



SAINT ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

December 18, 2022 · 10:30 AM
The Fourth Sunday of Advent
Holy Eucharist, Rite I, with Confirmation

Called to **Worship**. Sent to **Witness**. Led to **Welcome**.

A special welcome to all visitors. We are delighted you have joined us for worship!



Saint Andrew's is a parish of the **Episcopal Church within the Diocese of Upper South Carolina**. Over time, our identity as a parish has come to be defined by our commitment to **worship** in the distinctive splendor of Anglo-Catholic tradition, to **witness** through word and deed to the life changing implications of Jesus Christ's reconciling love, and to **welcome** unreservedly all God's children into Christ's Body, the Church.

If you are not familiar with Episcopal Church worship, we have tried to make our worship bulletin easy to follow. All of the prayers and responses for the congregation are printed in the bulletin. Page numbers that are prefaced by "**BCP**" reference pages in the **red Book of Common Prayer** found in the rack on the back of the pew in front of you. Hymns are referenced by hymn number and can be found in the **blue Hymnal** also in the pew rack.

As you depart worship, we hope you will enter your name and contact information in our **visitor's book** located on a stand in the narthex (the little room that you pass through on your way in and out of the main doors of the church). We would also love to have you join us for **coffee hour** in the Parish Hall immediately after the 10:30 AM mass. Thank you for blessing us with your presence!

Restrooms

are located on the first floor of the Parish House.
Use the door to the left of the church,
closest to the parking lot.

Nursery

is available during the 10:30 AM Mass
on the second floor of the Parish House.

Link for Online Donations:

www.standrewsgreenville.org/giving

Your donations can also be mailed to the Parish Office
at 1002 S. Main St. Greenville, SC 29601

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Members of the Vestry

Scott Chastain, Senior Warden (2023);

Riley Owens, Junior Warden (2024)

John Rhodes, Clerk (2023);

Charles Shields (2023);

Allison Giambrone-Wilson, Kelly Proffitt (2024);

Phil Buck, Lee Gray, and Jenny Peer (2025)

Holy Eucharist, Rite I, with Confirmations

Voluntary

Magnificat primi toni (Magnificat on the First Tone)
1. (S. 659) 2. (S. 660)

Dietrich Buxtehude
(c. 1637-1707)

After the opening announcements, the ringing of the bell signals the people to stand for the beginning of the mass.

Advent Prose *(sung by the choir)*

Antiphon: Drop down, ye heavens, from above, and let the skies pour down righteousness. *Verse 4 (Cantor):* Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, my salvation shall not tarry: I have blotted out as a thick cloud thy transgressions: Fear not, for I will save thee: For I am the Lord thy God, the Holy One of Israel, thy Redeemer. *Antiphon.*

The Word of God

Opening Hymn, No. 66

Come, thou long expected Jesus

STUTTGART

Opening Acclamation

Bishop Blessed be God: Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

Bishop There is one Body and one Spirit;

People **There is one hope in God's call to us;**

Bishop One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;


People **One God and Father of all.**

The Collect of the Day *(chanted)*

Bishop  *People*  *Bishop* 

The Lord be with you. And with thy spirit. Let us pray.

Bishop We beseech thee, Almighty God, to purify our consciences by thy daily visitation, that when thy Son our Lord cometh he may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All 

A - men.

After the Collect, the people sit.

First Lesson

Isaiah 7:10-16

Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, "Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven." But Ahaz said, "I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test." Then Isaiah said: "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted."

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18 *(sung by the choir)*

- 1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; *
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
- 2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, *
stir up your strength and come to help us.
- 3 Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance,
and we shall be saved.
- 4 O Lord God of hosts, *
how long will you be angered despite the prayers of
your people?
- 5 You have fed them with the bread of tears; *
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.
- 6 You have made us the derision of our neighbors, *
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.
- 7 Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance,
and we shall be saved.
- 16 Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, *
the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.
- 17 And so will we never turn away from you; *
give us life, that we may call upon your Name.
- 18 Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be
saved.

Second Lesson

Romans 1:1-7

Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ, To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The people stand.

Sequence Hymn, No. 265

The angel Gabriel from heaven came

GABRIEL'S MESSAGE

The Gospel

Matthew 1:18-25

Gospeller The Holy Gospel ☩ of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: "Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us." When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

The Sermon

The Right Rev'd Daniel Richards

After the Sermon, the congregation will remain seated as the candidates for Confirmation and Reception are presented. The liturgy for Confirmation continues in the red prayer books on page 415 and as indicated.

Holy Confirmation

Presentation and Examination of Candidates

BCP 415

Once everyone is in place, the Bishop begins.

Bishop The Candidates will now be presented.

The candidates for Confirmation from St. Andrew's now stand.

Sr. Warden I present these persons for Confirmation.

The candidates for Reception from St. Andrew's now stand.

Sr. Warden I present these persons to be received into this Communion.

Mtr. Lathrop Mosley and the candidates for Reception from St. James now stand.

Mtr. Mosley I present these persons to be received into this Communion.

The Bishop now address all of the candidates for Confirmation and Reception, who are all now standing.

Bishop Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?

Candidates **I do.**

Bishop Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

Candidates **I do, and with God's grace I will follow him as my Savior and Lord.**

The Bishop then invites the entire congregation to stand, and addresses the people as follows

Bishop Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

People **We will.**

The Baptismal Covenant

BCP 416

Bishop Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

Do you believe in God the Father?

People **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Bishop Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Bishop Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, ☩ the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

Bishop Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Bishop Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Bishop Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Bishop Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Bishop Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Prayers for the Candidates

BCP 417

Bishop Let us now pray for these persons who have renewed their commitment to Christ.

Upon the invitation to prayer, the people kneel.

Intercessor Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Send them into the world in faithful witness to your love.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Bishop Almighty God, we thank you that by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you have overcome sin and brought us to yourself, and that by the sealing of your Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service. Renew in these your servants the covenant you made with them at their Baptism. Send them forth in the power of the Spirit to perform the service you set before them; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Confirmations and Receptions

BCP 418

After the prayers for the candidates, the people are seated for the laying on of hands by the Bishop. Once all of the candidates have received the laying on of hands, the people stand for the concluding prayer led by the Bishop.

Bishop Almighty and everliving God, let your fatherly hand ever be over these your servants; let your Holy Spirit ever be with them; and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of your Word, that they may serve you in this life, and dwell with you in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

After the concluding prayer, the Bishop will asperge the people with holy water. The people remain standing for the Peace.

The Peace

Bishop The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Then the ministers and people may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Birthday and Anniversary Blessings

After the exchange of the Peace, the Bishop invites those celebrating their birthdays or anniversaries to come forward. If anyone comes forward, the Bishop invites the people to join in the following prayer

All **Almighty and gracious God, we give thee thanks for each of these thy servants as they celebrate their special day. Watch over them as they begin another year, and give them grace to keep the vows and promises they have made. Bless and guide them wherever they may be; strengthen them when they stand; raise them up if they fall; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; and may thy peace which passes all understanding abide in their hearts all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Holy Communion

After the opportunity for birthday and anniversary blessings, the Bishop says an Offertory Sentence and returns to the altar. Then, after the people's offering of bread and wine are brought forward, the people sit during the Offertory Anthem as the altar is set and other offerings are collected from the people. (An offering can also be made by placing it in the offering plate located on the table in the aisle by the font or online at www.standrewsgreenville.org/giving.)

Offertory Carol

Prepare a Place

John Ezra Gilbert (b. 1945)

1. Prepare a place for Love to dwell,
No need for lavish inn or hall;
The rudest space, the smallest cell
Can cradle Love so very well.
2. Prepare a place for peace to grow,
beyond the limits of our fear.
Define the path for all to know
That Peace was promised long ago.
3. Prepare a song for life to raise,
When born anew in human heart;
Above the surge and swell and craze
When life was lived in languid days.

4. Prepare a feast for Christ to share;
A loaf and cup to feed the poor;
To lift the masses from despair;
Each broken spirit to repair.
5. Prepare a time for all to see
The timeless wonder born as Truth;
A time to risk; a time to be;
To ponder God's humanity.

– John Gilbert, Advent, 1979

After the Offertory Anthem concludes, the choir is censed. Then the people stand, are censed, and remain standing as the other offerings are brought forward and received with the following words.

Bishop All things come of thee, O Lord.

People **And of thine own have we given thee.**

Prayer of Humble Access

All **We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.**

Invitation to Communion

Bishop The Gifts of God ✠ for the People of God.

After the Blessed Sacrament has been distributed to the altar party and the choir, all are welcome to come forward to the altar rail at the direction of the ushers. At the altar rail, all baptized Christians are invited to receive the Blessed Sacrament, and those who are not yet baptized are invited to indicate a desire to receive a blessing by crossing their arms upon arrival at the altar rail. (Our rector is always eager to speak with anyone who is not yet baptized about preparing for and receiving the sacrament of Baptism.)

For those receiving the Blessed Sacrament, a wafer will be placed in the palm of your hand or upon your tongue after which the chalice is offered. If you need a gluten-free wafer, you may request one from the priest at the altar rail. Should you wish to receive wine by intinction (dipping), allow the chalice bearer to take the wafer from your open palm and intinct for you. Should you be unable to manage the steps, please notify one of the ushers so that Holy Communion can be administered at your pew.

Communion Hymn, No. 268

Ye who claim the faith of Jesus

JULION

Postcommunion Prayer

Upon the Bishop's invitation to prayer, the people stand.

Bishop Let us pray.

All **Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.**

Advent Blessing

Bishop May Almighty God, by whose providence our Savior Christ came among us in great humility, sanctify you with the light of his blessing and set you free from all sin. **Amen.**

May he whose second Coming in power and great glory we await, make you steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and constant in love. **Amen.**

May you, who rejoice in the first Advent of our Redeemer, at his second Advent be rewarded with unending life. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, ✠ the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

Retiring Processional Hymn, No. 56

O come, O come, Emmanuel

VENI, VENI, EMMANUEL

Dismissal

Deacon Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Voluntary

Fugue on the Magnificat (S. 733)

J.S.Bach
(1685-1750)

Thank you for worshipping with us this morning. You are invited to either take your bulletin home or to place it in the recycle bin in the narthex.

The altar greens are given by Scott Chastain
to the glory of God and in celebration of the bishop's visitation and confirmations.

Announcements & Upcoming Events

Fourth Sunday of Advent with Bishop's Visitation and Confirmation | Today | 10:30 AM Mass | Today we welcome our new diocesan bishop, The Rt. Rev. Daniel Richards, for his first visit to Saint Andrew's. At our 10:30 AM Mass, we are presenting the following individuals to Bishop Richards for confirmation or reception: Johnny Buck, Phil Buck, Larie Buck, Anne Culbreath, Emily Culbreath, Grace Culbreath, Andrew Culbreath, Virginia Eichelberger, Gilberto King-Huerta, Mary Mays, and Delaney Townsend. Following the mass, we will have a special extended coffee hour with a time for the Bishop to offer some thoughts and answer questions from parishioners.

Canon Rhodes Presiding in Fr. Gary's Stead | In lieu of Fr. Gary's need to continue to isolate after this past Wednesday's COVID diagnosis, Canon Stephen Rhoades graciously agreed to preside at today's 8:30 AM mass and to assist at the 10:30 AM mass. We are grateful for Canon Rhoades' continued participation in our worship life. Fr. Gary is continuing to work from home but hopes to be cleared to return to the office later this week.

Bishop's Discretionary Fund | Please note that the plate offering today will be designated to the Bishop's Discretionary Fund for support of emergencies and non-budgeted ministries that arise over the course of each year.

Election of 2023 Parish Officers | We are pleased to announce that, at this past Sunday's vestry meeting, **Scott Chastain** was elected **Senior Warden**, **Riley Owens** was elected **Junior Warden**, and **John Rhodes** was re-elected Clerk. **Rusty Infinger** was elected to another one-year term as **Finance Committee Chair**, and **Jamie Hinds** was elected to another one-year term as **Treasurer**. **Phil Buck**, **Lee Gray**, and **Jenny Peer** began their service as new vestry members. We are so thankful for all of their willingness to serve! We also want to express our gratitude to our three outgoing members, **Cheryl Banks**, **Ethan Cashwell**, and **Erin Culbertson**!

Parish Office Schedule | Our Parish Administrator, Marie Ridolfo, will be out of the office December 21-28. Office volunteers will be in the office from 9 AM to 1 PM on December 22, 23, 27, and 28. The Parish Office will be closed Monday, December 26. Please also note that Father Gary plans to be out of the office December 27-30, although he will be presiding at the Wednesday night healing mass on 12/28.

The Feast of the Holy Name | Sunday, January 1 | Guest Preacher, Dr. Tommy Watson | On Sunday, January 1, as we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Name of Our Lord Jesus Christ, we are delighted to be able to welcome our seminarian, Dr. Tommy Watson, as our guest preacher at both our 8:30 and 10:30 masses.

The Feast of Epiphany | Friday, January 6 | 6:30 PM | The Feast of Epiphany, one of the Principal Feasts of the Church year, is when we remember the visit of the Magi to the Christ Child. At our evening mass, we will include the Blessing of the Chalk, an Epiphany tradition.

The Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord (Baptismal Sunday) | January 8 | On January 8th, we will celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord, where we remember Our Lord's baptism by John in the River Jordan. Anyone desiring to be baptized or to have a child baptized, please speak with or e-mail Father Gary (rector@standrewsgreenville.org).

ECW Teaming with Greenville's Gift for Newborns In Need | ECW is sponsoring a donation drive as their fall project. Our congregation is asked to donate clothing and/or money for newborns in need that will be distributed through Greenville's Gift. A box is in the church narthex. Items needed: clothing (size 0-12 months), baby blankets, socks, hats, bibs, and burp cloths. All seasons needed.

2022 CHRISTMAS & EPIPHANY SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 24

The Eve of the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ

4:00 PM Creche & Carols Family Service

10:30 PM Sacred Music

11:00 PM Solemn High Mass

Sunday, December 25

The Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ

12:00 Noon Low Mass

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