



The Second Sunday after the Epiphany

January 14, 2018; 10:00 a.m.

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

Grand Rapids Michigan

Announcements

Entrance Hymn

Christ, whose glory fills the skies

Hymnal 7

1 Christ, whose glo - ry fills the skies, Christ, the true, the on - ly Light,
 2 Dark and cheer-less is the morn un - ac - com - pan - ied by thee;
 3 Vis - it then this soul of mine! Pierce the gloom of sin and grief!

Sun of Right-eous - ness, a - rise! Tri-umph o'er the shades of night:
 joy - less is the day's re - turn, till thy mer - cy's beams I see,
 Fill me, ra - dian - cy di - vine; scat - ter all my un - be - lief;

Day-spring from on high, be near; Day-star, in my heart ap - pear.
 till they in - ward light im - part, glad my eyes, and warm my heart.
 more and more thy - self dis - play, shin - ing to the per - fect day.

All standing, the Celebrant says

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever.
Amen.

People

The Celebrant says the Collect for Purity

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The following is sung, all standing

Glo - ry to God in the
high est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth. Lord God, heav-en-ly
King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.
Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,
Lord, God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world: have mer - cy on us; You are
seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our
pray'r re ceive re - ceive our pray'r.
For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a - lone are the
Lord, you a - lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ with the Ho-ly Spir - it in the
glo - ry of God the Fa-ther A - men. A - men.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshiped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

All sit.

A Reading from the First book of Samuel.

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread. At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. Then the Lord called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. The Lord called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place. Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

Then the Lord said to Samuel, "See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make both ears of anyone who hears of it tingle. On that day I will fulfill against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. For I have told him that I am about to punish his house forever, for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them. Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be expiated by sacrifice or offering forever." Samuel lay there until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the Lord. Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. But Eli called Samuel and said, "Samuel, my son." He said, "Here I am." Eli said, "What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also, if you hide anything from me of all that he told you." So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. Then he said, "It is the Lord; let him do what seems good to him." As Samuel grew up, the Lord was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. And all Israel from Dan to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was a trustworthy prophet of the Lord.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 139:1-5,12-17

- 1 LORD, you have searched me out and known me; *
**you know my sitting down and my rising up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.**
- 2 You trace my journeys and my resting-places *
and are acquainted with all my ways.
- 3 Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, *
but you, O LORD, know it altogether.
- 4 You press upon me behind and before *
and lay your hand upon me.
- 5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; *
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.
- 12 For you yourself created my inmost parts; *
you knit me together in my mother's womb.

- 13 I will thank you because I am marvelously made; *
your works are wonderful, and I know it well.
- 14 My body was not hidden from you, *
**while I was being made in secret
and woven in the depths of the earth.**
- 15 Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb;
all of them were written in your book; *
**they were fashioned day by day,
when as yet there was none of them.**
- 16 How deep I find your thoughts, O God! *
how great is the sum of them!
- 17 If I were to count them, they would be more in number
than the sand; *
**to count them all, my life span would need to
be like yours.**

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 6:12-20

A Reading from Paul's First letter to the Church in Corinth.

“All things are lawful for me,” but not all things are beneficial. “All things are lawful for me,” but I will not be dominated by anything. “Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food,” and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is meant not for fornication but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Should I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! Do you not know that whoever is united to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For it is said, “The two shall be one flesh.” But anyone united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. Shun fornication! Every sin that a person commits is outside the body; but the fornicator sins against the body itself. Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

Give Me Jesus

Jester Hairston/ Wilson

In the morning, when I rise, in the morning, when I rise, In the morning, when I rise give me Jesus.
Give me Jesus, give me Jesus. You can have all this world, give me Jesus.
When I am alone, when I am alone, When I am alone, give me Jesus.
Give me Jesus, give me Jesus. You can have all this world, give me Jesus.
When I come to die, when I come to die, When I come to die, give me Jesus.
Give me Jesus, give me Jesus. You can have all this world, give me Jesus.

All stand for the Gospel Procession

Holy Gospel

John 1:43-51

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon

Nicene Creed

All stand.

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

All remain standing.

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;
For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;
For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;
For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Wayne, our Bishop; for Justin, Julio, Craig, and all bishops and other ministers;
For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Hear us, Lord;
For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence

The People may add their own thanksgivings

We will exalt you, O God our King;
And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
Who put their trust in you.

Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear what we ask in the Name of your Son: Accept and fulfill our petitions, we pray, not as we ask in our ignorance, nor as we deserve in our sinfulness, but as you know and love us in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

All kneel.

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence.

Minister and People

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

The Priest stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

Peace

All stand.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Holy Communion

The Celebrant says

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

We invite you to bring your gifts forward and place them on the altar symbolizing the offering of our lives and our selves in union with the self offering of Jesus. You are invited to come forward with gifts of food for the poor or your financial offering, and place them in the plates or baskets provided.

1 Ye ser - vants of God, your Mas - ter pro - claim,
 2 God rul - eth on high, al - might - y to save;
 3 Sal - va - tion to God who sits on the throne!
 4 Then let us a - dore, and give him his right:

and pub - lish a - broad his won - der - ful Name;
 and still he is nigh: his pres - ence we have.
 Let all cry a - loud, and hon - or the Son.
 All glo - ry and power, all wis - dom and might,

the Name all - vic - to - rious of Je - sus ex - tol:
 The great con - gre - ga - tion his tri - umph shall sing,
 The prais - es of Je - sus the an - gels pro - claim,
 and hon - or and bless - ing, with an - gels a - bove,

his king - dom is glo - rious; he rules o - ver all.
 as - crib - ing sal - va - tion to Je - sus our King.
 fall down on their fa - ces, and wor - ship the Lamb.
 and thanks nev - er - ceas - ing and in - fi - nite love.

Great Thanksgiving

The people remain standing.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The people stand or kneel.

The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

**Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Celebrant and People

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

The Celebrant continues

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. **Amen.**

And now, as our Savior
Christ has taught us,
we are bold to say,

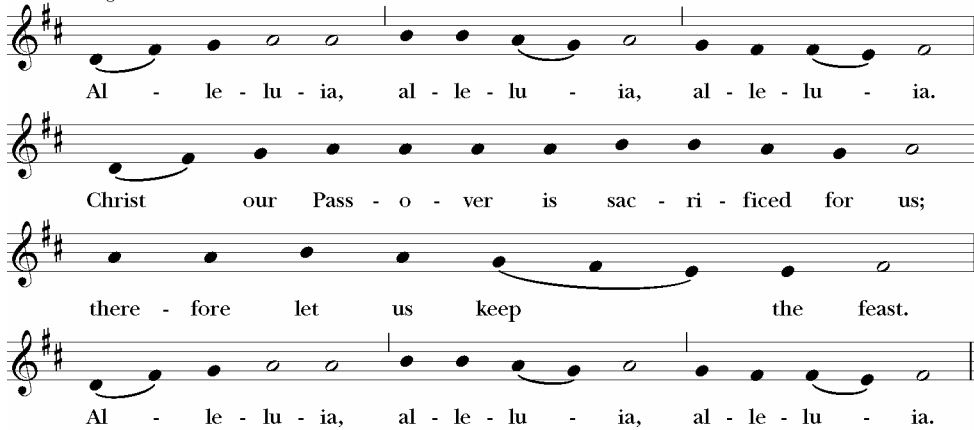
Celebrant and People

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

This setting is not used in Lent.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;
there - fore let us keep the feast.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Please indicate to the person distributing hosts if you prefer gluten free hosts. The red wine served on the left facing the altar is alcohol free. The white wine served to the right facing altar contains alcohol.

There is no one who is ineligible or unwelcome to celebrate Eucharist with us, no one who is too old or too young, no one who has too many doubts or too few beliefs. Our altar is the table of our loving God, a table that is set to feed all creation through the love of Jesus the Christ. You, who are part of that creation, are most welcome!

Communion Anthem

Blessed Are the Pure in Heart

H. Walford Davies

Blessed are the pure in heart.
Blessed are the pure in heart, For they shall see our God.
The secret of the Lord is theirs, their soul is Christ's abode.
Still to the lowly soul He doth himself impart.
And for His cradle and His throne chooseth the pure in heart.

1 Let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees; _____
 2 Let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees; _____

let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees; _____
 let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees; _____

Refrain

when I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing sun,

O Lord, have mer-cy on me. _____

3 Let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees; _____

let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees; _____

Refrain

when I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing sun,

O Lord, have mer-cy on me. _____

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,
 you have graciously accepted us as living members
 of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
 and you have fed us with spiritual food
 in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
 Send us now into the world in peace,
 and grant us strength and courage
 to love and serve you
 with gladness and singleness of heart;
 through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Blessing

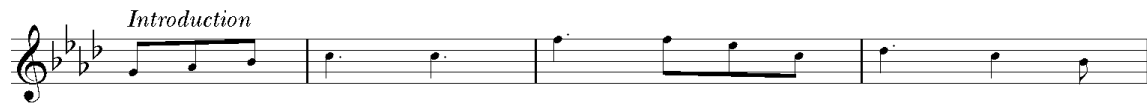
The priest blesses the people, saying

May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

Lift Every Voice and Sing

Hymnal 599



1 Lift ev-ery voice and sing till earth and hea - ven ring, ring with the
2 Ston-y the road we trod, bit - ter the chas-tening rod, felt in the
3 God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent tears, thou who hast



har - mon - ies of lib - er - ty. Let our re - joic - ing rise
days when hope un - born had died; yet, with a stead - y beat,
brought us thus far on the way; thou who hast by thy might



high as the lis - tening skies; let it re - sound loud as the
have not our wea - ry feet come to the place for which our
led us in - to the light; keep us for ev - er in the



roll - ing sea. Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has
 par - ents sighed? We have come o - ver a way that with tears has been
 path, we pray. Lest our feet stray from the pla - ces, our God, where we

taught us; sing a song full of the hope that the pres - ent has
 wa - tered; we have come, tread - ing our path through the blood of the
 met thee; lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we for -

brought us; fac - ing the ris - ing sun of our new
 slaugh - tered, out from the gloom - y past, till now we
 get thee; sha-dowed be - neath thy hand may we for

day be - gun, let us march on, till vic - to - ry is won.
 stand at last where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.
 ev - er stand, true to our God, true to our na - tive land.

Dismissal

Alleluia, alleluia. Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

People



January 14, 2017 – The Second Sunday after the Epiphany
Young Adult and Campus Ministry Grants

The application process is now open for the 2018 Young Adult and Campus Ministry Grants, which provide funding for dioceses, congregations, and community college/tribal college/university campuses for an Episcopal ministry (or ecumenical ministry with an Episcopal presence). The grants are for the 2018-19 academic year. A total of \$138,000 is available for the 2018-2019 cycle, with a total of \$400,000 available for the triennium.

Categories

There are four categories of grants:

- *Leadership Grants*: to establish a new, restore a dormant, or reenergize a current campus ministry. Grants will range from \$20,000-\$30,000 and can be used over a two-year period.
- *Campus Ministry Grants*: to provide seed money to assist in the start-up of new, innovative campus ministries or to enhance a current ministry. Grants will range from \$3,000-\$5,000.
- *Young Adult Ministry Grants*: to provide seed money to assist in the start-up of new, innovative young adult ministries or to enhance a current ministry. Grants range from \$3,000-\$5,000.
- *Project Grants*: to provide money for a one-time project that will enhance and impact the campus or young adult ministry. Grants \$100-\$1,000.

Process

The three-step process is:

- Grant Discernment and Planning (link will start download: bit.ly/yacmgrantplanning)
- Completing the Grant Application (link will start download: bit.ly/yacmgrantapplication)
- Completing and submitting the application bit.ly/yacmgrantsubmission. **The application must be completed in full and submitted online.**
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Background info and grant application are linked here: bit.ly/yacmgrantbackground.

The applications will be reviewed by a team that will include Provincial Campus Ministry Coordinators, leaders in ministry with young adults, an Executive Council member, and Episcopal Church staff members.

Deadline to submit applications is February 2 at 10 pm Eastern/9 pm Central/8 pm Mountain/7 pm Pacific. Grants will be announced April 30.

For more information contact Valerie Harris, Formation Associate, at <mailto:vharris@episcopalchurch.org>.

A Note on Today's Readings

The Second Sunday after the Epiphany—Year B

Welcome to St. Andrew's. On the Sundays after Epiphany, the scriptures explore some of the ways in which Jesus was shown to be God's Son. Today we focus on the beginning of his ministry when he called his disciples. In the passage before today's reading he called Andrew who went and brought his brother Peter. Today he calls Philip who brings Nathaniel.

The first reading is the account of the call of Samuel, the first great prophet of the Hebrew Scriptures after Moses. In the calls both of Nathaniel and of Samuel, the person called is not at first impressed by the call.

In the second reading, a problem of sexual misbehavior in the church of Corinth is dealt with by Paul's first reminding his readers that they are a newborn people by Baptism. How they use their lives, including their bodies, must be in the context of their having been washed, sanctified, and justified in Christ and the Holy Spirit.

As we gather in Eucharist, our new life in Christ is manifested in our response: "Speak, Lord, your servant hears," and in following him who calls us into lives of faith and ministry in his name.

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Midweek Eucharist: Wednesday, 9:00am

Saturday Eucharist: 5:30pm

Sunday Eucharist: 8:00 & 10:00am

Oasis Wednesday's - 5:45pm dinner

6:30pm, programming for all ages, January 10

Children's Program: Sundays, 10:00am

Youth Group: Wednesday, 6:30pm

Vestry: 3rd Wednesday of the month, 7:00pm

Marc Bush, Senior Warden

Helen Scott, Junior Warden

Dennis L. Buteyn, Organist/Choirmaster

Dominic Maurice & Bonnie Dame, Sextons

David Hawley-Lowry, Facilities Manager

Abby VanderBrug, Director of Children's Ministries

Jeff Brown, Youth Minister

Kathy Griffes, Parish Administrator

Marsha Harrison, RN, Parish Nurse

Laura Macalka, Treasurer

Margaret Stretton, Business Manager

The Rev. Cindy Nawrocki, Deacon

The Rev. Val Ambrose, Interim Rector

The Rt. Rev. Wayne M. Houglan, Jr., Bishop

WELCOME TO ST. ANDREW'S ... As the people of St. Andrew's we acknowledge our gratefulness for the unexpected grace of God displayed in Jesus Christ. We look forward to the ways a diverse congregation can teach us more about the manifold love of God.

Therefore, we commit to loving others as Christ loves us, welcoming all without reservation, without question, without judgment, without restriction. We are committed to answering the call of the Holy Spirit, being a community of unexpected grace, and actively seeking reconciliation with those we have previously rejected. We repent of the ways we have said to others, "I have no need of you," and we commit to an ever-deepening faithfulness to embody God's welcome to everyone.

In particular, we strive to be a community of reconciliation where diverse ethnicity, culture, gender, age, sexuality, gender identity, political views, economic condition, mental ability, and physical ability are present and all are fully involved in the ministry of Christ we share together.

WE ASK THE CHURCH FAMILY TO PRAY for the Diocese of Ajayi Crowther (Nigeria).

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Deawn TerBeek from John and Ashley TerBeek.

PRAY FOR Michael Curry, Presiding Bishop; Wayne Houglan, Jr. Bishop of Western Michigan; for our partner dioceses and their bishops, Wendell Gibbs, Bishop of Michigan; the Standing Committee of the Diocese of Eastern Michigan; Rayford Ray, Bishop of Northern Michigan; Julio Holguin, Bishop of the Dominican Republic and Moisés Quezada Moto, Bishop Coadjutor; Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury; Craig Satterlee, Bishop of the North/West Lower Michigan Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in American (ELCA) and its pastor(s); Church of the Good Shepherd, Allegan – Judy Buchanan, Sr. Warden; Holy Trinity Church, Wyoming, Melissa Puzan, Sr. Warden.

WEEKLY NEWS JANUARY 14 - 21, 2017

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Let us pray...

Come, Creator; come, Lord Jesus Christ; come, Holy Spirit!

— be in us and browse in us this day.

Be in us power to love.

Be in us mercy for the broken heart, and healing for the broken bones, and grace for the day's journey.

Be in us silence for listening to all the bells and truths of heaven in our midst.

Surround us like the air.

And let our prayers come unto thee forever. Amen.

ENDINGS AND BEGINNINGS:

Working and Praying Together in Our Time of Transition

January 13/14, 2018

We ended our first year of Transition together as we said our good-byes to Fr. Mike, and are beginning the New Year by welcoming our new short-term Interim, the Rev. Val Ambrose. As the Communications Team charged with keeping everyone “in the know” throughout the anticipated 18 month to two year process, we’d like to share a couple of the highlights of the last couple of weeks:

- For those of us grieving the absence of Fr. Mike among us, let us remember and reflect on why he felt it was necessary to retire. He has loved us for the past 25 years, and continues to love us, though in a different way. He firmly believes that there is a great future ahead through the Holy Spirit for each of us as individuals, as well as collectively as the Body of Christ known as St. Andrew’s. As he retires to explore the next thing God is calling him to do, he knows that our focus will need to be on how God will work in and through each of us as we rediscover new relationships and ministries. For this reason, Fr. Mike asks us to understand and respect the Covenant Agreement outlining the ending of the pastoral relationship between him and this congregation effective December 31, 2017. It is very important for us all to acknowledge and respect this agreement, since Fr. Mike is no longer in a position to discuss parish matters with any member of the staff or congregation. He will not officiate at any baptisms, weddings or funerals. He will not make pastoral visits to parishioners in their home, hospital or assisted living facilities. Copies of the letter and Covenant are available for future reference. “May we be open to the Way that will be open.”
- As of January 2, 2018, the Rev. Valerie “Val” Ambrose began serving as our interim rector and will be with us through Easter. Val+ is familiar to many in our parish from her having served as our Associate Rector from 2007-2010. She has been a priest for 20 years and has specialized in serving parishes in transition, including serving as interim rector with 5 congregations in our diocese and 2 parishes in Portland, Oregon. She will be with us 25 hours a week while she continues to serve on a part time basis with Grace Church, Holland. Her initial priorities will include working with the vestry on the Transition and working with the staff to ensure continuity of Worship, Pastoral Care, Oasis and adult education, and Health Ministries. She can be reached at valambro@aol.com or 616-464-5596.
- For the time being, please contact the church office with any pastoral care needs. Deacon Cindy Nawrocki and Parish Nurse Marsha Harrison will be coordinating our responses to urgent and on-going pastoral care situations with Val+ and the Eucharistic Visitors and Healing Prayer Team.
- Canon Bill Spaid, our liaison to the Bishop, was with us on Sunday, January 7 to celebrate the Eucharist (hear Rev. Spaid’s sermon on our website, <http://www.standrewsgr.org>) and speak to us about the transition process. He confirmed that the Bishop’s office is undertaking a national search for a longer tenured interim rector. He reiterated that communicating between the leadership and the congregation, and listening to the congregation’s ideas, problems and feelings is always a key to weathering the abundant change that occurs during transitions. He wants us to know that he and the Bishop will be working closely with the vestry, interim rectors, through the search process and calling a new permanent rector. He also assured us to remember, “Christ is the hub of our wheel.”

As we continue on this journey together, let’s remember to support each other and be patient as the Holy Spirit works with us and through us. Your comments and questions are welcomed and appreciated.

In God’s Peace,
Marcia Baker, Marsha Harrison and Jim Sterken
Communications Team

MIDWEEK OASIS WEDNESDAY – January 17

Dinner – 5:45 – 6:30pm – Cuisine of the evening – Chef’s Choice

Programming for all ages at 6:30pm

Grades preschool-5th: In honor of Martin Luther King Day on January 15, we will take a kid-friendly look at the life & witness of MLK & hear some of the things he wanted for our world. Together we will talk about the ways we can show kindness & why it is so important to do. All kids are welcome!

Grades 6-8: Will continue their study of key figures from the New Testament with the re:form Ancestors curriculum.

Grades: 9 – 12: Highschoolers are following the Animate-Faith curriculum.

Adults: NOOMA is a series of short films produced by Flannel promoting spiritual reflections on individual life experiences. Rob Bell is in each film.

The name NOOMA comes from a phonetic spelling of the Greek word πνευμα (pneuma), meaning "wind", "spirit", or "breath".

ANNUAL MEETING LUNCHEON, JANUARY 28

“Picnic for Puerto Rico”

(Donations will be sent to Episcopal Relief & Development for Puerto Rico Relief)

No chili cook off this year...but, yes there will be chili to go along with hot dogs and all the fixings & beverages!

St. Andrew’s will provide the dogs/buns & fixings plus beverages...you supply a pot of chili or a salad.

ANNUAL MEETING OFFICIAL NOTICE

According to Parish Bylaws of St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church Article II, Parish Meetings, Section 2, Notice of Annual Meeting: January 28, 2018, 12 noon at St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church the annual parish meeting shall be held. Additional details about the meeting & vestry elections will be forthcoming.

St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church Article II, Parish Meetings, Section 4, Qualifications of Voters. At all parish meetings, whether annual or special, the right to vote shall be limited to baptized persons.

- a. Not less than sixteen (16) years of age.
- b. Whose baptisms have been duly recorded in the parish.
- c. Who for a period of not less than six (6) months preceding have been regular worshipers in the parish and
- d. Who for not less than six (6) months preceding have been bona fide regular contributors to its support (i.e. time, talent, and/or treasure).

Annual Meeting to begin at noon. At the meeting we will be given an overview of the transition process and timeline, and hear various ministry updates as well as a presentation of our 2018 operating budget. We will also elect five Vestry members for terms of 3 years each. The following individuals have agreed to be nominated to serve on your Vestry:

Kai Carrigan Eric Icard Fred Skidmore Cynthia Thomas Jim Visota

Kai and Jim are eligible to serve a consecutive term because they are currently filling unexpired terms. Eric is willing to serve a consecutive three-year term, if it is the will of those present and voting at the meeting. Per our parish bylaws, additional nominations will be allowed at the meeting if, prior to the meeting, prospective nominees have consented in writing to be nominated.

FINANCIALS

	<u>December 23/24</u>	<u>December 30/31</u>	<u>January 6/7</u>	<u>January 13/14</u>
Total Collection	11,721.69	11,728.90	6,320.01	
Designated Funds	602.00	1,272.90	35.00	
Capital Campaign	32.00	250.00	275.00	
Funds Available for Operations	8,743.50	9,356.00	5,882.00	
Budget for Operations	8,456.00	8,456.00	8,456.00	8,456.00
Rector’s Discretionary Fund	1,435.00	300.00	-0-	

JANUARY DESIGNATED OFFERINGS - Episcopal Relief & Development

ERD is the compassionate response of [The Episcopal Church](#) to human suffering in the world. Hearing God's call to seek and serve Christ in all persons and to respect the dignity of every human being, Episcopal Relief & Development serves to bring together the generosity of Episcopalians and others with the needs of the world.

ERD faithfully administers the funds that are received from the Church and raised from other sources. It provides relief in times of disaster and promotes sustainable development by identifying and addressing the root causes of suffering.

ERD cherishes its partnerships within the Anglican Communion, with ecumenical bodies and with others who share a common vision for justice and peace among all people.

ST. ANDREW'S STRIVES TO BE A COMMUNITY THAT IS COMMITTED TO RACIAL HEALING

We invite you to consider participating in the following upcoming event:

St. Mark's, Grand Rapids, is hosting on February 2 (7-9pm) and February 3 (9am – 5pm) a live stream of the Trinity Wall Street series themed Values in Action. Friday evening will begin with a spaghetti dinner at 5:00pm. Speakers include Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, among many others. This workshop will count as anti-racism training if you attend both days. Cost is \$20 per person to cover lunch & snacks. St. Andrew's will cover the cost for you to attend. Please register by calling St. Mark's, 456-1680. If you have questions, contact Cindy Nawrocki at 644-4688.

CALENDAR: January 14 - 21, 2017

Sunday – ANNUAL REPORTS DUE

8:00am Holy Eucharist
9:00am No Adult Forum
10:00am Holy Eucharist
11:20am Daughters of the King
12:30pm St. Raphael's
7:00pm NA

Monday

7:00pm OA

Tuesday

9:30am Staff Meeting
4:30pm SUPPER HOUSE
6:00pm AFSN (Adoptive Family Support Network) Raising Healthy Families Support Group

Wednesday

9:00am Holy Eucharist
5:45pm OASIS Dinner
6:30pm Programming for all ages
7:30pm Vestry

Thursday

7:00pm OA
7:30pm Choir

Friday

5:00pm Boy Scout Lock In

Saturday

9:00am SAA Support Group
5:30pm Holy Eucharist

Sunday

8:00am Holy Eucharist/Blood Pressure Check
9:00am Adult Forum
10:00am Holy Eucharist/Blood Pressure Check
12:30pm St. Raphael's
7:00pm NA

January 14 - 20 Birthdays

Mike Betz	January 14
Austin McKee	January 15
Nurya Love Parish	January 15
Lynn Guider	January 15
Mary Davies	January 15
Keith Baker	January 15
David Kadwell	January 17
Stan Sherman	January 17

SERVING SCHEDULE: January 13/14

Greeters

10:00am Dan & Laura Macalka

Ushers

8:00am Jerry & Carole Skar
10:00am Greg McKee & Doug Kuhn

Lectors

5:30pm Glenn Rotier
8:00am Kurt Unangst
10:00am Dell Todd & Dale Wood

Chalice Assistants

5:30pm Glenn Rotier
8:00am Kurt Unangst
10:00am Dale Wood & Amy Todd

Altar Guild

Cynthia Thomas & Jane Koning

Counters

Mary Simpson & Jerry Skar

Welcome Bread

Carleen Ghareeb

Sunday Goodies

Diana Sherman

SERVING SCHEDULE: January 20/21

Greeters

10:00am Steve & Candy Petrides

Ushers

8:00am Tom & Pat Cook
10:00am Steve & Candy Petrides
5:30pm Kai Carrigan
8:00am Nancy Winkler
10:00am Julianne Day & Agatha Doe

Chalice Assistants

5:30pm Kai Carrigan
8:00am Nancy Winkler
10:00am Abraham Joshua & Kurt Unangst

Altar Guild

Jane Koning & Deb Larson

Counters

Becky Schulke & John Smith

Welcome Bread

Deb Grow

Sunday Goodies

Lorie Hollander/Kathy Griffes