



Sunday, December 10, 2023
Second 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



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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): Hope Smith

EM: *Julien Smith*

**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

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Opening Hymn...*Hymnal 67*

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Opening Acclamation *Blessed be God: ...*

BCP 355

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

The Collect of Purity Almighty God, to you ...

BCP 355

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

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; 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 40: 1-11

Pam Harris

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins. A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken." A voice says, "Cry out!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the Lord blows upon it; surely the people are

grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand for ever. Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, "Here is your God!" See, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 85: 1-2, 8-13 *PP 56 & 57*

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The Second Reading

2 Peter 3:8-15a

Pam Harris

Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed.

Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home.

Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel Acclamation *Hymnal 56*

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Please stand for the reading of the Gospel.

The Gospel

Mark 1:1-8

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

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

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,'" John the baptizer appeared

in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

Dr. Julien Smith

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 75*

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The Great Thanksgiving *The Lord be with you...*

BCP 367

The Sanctus *Hymnal S-114*

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The Lord's Prayer **Our Father**, who art in heaven...

BCP 364

The Breaking of the Bread *Fraction Anthem Hymnal S-158*

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Invitation to Communion *The Gifts of God...*

BCP 364

Communion Hymn *Gather 328 (Choir)*

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Communion Hymn *Hymnal 63*

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Communion Hymn *WLP 722*

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The Postcommunion Prayer *Eternal God,...*

BCP 365

Advent Blessing *May the Sun of Righteousness,...*

The Closing Hymn *Hymnal 65*

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The Dismissal Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**



Dawn Martinek (12-13)
Robert Janulis (12-14)
Dewyn Taylor (12-14)
Bill Gregory Jr. (12-16)
Bill and Amanda Sampson (12-11)



Wendy Casson Beres (2023)
Jean Mitchell (2021)
Pamela C. Wylder (2020)
Gerald Gott (2020)
Curtis VanAllen (2016)
Linda Darlington (2013)
Alfred Bobrowski (2013)
Nona Lundgren (2006)
Donald Preston (2000)
Maude Dodd (1971)

Church Happenings



Thank you to all the people who have taken Angels. If you've taken an Angel from 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.



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.



Dec. 17 at 10:00 am will be our Lessons and Carol service. We will also be blessing the Bibles and presenting them to our youth.



Please take a look at our new tables on either side of the columbarium. These are for memorial tributes such as flowers or greens. We ask that you now refrain from placing items in front of the memorial Celtic cross on the columbarium. Also please note that items will remain on the tables for 2 weeks, or until flowers are faded. Thank you for your cooperation. If you would like to retrieve your item after 2 weeks please contact the office.



After the 10:00 am service **December 17**, the Altar Guild will be decorating the church in preparation for our special Christmas worship services. All ages are welcome!

* Advent at *
* St. Andrew's *

The First Sunday of Advent – Dec. 2-3
The Great Litany at all services.
The Second Sunday of Advent - Dec 9-10
Regular weekend schedule.
The Third Sunday of Advent – Dec. 16-17
10:00 AM service - Lessons & Carols .
The Fourth Sunday of Advent Dec. 23-24
Saturday 5:30 PM
Sunday ONE 9:00 AM service.

Christmas Eve – Dec. 24 – 7:00 PM
Candlelight service with choir.

Christmas Day – Dec. 25 – 10:00 AM
Festive service with music.

The First Sunday after Christmas Day – Dec. 31 Regular
weekend services



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