



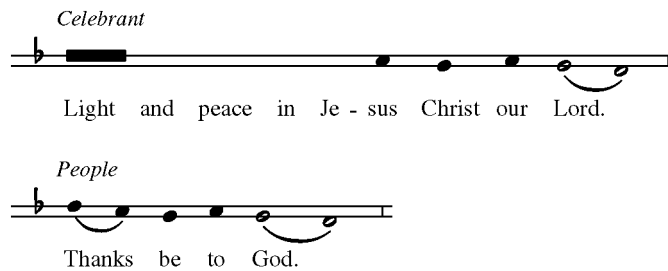
ST. ANDREW'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Presentation of Our Lord, Candlemas, February 2, 2025

We are livestreaming the 10am service.

Prelude *Mit Fried und Freude ich fahr dahin (I travel on in peace and joy)*

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)



Nunc dimittis in G major

Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

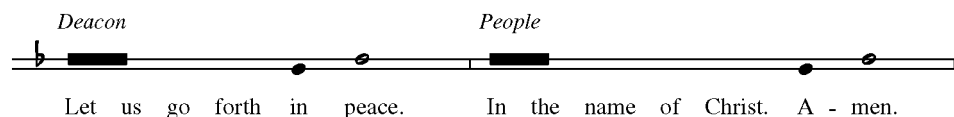
*Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace according to thy word.
For mine eyes have seen thy salvation,
Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles and to be the glory of thy people Israel.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

Celebrant Let us pray.

People God our Father, source of all light, today you revealed to the aged Simeon your light which enlightens the nations. Fill our hearts with the light of faith, that we who bear these candles may walk in the path of goodness, and come to the Light that shines for ever, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Procession

Candlemas Procession



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 forever. *Amen.*

Collect for Purity

BCP p. 355

S 236 Benedictus es, Domine (front section of hymnal)

John Rutter (b. 1945)

Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers; you are worthy of praise; glory to you.

Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name;

we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Glory to you in the splendor of your temple; on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.

Glory to you seated between the Cherubim; we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Glory to you, beholding the depths; In the high vault of heaven, glory to you.

Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Glory to you!

Collect of the Day

Celebrant Together we pray.

People Almighty and everliving God, we humbly pray that, as your only-begotten Son was this day presented in the temple, so we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts by Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

First Lesson: Malachi 3:1-4

Thus says the Lord, See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like

fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The congregation is encouraged to sing the psalm.



- 1 How dear to me is your dwelling, O LORD of hosts! *
My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the LORD;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.
- 2 The sparrow has found her a house
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; *
by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts,
my King and my God.
- 3 Happy are they who dwell in your house! *
they will always be praising you.
- 4 Happy are the people whose strength is in you! *
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.
- 5 Those who go through the desolate valley will find
it a place of springs, *
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.
- 6 They will climb from height to height, *
and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.
- 7 LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; *
— harken, O God of Jacob.
- 8 Behold our defender, O God; *
and look upon the face of your Anointed.

Second Lesson: Hebrews 2:14-18

Since God's children share flesh and blood, Jesus himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all

their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so

that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the

people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn 25 “O gracious Light, Lord Jesus Christ”

The Eighth Tone

Gospel: Luke 2:22-40

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, the parents of Jesus brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, “Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord”), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons.” Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, “Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.”

And the child’s father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, “This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.”

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

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

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Peace

Announcements

The Holy Communion

Presentation of Bread and Wine

Offertory Anthem *Soon and Very Soon*
sung by the children's choir

Andraé Crouch (1942-2015)

Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King, (x's3)

Refrain

*Hallelujah, Hallelujah,
we are goin' to see the King!*

No more cryin' there we are goin' to see the King, (x's3)

Refrain

No more dyin' there we are goin' to see the King, (x's3)

Refrain

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah.

Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King, (x's3)

Refrain

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah.

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

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S130 Sanctus (front section of hymnal)

Franz Peter Schubert (1797-1828)

Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

S164 Fraction Anthem (front section of hymnal)

Franz Peter Schubert

All are welcome to receive communion. Ushers will direct the congregation.

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

Gluten free wafers are available.

Communion Anthem *O Nata Lux*

Thomas Tallis (c.1505-1585)

O Light born of Light, Jesus, redeemer of the world,

with loving-kindness deign to receive suppliant praise and prayer.

Thou who once deigned to be clothed in flesh for the sake of the lost,

grant us to be members of thy blessed body.

Communion Hymn 787 "We are marching in the light of God"

Siyahamba

from Wonder, Love, and Praise

The musical score is written for two staves, Treble and Bass clef, in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of two systems of music. The first system has lyrics in three languages: English, Xhosa, and Spanish. The second system continues the melody and includes a repeat sign. The lyrics are as follows:

System 1:

English: We are march - ing in the light of God, we are
Xhosa: Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos', si - ya -
Spanish: Mar - cha - re - mos en la luz de Dios, Mar - cha -

System 2:

English: march - ing in the light of God, — We are march - ing in the
Xhosa: hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'. — Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha -
Spanish: re - mos en la luz de Dios. — Mar - cha - re - mos en la

we are march - ing in the light of God. —
 si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos' —
 mar - cha - re - mos en la luz de Dios. —

light of God, we are march - ing in the light of, the
 nyen' kwen - khos', si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen, kha -
 luz de Dios mar - cha - re - mos en la luz de, la

we are march - ing in the light of God. —
 si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos' —
 mar - cha - re - mos en la luz de Dios. —

_____ We are march - ing _____
 _____ Si - ya - ham - ba _____
 _____ Mar - cha - re - mos _____

light of God. We are march - ing, march - ing, we are
 nyen' kwen - khos'. Si - ya - ham - ba, ham - ba, si - ya -
 luz de Dios. Mar - cha - re - mos re - mos mar - cha -

_____ Oo _____ we are march - ing in the light of God. —
 _____ Oo _____ si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos' —
 _____ Oo _____ mar - cha - re - mos en la luz de Dios. —

march - ing, march - ing, we are march - ing in the light of, the
 ham - ba, ham - ba, si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen, kha -
 re - mos re - mos mar - cha - re - mos en la luz de la

march - ing, we are march - ing in the light of, God. —
 ham - ba, si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos' —
 re - mos mar - cha - re - mos en la luz de Dios. —

— We are march - ing
 — Si - ya - ham - ba
 — Mar - cha - re - mos

light of God.
 nyen' kwen-khos'.
 luz de dios.

We are march - ing,
 Si - ya - ham - be,
 Mar - cha - re - mos,

march - ing we are
 ham - ba, si - ya -
 re - mos mar - cha -

march-ing, march-ing, we are march-ing in the light of God.
 ham - ba, ham - ba, si - ya - hamb' e - ku-kha-nyen' kwen - khos'.
 re - mos re - mos mar-cha - re - mos en la luz do Dios.

Words: South African; Spanish words, Bernardo Murray (b. 1965). Music: *Siyahamba*, South African.

Thanksgiving after Communion

BCP p. 365

Blessing

Recessional Hymn 637 "How firm a foundation"

Lyons

Dismissal

Clergy Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude *Wer nur den lieben Gott lasst walten* (Whoever lets our dear Lord rule) J.S. Bach

**Join us for coffee hour after the service,
 hosted today by Dave & Lauren Murphy.**

How to use your smartphone to connect to the listening system



We recently installed *ListenWiFi* for parishioners who use hearing aids with Bluetooth capabilities. Download the *ListenWiFi* 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 to the glory of God and in loving memory of
Norman Dorian

Serving St. Andrew's this week

Altar Guild Laura Brown MacKinnon, Nancy Echlov, Wendy Haering,
Angie Johnson, Ntonhle Kekana, Sarah Klein, and Jen Martin

Altar Flowers the flower guild

Serving at 8am

Lay Eucharistic Minister Wendy Haering

Usher Mark Housel

Serving at 10am

Acolytes Crucifer, George Raeke; Torch, Abby Dietz;
and Torch, Caroline Rankin

Broadcast Tech Volunteer Rob Brandt

Lay Eucharistic Ministers Harry Condon, Kate Farella, Sarah Harris,
and Keileigh McReynolds

Readers youth readers

Ushers Terri Rawson-Wakefield, Kris Vanin, Michael Vanin,
and Michael Wakefield



Icon of the Week

St. Brigid of Ireland

Next to Patrick, Brigid is the most beloved of Irish saints. Born at Fauchart around the middle of the fifth century, she may have met Patrick as a young girl. She was raised in a Druid household but, nevertheless, decided early on to dedicate her life to God alone as a Christian. She received a nun's veil from Bishop Macaile of Westmeath. In 470, Brigid gathered a group of women around her and founded a female monastery at Kildare, a place whose name meant 'Church of the Oak.' Here had flourished the cult of a pagan goddess who received the sacred fire, which Brigid and her successors have maintained to the present day.

To secure the sacraments, Brigid persuaded the anchorite Conlaed to receive episcopal ordination and bring his community of monks to Kildare, thus establishing the only known Irish double monastery of men and women. Brigid actively participated in policymaking decisions at church conventions. Many stories are told of her concern for the poor and needy. When a leper woman asked for milk, she was healed of her infirmity as well. Two blind men were restored to sight. Best known is the tale of Brigid taming a wolf at the request of a local chieftain whose pet dog had been accidentally killed.

She is traditionally associated with the Cross of St. Brigid, a form of cross made from reeds or straw that is placed in homes for blessing and protection. Her remains are said to have been reinterred, during the Danish invasions of the ninth century, alongside those of Patrick at Downpatrick.

Her feast day is February 1.

Shine your light where there is darkness, strengthen me in any weakness. Heal all within that may be ill, give me the desire each day to do God's will.

—St. Brigid's prayer



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.

Church School Classes Today

Today, children are invited to attend the All Parish Eucharist with the congregation. Kids' Place is open for nursery care and the youngest children from Godly Play I are welcome to join Kids' Place if they'd prefer.

9am Adult Christian Learning

Today, February 2, and next Sunday, February 9, we continue a series on our Book of Common Prayer (BCP). Rev. Dr. James Weiss teaches us about *The Radical Nature of the 1979 BCP*; a very different book from the BCP of 1928. Come every week, once a month, or just when a class lines up with your interests. We offer childcare at 8:55am so parents can attend class. Join us **in the parish hall or on Zoom** (the link will be in the e-Pistle). — [Margaret Schwarzer](#)

Youth Group

- **Today, February 2 10am** All Parish Eucharist (no evening meeting)
- **Sunday, February 9 11am** Youth group sponsored coffee hour (no evening meeting)
- **Sunday, February 16** No youth group
- **Sunday, February 23 6pm** Dinner and discussion around spiritual wellness

Lane Johnson Memorial Service

A memorial service will be held for parishioner Lane Johnson **at 11am on Saturday, February 8**. All are welcome to attend the service to give thanks for Lane's life and to offer love and support to his wife, parishioner Ann Johnson, and their family.

Supper Bowl

The Supper Bowl (formerly the Souper Bowl) is just around the corner! Please put a few extra items in your shopping carts to help stock a local food pantry:

- Dinty Moore Beef Stew
 - Canned Chicken
 - Pasta Sauce
 - Spaghetti, Linguine, Fettucine
 - Dried Beans, Refried Beans, Baked Beans
- We'll be handing out bags for **the big collection on Sunday, February 9**.

Confirmation Class

There will be a confirmation class on **Monday, February 10, at 4:30pm**.

Soul Sisters

Join us for our next Soul Sisters gathering on **Tuesday, February 11, from 6pm to 7:30pm** in the parish hall. We'll enjoy a delicious dinner together and explore the practice of meditation. Feel free to bring a side dish to share—salads are always a hit!

Pilgrimage: *Reaching for Heaven*

Save the date for *Reaching for Heaven: Walking in the Footsteps of Celtic Saints in Scotland and Northern England*. **From Thursday, June 11, to Tuesday, June 23, 2026**, members of St. Andrew's will journey to the Isle of Iona, explore the ruins of Lindisfarne Monastery, and visit Glasgow, Edinburgh, and northern England, including York. Along the way, we will follow in the footsteps of St. Cuthbert and St. Columba, taking time for reflection, prayer, whisky tasting, and historic tours. More details will be available in March 2025.

Lenten Book 2025

We invite you to join our 9am adult Christian learning class as we read and discuss *Being Christian: Baptism, Bible, Eucharist, Prayer* by Rowan Williams. Over the course of the five weeks during Lent, we will explore the essentials of the Christian life in this brilliant and accessible book. The discounted cost of the book is \$10. You can get a copy by emailing me and sending a check to my attention, made out to St. Andrew's for \$10; please write "Lenten Book" in the memo. I will email you when the book is waiting for you at Wellesley Books.

—[Margaret Schwarzer](#)

Pledge Envelopes

Pledge envelopes are now available at the back of the church for those who ordered them. If you don't see your name but would like envelopes, please email me.

—[Joanne Butler](#)

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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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

Sunday, February 2

9am coffee hour for 8am worshippers
9:45am **NO** church school
5pm **NO** Holy Eucharist

Tuesday, February 4

7pm men's book club

Saturday, February 8

11am memorial service for
Lane Johnson

Sunday, February 9

2pm cello concert Roric Cunningham



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