

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.

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 22, 2024

We are livestreaming the 10am service.

Prelude *In dulci jubilo (In sweet joy)*

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Processional Hymn 66 "Come, thou long-expected Jesus"

Stuttgart

Blessing of the Advent Wreath

Celebrant Blessed are you, Sovereign Lord, merciful and gentle: to you be praise and glory for ever! Your light has shone in our darkened world through the child-bearing of blessed Mary; grant that we who have seen your glory may daily be renewed in your image and prepared like her for the coming of your Son, who is the Lord and Savior of all.

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 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.*

First Lesson: Micah 5:2-5a

You, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has brought forth; then the rest of his

kindred shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; and he shall be the one of peace.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Canticle 15 *The Magnificat*

Richard Clark

The congregation is encouraged to sing the psalm.



- 1 My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in¹ God my¹ Savior; *
for he has looked with¹ favor on his¹ lowly¹ servant.
- 2 From this day all generations will¹ call me¹ blessed: *
the Almighty has done great things for me,
and¹ holy¹ is his¹ Name.
- 3 He has mercy on¹ those who¹ fear him *
in¹ every¹ gener¹ation.
- 4 He has shown the¹ strength of his¹ arm, *
he has scattered the¹ proud in¹ their con¹ceit.
- 5 He has cast down the¹ mighty from their¹ thrones, *
and has¹ lifted¹ up the¹ lowly.

- 6 He has filled the ¹hungry with ¹good things, *
and the ¹rich he has ¹sent away ¹empty.
- 7 He has come to the help of his ¹servant ¹Israel, *
for he has re¹membered his ¹promise of ¹mercy,
- 8 The promise he ¹made to our ¹fathers, *
to ¹Abraham and his ¹children for ¹ever.

(Gloria Patri may be omitted)

Glory to the Father, and ¹to the ¹Son, *
and ¹to the ¹Holy ¹Spirit:
As it was in the be¹ginning, is ¹now, *
and ¹will be for ¹ever. A¹men.

Second Lesson: Hebrews 10:5-10

When Christ came into the world, he said, "Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body you have prepared for me; in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure. Then I said, 'See, God, I have come to do your will, O God' (in the scroll of the book it is written of me)." When he said above, "You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in

sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings" (these are offered according to the law), then he added, "See, I have come to do your will." He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn 268 "Ye who claim the faith of Jesus"

Julion

Gospel: Luke 1:39-55

Clergy The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth.

When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and

exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she

who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to

generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever."

Clergy The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Sarah Robbins-Cole

Nicene Creed

BCP p. 358

Prayers of the People

After each bidding the Reader says, Lord, in your mercy.

The People reply, Hear our prayer.

Confession of Sin

BCP p. 360

Peace

Announcements

The Holy Communion

Presentation of Bread and Wine

Offertory Anthem *He shall feed his flock*

George Frideric Handel (1685-1759)

*He shall feed His flock like a shepherd; and
He shall gather the lambs with His arm,
and carry them in His bosom, and gently
lead those that are with young.*

(Isaiah 40: 11)

*Come unto Him, all ye that labour, come
unto Him that are heavy laden, and He will
give you rest. Take his yoke upon you, and
learn of Him, for He is meek and lowly of
heart, and ye shall find rest unto your souls.
(Matthew 11: 28-29)*

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 B

BCP p. 367

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.

You may sip from the chalice or dip your wafer in the intinction cup.

Gluten free wafers are available.

S 156 Fraction Anthem (front section of hymnal) *Christ our Passover*

Gerald Near

Communion Anthem "Infant holy, infant lowly"

Polish carol

arranged by David Willcocks (1919-2015)

*Infant holy,
Infant lowly,
For His bed a cattle stall;
Oxen lowing,
Little knowing
Christ the Babe is Lord of all.*

*Swift are winging
Angels singing,
Noels ringing,
Tidings bringing,
Christ the Babe is Lord of all.*

Communion Hymn 266 "Nova, nova"

Nova, nova

Thanksgiving after Communion

BCP p. 365

Blessing

Recessional Hymn 68 "Rejoice! rejoice, believers"

Llangloffan

Dismissal

Clergy Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

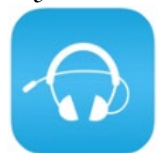
Postlude

Please join us after the service for coffee hour.

How to use your smartphone to connect to the listening system

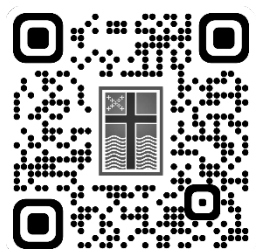


We recently installed *Listen Everywhere* for parishioners who use hearing aids with Bluetooth capabilities. Download the *Listen Everywhere* app from your app store. Then follow the instructions at the ushers table for how to connect your app to the church system.



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





The altar flowers are given in memory of
Samuel P. Cochran III from Jesse Cochran and family.

Serving St. Andrew's this week

Altar Guild Lacey Brandt, Kim Carlson, Blair Glennon, Heidi Harper, Sarah Harris,
Ann Johnson, Paige Manning, Chris McAvoy, Liz Parsons, and Star Zabriskie
Flowers the flower guild

Serving at 8am

Lay Eucharistic Minister Nancy Echlov
Usher Harriet Thompson

Serving at 10am

Acolytes Crucifer, Christina Lowe; Torch, Kara Eichelberger; and Torch, Bennett Farny
Broadcast Tech Volunteer Rob Brandt
Greeters Caren & Randy Parker
Lay Eucharistic Ministers Laura Brown MacKinnon, Joanna Horobin,
Cam McCormick, and Sam Schaefer
Readers Debby Rempis and Madison Riley
Ushers Steve Beach, Harry Condon, Scott Jones, and Peter Lull

Intercessions from the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

Churches of the Alewife Deanery
Episcopal Chaplaincy at Harvard, Cambridge
Lutheran Episcopal Chaplaincy at Mass. Institute of Technology, Cambridge
The Society of St. John the Evangelist, Cambridge
Hospital Chaplaincies & Healthcare Chaplains



Icon of the Week

Holy Family

Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, bless me and grant me the grace of loving the Holy Church as I should, above every earthly thing, and of ever showing my love by deeds.

Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, bless me and grant me the grace of openly professing as I should, with courage and without human respect, the faith that I received as your gift in holy Baptism.

Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, bless me and grant me the grace of sharing as I should in the defense and propagation of the Faith when duty calls, whether by word or by the sacrifice of my possessions and my life.

Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, bless me and grant me the grace of loving my family and others in mutual charity as I should, and establish us in perfect harmony of thought, will, and action, under the rule and guidance of the shepherds of the Holy Church.

Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, bless me and grant me the grace of conforming my life fully as I should to the commandments of God's law and those of His Holy Church, so as to live always in that charity which they set forth.

Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, I ask in particular this special favor:
(mention your favor).



Christmas & Epiphany Services

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 church office 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.

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.

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) which are on a table at the back of church.

Family Promise Metrowest (FPM)

Now through Thursday 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.



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.

Year End Donations

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

- **In-person** In the collection plate **by Monday, December 29** or at the office by noon on **Tuesday, December 31**.
- **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

Church School Holiday Break

All church school classes ended Sunday, December 8. 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 the programs on **January 5**.

9am Adult Christian Learning

Today, December 22, Margaret Schwarzer will lead a *Christmas Meditation*; you are invited to make space in your heart in a busy time. Join us **in the parish hall or on Zoom** (the link will be in the e-Pistle). Come every week, once a month, or just when a class lines up with your interests.

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**. —[Margaret Schwarzer](#)

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.

Youth Group

Sunday, January 5 We will meet at the Epiphany Fireside service and need readers and a preacher for this service. Any volunteers?

Confirmation Class

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

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 and 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.

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!



Gratitude

Alternative Gift Fair

We have collected at least \$5,000 so far, to distribute to 18 charities on our list for this year—and more might still come in.

Bags for Senior Citizens

The Whitings are busy preparing 60 bags for senior citizens at St. Stephen's Church.

Cooking

We cooked, froze, and delivered 189 delicious meals to St. Stephen's Youth Programs; these meals will be given to families for them to heat and eat during the two weeks that SSYP is closed.

Giving Tree

We delivered 140 gifts to St. Stephen's Youth Programs.

We collected 1,967 diapers for Bridges to Moms.

We collected 24 store gift cards, for \$780!

Thanksgiving Meal Kits

The Thanksgiving meal kits were a huge hit with St. Stephen's parishoners and families at St. Stephen's Youth Programs! We are still looking for donations to cover the cost of ingredients.

Vestry

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

Adult Formation Carrie Hawley

Clerk Tad Heuer

Communications

Fellowship Ginny Snow

Finance Justin Wahls

Human Resources Laurin Baldwin

Membership Amanda Curtis

Outreach Herb Manning

Property Sam Schaefer

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Treasurer Joe Hamilton

Wardens Megan Burns
Tom Faust

Worship Erica Gelser

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

Tuesday, December 24

3pm The Nativity of Our Lord Service
5pm Festival Family Holy Eucharist
10pm Choral Holy Eucharist

Wednesday, December 25

Parish office closed

9am Christmas day barn service
10am Christmas day church service

Thursday & Friday, December 26 & 27

Parish office closed

No children's choir
No senior choir

Sunday, December 29

No 9am adult Christian learning
No church school
No youth group



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