



Sunday, December 31, 2023
First Sunday after Christmas
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
Wednesday	6:00 pm	Healing Service w/ Holy Eucharist and followed by a Bible Study

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Greeter(s): Ken Martinek

EM: *Linda Halas*

From the Book of Common Prayer (BCP)

Opening Hymn...*Hymnal 93*

Blue Hymnal

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 Gloria *Hymnal 96...*

Blue Hymnal

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, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

Please be seated for the Readings.

The First Reading

Isaiah 61:10-62:3

Pam Harris

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations. For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 147: 13-21 *Presby 255*

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The Second Reading

Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7

Pam Harris

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian.

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel Acclamation *Hymnal 84 sing v. 1 & 2 before gospel* Blue Hymnal
and v. 3 after

Please stand for the Gospel.

The Gospel

John 1:1-18

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

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

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me be-

cause he was before me.") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

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 *In peace let us pray to the Lord...*

Leader Holy God

People **Hear our prayer**

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 247*

Blue Hymnal

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

BCP 367

The Sanctus *Hymnal S-130*

Blue Hymnal

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

BCP 364

The Breaking of the Bread *Fraction Anthem Hymnal S-164*

Blue Hymnal

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

BCP 364

Communion Hymn *Hymnal 324 (Choir)*

Blue Hymnal

Communion Hymn *Hymnal 102*

Blue Hymnal

Communion Hymn *Levas 27*

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The Postcommunion Prayer *Eternal God,...*

BCP 365

Blessing *May Christ, who by his Incarnation...*

The Closing Hymn *Hymnal 105*

Blue Hymnal

The Dismissal Let us go forth in the name of Christ, Alleluia, Alleluia

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.**



Dave Paupp (1-03)
Barb Janulis(1-06)



Melvin Figolahi (2023)
Fr. Michael P. Ruggaber (2023)
James O'Donnell (2021)
Josephine Dunbar (2019)
David Brink (2018)
John Davis (2017)
Lorraine Olmstead (1997)
Helen Dickey (1991)
Stephan Cocheu (1987)

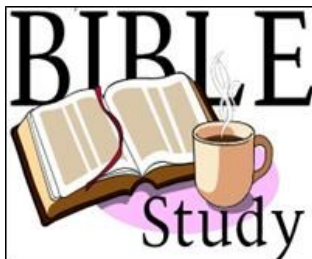
Church Happenings



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



Thursday, **January 11, 2024** Red Cross Blood Drive in the Gathering Space from 1:00pm to 6:00pm. Please call 1-800-733-2767 or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter StAndrewsValpo to schedule and appointment.



Following the Holy Eucharist for Healing, **beginning Wednesday, January 3rd**. Join us for **Perspectives on Paul** an introduction to St. Paul, his writings, and writings about the Apostle to the Gentiles. Holy Eucharist at 6:00 PM, study (and snacks!) beginning about 7:00 pm. (note: no service or study Jan 10).

The **Reunification Discernment Committee** of the Diocese of Northern Indiana would like to hear from you! Come share potentials you see, concerns you have, and dreams you hold for

the Episcopal Church in Indiana. (Meeting held via Zoom. **Times listed in Eastern time zone.**) **Listening Sessions** - January 10, 7-8 p.m., January 17, 7-8 p.m., January 22, 7-8 p.m., January 27, 10:30-11:30 a.m., February 1, 7-8 p.m.





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