

Our Mission: *To deepen faith and transform the world as Christ calls us through joyful worship, music, study and service to others.*

**Third Sunday of Advent
December 17, 2017**

All baptized Christians are invited to receive Communion. All others are invited to come forward and receive a blessing.

Gluten free wafers and wine are available at the altar for anyone who needs them. Simply tell the priest when you go forward for communion.

8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I

Opening Acclamation, p. 323 (BCP)

Trisagion, p. 324 (BCP)

Collect for the Day, p. 212 (BCP)

First Reading: Isaiah 6:1-4, 8-11

Psalm 126

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

Holy Gospel: John 1:6-8, 19-28

Homily

Nicene Creed, p. 326 (BCP)

Prayers of the People, p. 328 (BCP)

Confession of Sin, p. 330 (BCP)

The Peace

Announcements

The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer II, p. 340 (BCP)

The Lord's Prayer, p. 336 (BCP)

The Breaking of the Bread

Post-Communion Prayer, p. 339 (BCP)

Blessing

Dismissal

9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Processional "Holy Is Your Name" p. 135

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

The Peace
Announcements
Offertory Anthem – “Not that far from Bethlehem”
Spirit & Chancel Choir
The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer B, p. 20 (CWB)
Sanctus, p. 54 (CWB)
The Lord’s Prayer (*spoken*)
The Breaking of the Bread – Fraction Anthem p. 60 (CWB)
Communion Anthem: ”Beautiful Star of Bethlehem”
Post Communion Prayer, p. 6 (CWB)
Blessing
Closing Hymn, “Soon and Very Soon” p. 235 (CWB)
Dismissal

11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Processional Hymn 65, Prepare the way, O Zion
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Opening Acclamation, p. 355 (BCP)
Trisagion, p. 356 (BCP)
The Collect of the Day
First Reading: Isaiah 6:1-4, 8-11
Psalm 126
Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24
Sequence Hymn 75, There’s a voice in the wilderness crying
Ascension
Holy Gospel: John 1:6-8, 19-28
Homily
The Nicene Creed, p. 358 (BCP)
Prayers of the People Form VI, p. 392 (BCP)
The Peace
Announcements
Offertory Hymn 72, Hark! The glad sound the Savior comes
Richmond
The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer B p. 367 (BCP)
Sanctus, S127 *McKendree*
The Lord’s Prayer, p. 364 (BCP)
The Breaking of the Bread – Fraction Anthem, S163 *Powell*
Post Communion Prayer, p. 365 (BCP)
Blessing
Closing Hymn 539, O Zion, haste, thy mission high fulfilling
Tidings
Dismissal

Collect of the Day: Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

First Reading - Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to provide for those who mourn in Zion—to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, to display his glory. They shall build up the ancient ruins, they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations. For I the LORD love justice, I hate robbery and wrongdoing; I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them. Their descendants shall be known among the nations, and their offspring among the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge that they are a people whom the LORD has blessed. 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.

Psalm 126

- 1 When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, * then were we like those who dream.
- 2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter, * and our tongue with shouts of joy.
- 3 Then they said among the nations, * "The LORD has done great things for them."
- 4 The LORD has done great things for us, * and we are glad indeed.
- 5 Restore our fortunes, O LORD, * like the watercourses of the Negev.
- 6 Those who sowed with tears * will reap with songs of joy.

7 Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, * will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

Second Reading - 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise the words of prophets, but test everything; hold fast to what is good; abstain from every form of evil. May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this.

Holy Gospel - John 1:6-8, 19-28

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. This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, "I am not the Messiah." And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the prophet?" He answered, "No." Then they said to him, "Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" He said, "I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,'" as the prophet Isaiah said. Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. They asked him, "Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?" John answered them, "I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal." This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

THIS WEEK:

12/20	Wed	10:00am	Holy Eucharist Service
12/20	Wed	10:45am	Advent Bible Study
12/21	Thur	6:30pm	Spirit and Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Announcements

“Thank you” to the following individuals who have contributed to today’s services:

Celebrant:		The Rev. Shariya Molegoda
Music:		Grant Underwood
Vergers:		Jordan Mattei
Spirit Band:		Gary Naegel, Steve Van Ness
Altar Guild:		Nancy Rankin, Claudia Haeckel
Altar Flowers:		Lois Nichols
Usher:	8:30 Service	Ray Hencir
	9:30 Service	Jeff Garnett
	11:00 Service	Pete Moore
Chalice:	8:30 Service	Susan Miller
	9:30 Service	John Armstrong, Brenda Naegel, Sandy Butler
	11:00 Service	Jenny Gerst
Lectors:	8:30 Service	Susan Miller
	9:30 Service	John Armstrong, Brenda Naegel
	11:00 Service	Jenny Gerst
Acolytes:	9:30 Service	Zack Cheslog, Jane & Maeve Merkle-Scotland, Sophia Miller, Emily O’Sullivan
Gift Cards:	8:30 Service	Vern Beatrice
	9:30 Service	Suzie Birks
	11:00 Service	Marty Gerst
Coffee Hour:		Kenny DeMatteis, Lillian Wooster

Welcome visitors! If you are new to St. Andrew’s please fill out the welcome card in the pew racks and place into the offering plate or return to Rev. Shariya at the end of the service.

Advent Bible Study – On Wednesdays in Advent (December 6, 13 & 20) immediately following the 10am Eucharist – at approximately 10:45am - we will gather in Classroom I for a time of prayerful study of the Scriptures appointed for the season. All are welcome!

Thank you to those who brought a plate of homemade cookies this morning to be assembled on cookie platters for the Homebound. we will be gathering after the 9:30 service to assemble the platters and have a light lunch. Please join us as we bring some holiday joy to members of our parish family as we gather in this worthy cause to brighten someone’s day. Questions?? Call the Parish Office 203-245-2584.

Christmas flower envelopes are in the pews. Please help us beautify the church for Christmas by remembering a loved one or thanksgiving. Please **write your names clearly** and put them in the offering plate or drop them at the parish office. **All names need to be turned in by TOMORROW.** Thank you.

Taize and Advent. Advent is a season of reflection and introspection. On Wednesday, December 20 at 7 o'clock there will be a candle-lit service of Taize music, scripture and prayer perfectly suited to this penitential season--soothing, prayerful and peaceful.

Giving Tree – The Covenant to Care Giving Tree is up ... and available for you to take a card off the tree and fulfill a wish of a child in need. Each card has a name, age, gender and wish list as a guide to help you. All your gifts are driven to New Haven and given directly to the child you have picked. Please be sure to put the child's name on the gift(s). Remember gift cards from Walmart, Target, Kohl's, CVS, Old Navy, etc. are always appreciated by the kids because it gives them the opportunity to shop themselves. The moms can use a little pampering too, if you have time to pick up an extra gift card for them. **We'd like all gifts returned to the church by TOMORROW.** Thank you in advance for supporting another season with this very worthy cause! Feel free to call me with any questions. God Bless ~ Trish Arida. 203-421-0474.

GOT AN EXTRA TOOTHBRUSH? Did you brush your teeth this morning and wash your face with nice hot water? We are collecting toiletries for our homeless youth served by Youth Continuum and by the Pizza People through December 18. We will be going to New Haven to help distribute the toiletries we collect on December 19th. Let's fill our bins to overflowing!

TEEN CHRISTMAS GIFT DRIVE. Our youth groups decided to collect gifts for homeless youth using the bin in the back of the church. Don't know what to get? Gift cards for \$5, \$10, \$20 to Dunkin Donuts, Old Navy, Wal-Mart, Amazon, etc. are a wonderful way to share holiday cheer with kids who have little or nothing. We'll be distributing these gifts on the Green in New Haven on December 19th.

SAVE THE DATE ... January 6 for our Parish's annual 12th night pot-luck dinner followed by 12th Night live music offered by our very own St. Andrew's kids. Bring your favorite dish to pass, and we'll provide the rest. This is for the entire family! Bring your family and friends and let's celebrate together!

STOP and SHOP CARDS - The purchase of Stop & Shop cards provides an additional opportunity, over and above our pledging, to help support St. Andrew's while you buy your groceries. 5% of all card purchases go directly to St. Andrew's when paid for with cash or a personal check. Buy Stop & Shop cards after each service or during the week in the church office. We do accept Visa, Mastercard and Discover but then we only net about 2 1/2% for St. Andrew's.

December 10, 2017
Offering: \$2,303.33
Attendance:
8:30 – 5
9:30 – 90
11:00 – 11
Please note that in order for our parish to be self-supporting, we need to have a weekly offering of \$3,800.

PRAYER LIST

Joel, Sarah, Sydney, Bailey, Bob, Margaret, Judy, Corey, Paul, Kim, Janet, Florence, Heidi, Rick, Daniel and AJ, Bailey, Pete, Madeline, Maxine, Lloyd, Mac, Stephen, Joe, Antony, Orion, Paul, Linda, Louise, Dian, Greg, Johnnie, Karen, Suzanne, William, Sarah, Candace, Rosemary, Andrew, Marvin, Mike, Don, Chuck, Dick, Richard, Anne, Emma, Jay, Linda, Dondy, Susan, Catie, Carol, The Brezicki Family, Ella, Judy, Carol, David.

Jeff Colburn
Joe Barber and his family
Emma Rodgers
Mike Casey
Terry Abbott
Cynthia Kazmirsky

Eric Hill
Glee Wahlquist
Barbara Garneau
Hailee Hoffman