



# st. andrew's episcopal church

## Shining the Light

*Welcoming. Growing. Caring. All with Joyous Hearts.*



December 22, 2021

Dear ones,

Following the developments of yet another Covid variant is exhausting and frightening, especially with the heightened hopes and expectations surrounding Christmas. What can be lost in the anxiety of the news of yet another spike in cases is the perspective that we are *not* in the same place we were in March of 2020. Vaccines and boosters work and are widely available, and we have much more evidence about the efficacy of properly fitting masks. We can worship together this Christmas, but some of our Christmas services must and will look a little different so that all may worship safely as Covid cases continue to rise. I want to share with you some information regarding changes in worship at St. Andrew's.

- **For ALL worship services:** Everyone over the age of 2 **MUST** wear a properly fitting mask (fully covering the mouth and nose, with multiple layers of material) at all times in the building. If you are experiencing any cold or flu symptoms, do not come to church even if you are fully vaccinated and boosted.
- **Christmas Eve Family Service at 5pm:** In anticipation of a larger number of attendees who are too young to wear masks or be vaccinated, this service will be shortened and will not include communion.
- **Christmas Eve 10pm Eucharist:** This service will continue as scheduled, except for the singing of Silent Night by candlelight, which will take place outdoors so congregants can unmask to blow out their candles after the hymn is finished.
- **Christmas Day 10am Eucharist:** This service will continue as scheduled.
- **The First Sunday after Christmas, 10am Morning Prayer:** This service will continue as scheduled.

With your help and God's grace, we will be able to come together this Christmas to worship Emmanuel, God with us. And a weary world will indeed rejoice.

With love,  
Rev. Dorota+

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## Online Worship Options

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### Compline on Wednesday Evenings

Each Wednesday at 8:30pm members of St. Andrew's meet via this Zoom [Compline link](#) for a brief service of contemplative nighttime prayers. All are welcome to join. For those who do not have a copy of the BCP at home, you may download [this Compline booklet](#).

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### Brandon Nonnemaker's Sermon from December 19: "Consenting to God's Work in Us"

Mary's consent recognizes the co-creation needed to fulfill God's promise. Elizabeth prophetically knows and encourages her by celebrating her faith and her role as mother. Seminarian Brandon Nonnemaker asks us to consider what would happen if the messengers of God's new possibilities showed up on our doorstep? Would we act? Would we sing? Like Elizabeth, let us welcome and amplify those silenced voices among us.



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## Church Office Hours Next Week

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### Office Closed December 24- January 3

The church office will be closed between Christmas and New Year's. In the event of a pastoral emergency, please contact the Rev. Dorota Wright-Pruski at 414-704-9694. Otherwise, you may email the Parish Administrator and you will receive a reply the week of January 3.

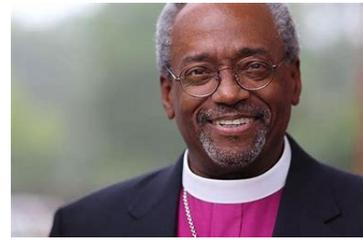
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## Christmas Greetings

## Presiding Bishop Michael Curry's 2021 Christmas Message

*'In the name of these refugees, let us help all refugees'*

[Click here](#) for a special Christmas message from the Presiding Bishop.



## Christmas Greeting from St. Peter's School in Haiti

Our partner priest, the Rev. Jacob Michelet, and his family send Christmas greetings to their brothers and sisters in Christ at St. Andrew's with thanks for their continued support of St. Peter's School.

