



# st. andrew's episcopal church

## Shining the Light

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



January 12, 2022

Dear ones,

Due to the ongoing Covid surge, I am extending our temporary suspension of in-person worship through at least the end of January. We will resume worship in the building when community transmission has dropped to a pre-surge level. In the meantime, the vestry and I will continue to track infection rates and hospitalizations in our region and keep you informed of where and how to stay connected as a church community.

This is not a situation any of us would have chosen, and if you are feeling exhausted by the long slog of this pandemic, know that you are in good company. For better or worse, however, our faith is rooted in hope--stubborn, unapologetic, shameless hope that just won't quit even when we're ready to. This hope is shared by a community wandering through wilderness for decades in search of a promised land, by prophets preaching to a people torn apart by exile, by women stealing away before dawn to offer spices and tears at the grave of their beloved friend, and by a group of followers left to preach the good news of God into all the world without a road map.

Hope holds on, and so will we.

Wishing you all health and safety,  
Rev. Dorota+

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***This Sunday at St. Andrew's***

**The Second Sunday after Epiphany**

January 16, 2022

No 8:00 a.m. service  
10:00 a.m. Online worship

[Click here for instructions on how to join by phone](#)

Readings: [Isaiah 62:1-5](#), [John 2: 1-10](#)

Duty officer January 16 - January 22: JC Scott



[Click here to join Sunday Worship on Zoom](#)

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## Worship

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### Worship Is Online Though the end of January

For the safety of all, and to make worship as accessible as possible, St. Andrew's has moved our Sunday worship online, through the end of January.

The service, which will include a Family Service breakout option, will be at 10:00 a.m. each Sunday, using this [Zoom worship link](#).

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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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## Parish Life

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### Save the Date: Annual Meeting on January 30

St. Andrew's Annual Meeting will be held during our service of worship on **Sunday, January 30 at 10am on Zoom**. We will elect new vestry members, hear updates about the state of the parish, and look ahead to the coming year. On this day we will hold a special Family Service for our younger members.

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### Annual Reports Are Due This Friday, January 14

Thank you to all who have gotten their reports in!

Ministry leaders, please remember to send your reports for the Annual Meeting to Emily by Friday January 14 for inclusion in the Annual Report. Thank you!

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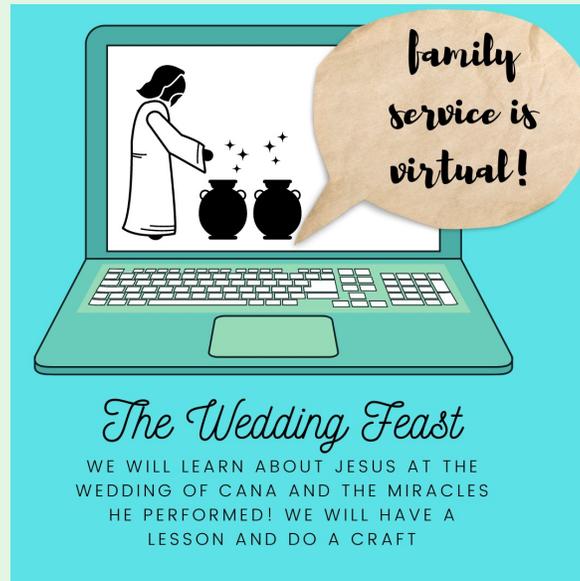


## Church Office Hours

Although worship has temporarily moved online, church office hours will continue to be Monday- Friday 9:00am - 2:00pm.

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## Family Ministry Update



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## Summary of Vestry Meeting Tuesday January 11

The St. Andrews vestry held its January meeting this past Tuesday. This was the last meeting of the current group of Vestry Members. We shared Vestry lessons learned and wisdom gained.

Key points of discussion centered on the vestry liaisons for the 2022 year, annual reports and agenda for the Annual Meeting, Treasurer's Report, appointments for Church matters (e.g. Golden Jubilee Trust and check signing), and standard liaison updates.

As we embark on 2022, we give thanks for the continuing generosity of the St. Andrews community. As we prove without a doubt every year, our community rises to so many challenges in so many unique and loving ways.

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## Pledge Envelopes for 2022

If you would like 2022 weekly pledge envelopes, please email Emily to arrange a time to pick them up.

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## Glorious Companions Resumes Online

Glorious Companions will meet on Zoom Wednesday January 19 at 10:30am. Please read chapters 5 and 6 in our book, *Liturgy of the Ordinary* by Tish Harrison Warren.

[Click Here to Join Glorious Companions on Zoom](#)

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## In Our Prayers

This week we pray for: Trudy Koczyk, John Ingles, Chuck Shelton, Henry Schmidt, Linda Manser, Diane Petrizzi, Joan Evans and Ron Jones.

Would you like to add a name to the prayer list? If so, please [email the church office](#) with your request. Names will be kept on the prayer list for about a month unless otherwise specified, and will be published weekly in *Shining the Light*.

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# Outreach

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## 2022 MLK Day of Service

[Check out the many virtual and in-person opportunities for volunteer service](#) on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Monday, January 17.



**American  
Red Cross**

## Red Cross Blood Drive Tuesday February 1

The next Tri-Church donation date is Tuesday February 1 at St. Andrew's. If you would like to donate, please contact Bob Yates by email or call: 240.205.5783.

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## PathForward Bagged Lunch Program Suspended Until April

Due to rising covid cases, PathForward has suspended their bagged lunch program. We hope to be able to resume our participation in the spring.

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## Donation Opportunity

### AFAC FOOD DRIVE

If you'd like to make an in-kind food donation, we invite you to drop off the following items inside the the main entrance to the church, during church office hours: Mon-Fri 9:00am - 2:00pm: canned tuna or chicken, canned tomatoes or vegetables, canned soup, and peanut butter in plastic jars. Low sodium items are preferred, and **NO GLASS CONTAINERS** will be accepted.



We are always looking for volunteers to drop off the in-kind donations. If you are able to drive the donations to AFAC for a contactless delivery, please contact the [Parish Administrator](#).

Thank you to the Ghosh family for taking our most recent donation to AFAC!

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