



st. andrew's episcopal church

Shining the Light

Welcoming. Growing. Caring. All with Joyous Hearts.



December 29, 2021

Dear ones,

For the safety of all, and to make worship as accessible as possible, I have decided to move worship online for the next three weeks. For **January 2, 9, and 16**, we will have one service at 10:00 a.m. each Sunday, using this [Zoom worship link](#).

As of yesterday, Washington, D.C., is the highest-risk place for COVID infection in the nation. Communal worship is critical at a time like this, but far too many among us are unable to join in person due to illness, exposure, or care-taking responsibilities for someone who is vulnerable. Worshiping online right now allows all who would otherwise stay home the opportunity to come to church.

I realize this news may come as a disappointment to some, but I hope it is a relief to most. Either way, this is a temporary change. As this surge wanes, I will be eager to return to our sanctuary to worship with you. I will keep you informed of our worship plans beyond January 16 as the date approaches. In the meantime, thank you for your understanding, patience, and grace as we continue to navigate this pandemic as a community.

With love and gratitude for each of you,
Rev. Dorota+



Dear St. Andrews,

From the bottom of our hearts, we thank you for your generous Christmas gift. Your appreciation means so very much to us, and we thank you for your tireless support of us during the Christmas season and throughout the year. We can't do what we do without you!

We look forward to a hopeful and joy filled 2022.

With love and gratitude,

Emily, Mallory, Brandon, and Dorota

This Sunday at St. Andrew's

The Second Sunday after Christmas
January 2, 2022

No 8:00 a.m. service
10:00 a.m. Online worship [on Zoom](#)

Readings: [Jeremiah 31: 7-14](#), [Matthew 2:13-15, 19-21](#)

Duty officer January 2 - January 8: Jean Lynn



Worship

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](#).

Parish Life

Committees and Ministry Groups Move Online

While St. Andrew's worship is online, all ministry groups who can meet virtually must do so. Please contact your vestry liaison with any questions or for assistance.

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.

Take Home a Poinsettia

The beautiful poinsettias from Christmas are available for anyone to take home. This Saturday, January 1, the flowers will be outside near the Lorcom Lane church entrance. All are welcome to come take as many as you would like.

Stewardship for 2022

To those 46 households who turned in their pledges, thank you! We are encouraged by the commitment thus far and touched by your generosity.

ALL IN THIS



Together

For those who want to pledge, there is still time! You can do so by 1) [completing this online form](#) and emailing our Treasurer, Doris Smith, 2) sending in or dropping off your completed card to the church mailbox outside the front door, or 3) sending a note to Emily our Parish Administrator for a new card if you didn't receive one.

Retreat January 29 | Dreaming with God: Discerning Vocation in Everyday Living

9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. (ET). \$85-95

[Click here to register.](#)

"Should I choose this path rather than that one?" "What is the meaning of the experience I am having?" "How can I follow Christ more faithfully?" "What would that even mean?" Start your new year by coming to campus and taking time to sit with questions like these, and listen for God's direction for your life through quiet prayer, guided meditation, and conversation with others who are on the same journey. Kathy Staudt, Ph.D., adjunct professor in theological studies, leads this popular annual retreat.

Glorious Companions

Glorious Companions is on Christmas break and will resume on Wednesday January 5, with a book, *Liturgy of the Ordinary* by Tish Harrison Warren.

In Our Prayers

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

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*.

Is Vestry Calling You?

Each year we elect three people to serve a 3-year term on the vestry, the parish's leadership body. Vestry members are the primary stewards of the parish's resources of time, talent, and treasure. In partnership with the rector, the vestry sets mission priorities for the parish, manages the parish's assets, and works together to serve the entire St. Andrew's community.

Might you be called to be part of the next class of leaders at St. Andrew's?

Candidates should be available to attend the monthly vestry meeting (on the second Tuesday of each month at 6:45 p.m.), the annual vestry retreat (scheduled for March 19-20), and be willing to learn, grow, work hard, and laugh a lot with a team of outstanding leaders. Please contact Rev. Dorota if you would like to consider this invitation.

Outreach

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 Scott family for taking our most recent donation to AFAC!

