



Sunday, December 03, 2023
First Sunday of Advent
10:00 am

Welcome Thank you for joining us today at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church! Our spiritual call is to "Worship Christ, Grow Together, and Serve Others."

Guests We would love to meet you and give you a gift at the Information Kiosk in the Gathering Space. We ask that you sign the Guest Register. You can learn more about our parish family at www.standrewsvalpo.org.

Children Our Children's Ministry, (ages 3 (potty-trained) thru 5th grades) meet Sundays at 9:15 am in the Children's Wing. We use the Godly Play program. Please contact ministry leader Jennifer Rodd at sundayschool@standrewsvalpo.org

Youth For Youth Group information, please contact ministry leader Jennifer Rodd at sundayschool@standrewsvalpo.org

Prayer Ministry Our Intercessory Prayer Team meets Tuesdays at 9:00 am. Please contact Katy Hamilton at khamilton@standrewsvalpo.org



Priest In Charge

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Church Office Hours

Tuesday - Friday 9am-4pm

Worship /Bible Studies

Saturday	5:30 pm	Rite II Service
Sunday	8:00 am	Rite I Service
	10:00 am	Rite II Service
Tuesday	7:00 am	Men's Bible Study
Wednesday	9:00 am	Morning Prayer w/Discussion

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The flowers are given to the Glory of God from Mance and Missy Parks in memory of Betty Tendick and Frances Parks.

Greeter(s): Dawn Martinek

EM: Linda Halas

**From the Book of Common Prayer (BCP)
Music in the Black Folder (FLD)**
(The advent candle will be lit prior to the service)

During the Lighting of the Advent Candle MHSO 59

FLD

The Great Litany

BCP 148

The Kyrie *Hymnal S-91...*

FLD

The Salutation *The Lord be with you...*

BCP 357

People

And also with you.

Priest

Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated for the Readings.

The First Reading

Isaiah 64: 1-9

Rich Kado

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,
so that the mountains would quake at your presence--
as when fire kindles brushwood
and the fire causes water to boil--
to make your name known to your adversaries,
so that the nations might tremble at your presence!
When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.
From ages past no one has heard,
no ear has perceived,
no eye has seen any God besides you,

who works for those who wait for him.
You meet those who gladly do right,
those who remember you in your ways.
But you were angry, and we sinned;
because you hid yourself we transgressed.
We have all become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.
We all fade like a leaf,
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.
There is no one who calls on your name,
or attempts to take hold of you;
for you have hidden your face from us,
and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.
Yet, O Lord, you are our Father;
we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand.
Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord,
and do not remember iniquity forever.
Now consider, we are all your people.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 80: 1-7, 16-18 *Hymnal S-413*

FLD

The Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1: 3-9

Rich Kado

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind-- just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you-- so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel Acclamation *Hymnal 56*

FLD

Please stand for the reading of the Gospel.

The Gospel

Mark 13:24-37

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People **Glory be to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

"From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

The Rev. Cathy Carpenter

The Nicene Creed *We believe in one God.*

BCP 358

The Prayers of the People *For the advent of God's...*

Leader Let us pray to the Lord:.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

The Confession of Sins *Most merciful God...*

BCP 360

The Peace The peace of the Lord ...

BCP 360

People **And also with you.**

The Announcements

Liturgy of the Eucharist

The Offertory Sentence

BCP 376

The Offertory Hymn *Hymnal 640*

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The Sanctus *Hymnal S-114*

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The Great Thanksgiving	<i>The Lord be with you...</i>	BCP 367
The Lord's Prayer	Our Father, who art in heaven...	BCP 364
The Breaking of the Bread	<i>Fraction Anthem Hymnal S-158</i>	FLD
Invitation to Communion	<i>The Gifts of God...</i>	BCP 364
Communion Hymn	<i>Gather 339 (Choir)</i>	FLD
Communion Hymn	<i>Hymnal 68</i>	FLD
Communion Hymn	<i>Hymnal 73</i>	FLD
The Postcommunion Prayer	<i>Eternal God, heavenly Father,...</i>	BCP 365
The Blessing	<i>May God the Father,...</i>	
The Closing Hymn	<i>Hymnal 57</i>	FLD
Priest	Let us go forth in the name of Christ,	
People	Thanks be to God,	



Amelia Bryant (12-03)
Julien Smith (12-03)
Valerie Thayer (12-04)
Christian Devany (12-05)
Victor Devany (12-05)
Andrew Foster (12-06)
Roy Shepard (12-06)
Eben Smith (12-11)

Linda Goble (2023)
Yasuko Kendall (2014)
Jack Schuyler (2007)
Diane Ross (1995)
Stewart Knarr (1990)
Harry Sederberg (1982)

Church Happenings



Thank you to all the people who have taken Angels. As of Monday there are six Angels left on the Angel tree. Please come grab one of the remaining Angels. If you've taken an Angel from the tree please make sure to sign your Angel out on the clip board hanging on the tree. Please return your purchase no later than Dec. 12. **DO NOT WRAP YOUR GIFTS** put them in a large bag with your angel attached to bag. If you have question please contact send a text or email to Dawn Martinek at dmartinek@standrewsvalpo.org or 630-624-3950



Please mark your calendar for the Annual Meeting. This will take place on February 4, 2024. More information will be forthcoming.



Please note that "Growing in Grace" was inadvertently omitted from the Annual Giving Campaign pledge card. "Growing in Grace" originated as a campaign to eliminate the mortgage loan on the church property, and has since converted into a reserve fund for capital improvements and repairs. If you would like to make a new pledge to "Growing in Grace" please contact the church office. If you would like to discontinue a previous automatic pledge payment to "Growing in Grace", please contact Regina Bluell at rbluell@standrewsvalpo.org, otherwise your automatic payments will continue. "Growing in Grace" will continue to be an option on giving envelopes



Christmas Altar flowers our needed to help beautify the sanctuary for our Christmas services, you may memorialize a special person/event in your life with a donation to our Christmas Flower Fund. You will receive an envelope in the mail next week along with other useful information. If you do not receive it by the Monday, Dec. 11 there will be extra envelopes in the Gathering Space. Please have your envelopes returned by Dec. 20.

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