At the red Hunnewell Barn at 901 Washington St.

Church Service 10am
A relaxed one-hour service with communion, Christmas carols, and a short homily.

Epiphany Fireside Service & Dinner

Sunday, January 5, at 5pm

This Holy Communion service—in the parish hall with a roaring fire—is attended by an intergenerational congregation. We hear a short Epiphany homily and sing Epiphany hymns followed by dinner.

Outreach Holiday Projects

During the Christmas season, we are called to remember and be generous to those facing financial poverty. Our outreach ministry invites you to make donations in the following ways.

Season of Giving

The Alternative Gift Fair had a great launch last Sunday. If you missed that opportunity to purchase meaningful gifts for your family and friends, you can leave your form in the payment mailbox with a check. Cam McCormick will regularly check for new orders and arrange with you to get gift cards. Forms can be downloaded and printed directly from the e-Pistle, if you didn't get one in church.

For St. Stephen's

- If you haven't yet donated to the Holiday Meals for St. Stephen's, you can pick up an envelope (marked Holiday Meals) from a table at the back of the church.
- We also need homemade cookies for the Christmas boxes for seniors at St. Stephen's. Please drop your cookies at the Whitings' home, 29 Arlington Rd. in Wellesley, or at the church **by Friday, December 20**.

Giving Tree

There are already piles of gifts under the Giving Tree but there are still some gift cards on it. Please take a card if there are any left when you next get to church.

Circle of Hope

The Circle of Hope coat boxes are in the office hallway and in the narthex. Please bring your no-longer-needed coats. It is getting chilly outside and warm coats for all sizes and ages will be greatly appreciated. Please give only clean coats in good shape.

Family Promise Metrowest (FPM)

Two new local opportunities for support

- **On Wednesday, December 18**, Shake Shack in Wellesley will donate 25% of your meal purchase to FPM. *You need to mention "*Donation Day*" or use promo code "*DONATE*" (case sensitive) on the Shack App, Website, or kiosk at checkout*. Feel free to share this information with friends, neighbors, and co-workers.
- **From now through January 2**, MetroWest Subaru will donate a portion of proceeds from every new car OR service directly to FPM. MetroWest Subaru is a long-standing supporter of the work that FPM does helping low-income families who are facing housing crises in our area.

How to use your smartphone to connect to the listening system

We recently installed *Listen Everywhere* for parishioners who use hearing aids with Bluetooth capabilities. Download the *Listen Everywhere* app from your app store. Then follow the instructions at the ushers table for how to connect your app to the church system.

If this is your first time at St. Andrew's, Welcome!

We are happy you found us. Please use this QR code to fill out a *seeker information form* or check with a member of our membership committee in the narthex so that our clergy and members of our congregation can welcome you and help you get engaged with our church

Notices and Announcements

Note: all staff email addresses are on the second to last page. Deadline for materials is noon on Tuesdays for both the bulletin and the e-Pistle.

Roric Cunningham Cello Concert

Boston Symphony Orchestra cellist Roric Cunningham, and Jenny Tang, piano, will be giving a free concert at St. Andew's **today, December 15, at 2 pm.** The program is as follows:

- Francis Poulenc *Sonata pour violoncelle et piano, FP 143*
- Camille Saint-Saëns *Mon cœur s'ouvre à ta voix*
- Johannes Brahms *Sonata for Piano and Violoncello in F Major, Op. 99*

Church School Holiday Break

All church school classes ended Sunday, December 8. The pageant is today, December 15. *Please note Kids' Place will be open through* ***Sunday, December 22*** *and then closed for all Christmas Eve services, as well as* ***Sunday, December 29***. We will resume all programs on **Sunday, January 5**.

Youth Group

- **Today, December 15, Café Night** Have dinner, take an Epiphany card photo (you are invited to wear something white), get ready for the Epiphany Fireside service, and other merriment.
- **Sunday, January 5** We will meet at the Epiphany Fireside service and need readers and a preacher for this service. Any volunteers?

9am Adult Christian Learning

Today, December 15, Margaret Schwarzer leads a class on *Experiences of Christmas Around the World*. Join us **in Room 2 or on Zoom** (the link will be in the e-Pistle). Next **Sunday, December 22,** Margaret Schwarzer will lead a *Christmas Meditation*; you are invited to make space in your heart in a busy time. 9am Adult Christian Learning will hold a special class on *The Amen Effect* **Sunday, January 12**, and regular classes will resume on **Sunday, January 26**. Come every week, once a month, or just when a class lines up with your interests. —Margaret Schwarzer

Confirmation Class

Dates for the remaining confirmation classes are: **Mondays, December 16, January 6, 13, 20, and 27.**

Epiphany Fireside Service

Please mark your calendars for the celebration of the Feast of the Epiphany by the fire **in the parish hall at 5pm, Sunday, January 5.** Dinner will be offered after the service. Parishioners are asked to bring a salad or dessert.

Book for Inspiration in the Dead of Winter: *The Amen Effect*

We will hold a class on **Sunday, January 12, at 9am** to reflect on *The Amen Effect: Ancient Wisdom to Mend our Broken Hearts* by Sharon Brous. If you want to buy this spiritual and hopeful book, send Margaret Schwarzer an email. She will email you when Wellesley Books has your copy waiting on the pick-up shelf. The book's discount price for us is $23. After Margaret emails you, please send her a check made out to "St. Andrew's" and write "The Amen Effect" in the memo.

Request for Payment or Reimbursement

The requests for payment or reimbursement forms have been updated and are in a mailbox in the volunteer room on green paper. Please be sure to fill in the applicable ministry to be charged and attach receipts. ***In order to comply with auditing guidelines, all requests must be submitted within 30 days of purchase.*** This allows us to have our financial records better reflect the proper timing of expenditures. Checks are cut and mailed weekly with a slight delay for larger amounts. Contact me with any questions or to receive an emailed copy of the form.
—Joanne Butler

Year End Donations

Please observe the following best practices to complete your pledge(s):

- **Stock donations** Please have stock donations processed **ASAP** and send me an email documenting the stock name, number of shares and how it should be applied (2024 Pledge, 2025 Pre-paid Pledge, etc.)
- **In-person** In the collection plate **by Monday, December 29** or at the office by noon on **Tuesday, December 31.**
- **By mail** **Please mail this week**.
- **Online Realm or website** If paying by credit card or ACH, process your request **by Thursday, December 26**. Payments submitted online can take 48 hours to be received and will not be credited to your 2024 statement if received in 2025.

For your 2024 pledge balance, log in to *Realm* and go to "Giving" where your payments and balance will be listed. **For 2025,** you can set up automatic payments within *Realm* specifying the amount and frequency as well as a start and end date to have your pledge payments paid and recorded. Please reach out with questions and thank you for your continued support of St. Andrew's! —Joanne Butler

Your Realm Account

Realm is our database, our giving platform, and our online directory. All our parishioners are there, and pictures of individuals are included! If you do not have an account, you will have received an invitation to join during the last week. The invite came from ***St Andrew's Episcopal Church notifications@onrealmmail.org*** Please look in your spam or junk email box if you do not see it. **Please ask Kate Clark for help if you need it**. There is also an **app** for your phone called **Realm Connect**. Look for it in the App Store or Google Play Store.

Parking on Denton Road

In this holiday season, please be careful that you do not obstruct the driveways of our neighbors. We wish to maintain good relations with our neighbors and to extend the courtesy we would expect from others to them. Thanks for your help with this!

Name Tag Reminder

Please remember to wear your name tag and introduce yourself to one another. If you need a new name tag, please reach out to membership@standrewswellesley.org If you ordered nametags, you will find them on the small white board in the narthex.

Parish Photo Release

We recognize that safety and privacy are of primary concern to members of our congregation. After researching best practices and reaching out to our national church, the communications committee developed a policy *not to identify anyone by name in website photos* in the fall of 2013. We also agreed to publish the following release language in registration forms, The Call, service leaflets, annual reports, and any future publications. This language is as follows:

> *Occasionally, we may take photographs or videos of St. Andrew's-related activities. By appearing at and/or participating in any such activities, you are aware that you may appear in such pictures and agree to let us use such images in related communications (including print and web usage), and you agree to release St. Andrew's from any liability, damages, or claims whatsoever that might arise from such use. This notice also applies to any members of your family appearing and/or participating in such church activities. Our policy is that we will not identify anyone by name on website photos.*

For any questions or more information about photos and usage please contact Katharine Clark

Gratitude

Christmas Pageant

A special thank you this morning to everyone who helped direct, worked on costumes, and organized for the pageant. Thank you, too, to all the children adult who took part.

Lessons & Carols

Thank you to the senior choir for an exquisite service of Advent Lessons & Carols last Sunday. You transported all of us who heard you sing to a place of beauty and peace. Thank you also to the altar guild and the staff who put the aisle stations in place and filled our aisles and church windows with candlelight. Thank you as well to all the parishioners who provided us with a magnificent reception following the service. The fellowship and food was enthusiastically enjoyed by all.

Vestry

- Any member of the vestry can be emailed at their ministry address. All addresses are on our website: https://standrewswellesley.org/about/vestry/

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Youth Formation Pamela Grossetti

Staff

- **In an emergency, please contact Adrian on his cell phone, 603/831-4938. Additional clergy cell phone numbers are: Margaret Schwarzer, 617/733-0661, and Sarah Robbins-Cole, 603/831-4711.**
- The clergy are available to assist you if you email or call them if you or a member of your family expects to be in the hospital and wishes to be visited.
- Please let the clergy know of names that should be added to our prayer list.

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Weekly Calendar

- The **Holy Eucharist** is celebrated on **Sundays at 8am, 10am** (*also online*) **and 5pm**. **Morning Prayer** is offered online **Monday through Thursday at 8:30am** on our website, our YouTube Channel (*use the QR code for a link to our YouTube channel*), and on Facebook.
- **Parish office hours** are **Monday** through **Thursday**, **9am to 4pm**, and **Friday**, **9am to 12pm,** unless otherwise announced. **Tuesday at 12pm is the deadline for all materials** to be included in the bulletin and/or by email, for the following Sunday.
- **12-Step Programs** Men's AA, Wednesdays at 8pm; Women's AA, Thursdays at 7pm; Emotions Anonymous, Saturdays at 9:30am; Sober Sisters AA, Saturdays at 10:30am.

Regular weekly meetings and gatherings, *unless otherwise announced below*

Sundays • **9am** adult Christian learning • **8:55am** Kids' Place • **9:45am** church school programs • **11am** coffee hour • **6pm** youth group

Mondays • **4:30pm** confirmation class

Thursdays • **12pm** beginner's Bible study • **5pm** children's choir rehearsal • **7:30pm** senior choir rehearsal

Sunday, December 15
10am all parish Eucharist & Christmas pageant
2pm Roric Cunningham cello concert

Monday, December 16
7pm finance meeting

Tuesday, December 17
10am pastoral care team meeting
7pm vestry meeting

Wednesday, December 18
7pm Blue Christmas service

Thursday, December 19
10:30am North Hill Eucharist

Saturday, December 21
8am men's Bible study

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