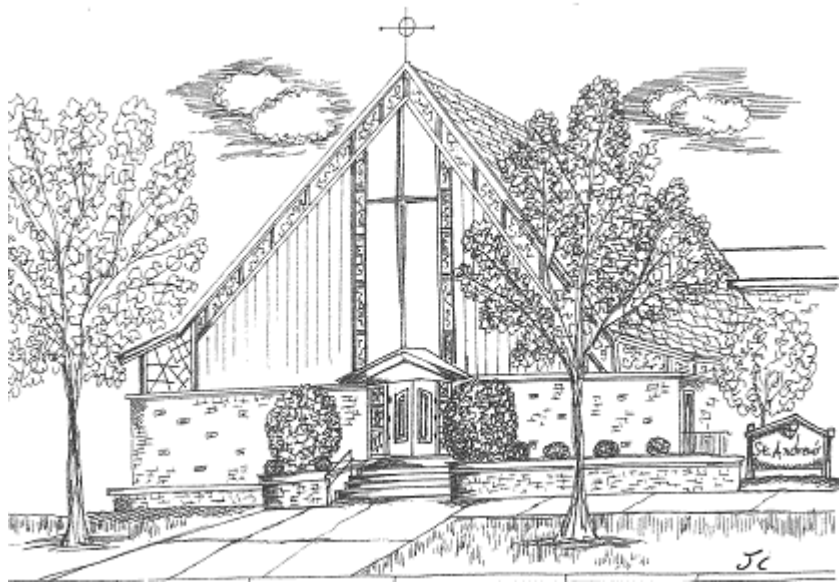


St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

Building God's Kingdom through Worship, Outreach, and Fellowship

Our Vision: Devoted to sharing the transforming power of God's love
in our lives, our communities, and our world.



The First Sunday After Christmas
Lessons & Carols with Holy Eucharist, Rite II
10:30 AM
December 28, 2025

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Welcome to St. Andrew's!

We are so glad that you have joined us for worship.

This bulletin is your guide to our service.

Hymns can be found in the blue hymnal in the rack in front of you.

BCP pages refer to the red *Book of Common Prayer*, also in the rack.

A Service of Lessons & Carols

A service with nine Lessons and Carols, also known as the Festival of Lessons and Carols, is a form of Christian worship dating to the 19th century, traditionally celebrated on or near Christmas Eve. The story of the fall of humanity, the prophets' promise of the Messiah, and the birth of Jesus is told in nine short bible lessons from Genesis, the prophetic books, and the Gospels, interspersed with the singing of Christmas carols, hymns, and/or choir anthems.

Probably the most famous form of Lessons and Carols is the service developed by King's College in England, first used on Christmas Eve in 1918. Through the years, services of Lessons and Carols have been adapted for use during Advent, the 12 days of Christmas, and Epiphany. This morning's service contains fewer readings to make room for our celebration of Holy Eucharist.

10:30 AM Service of Lessons & Carols with Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Prelude

Processional Hymn *Once in royal David's city* Hymnal 102
*omit asterisked verses

The Word of God

Bidding Prayer

Lesson I: The Fall Genesis 3:8-19

Hymn *Creator of the stars of night* Hymnal 60, v 1-3

Lesson II: The Prophets Foretell a Savior Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

Hymn *Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming* Hymnal 81, v 1-2

Lesson III: An Angel comes to Mary Luke 1:26-35, 38

Hymn *The angel Gabriel from heaven came* Hymnal 265, v 1-3

Lesson IV: Jesus is Born Luke 2:1, 3-7

Hymn *O little town of Bethlehem* Hymnal 79, v 1-3

Lesson V: The Shepherds hear the Good News Luke 2:8-16

Hymn *Angels we have heard on high* Hymnal 96, v 1-2

Lesson VI: St. John Unfolds the Great Mystery John 1:1-14

Hymn

Joy to the world

Hymnal 100, v 1-2

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Announcements

Offertory Sentence

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The Holy Communion

Offertory

The Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God, all creatures here below.

O Praise him! Alleluia!

Praise him above ye heav'nly hosts:

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!

O Praise Him! Alleluia!

Alleluia, Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Great Thanksgiving: Prayer B

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Sanctus

Hymnal S-129

Hymn numbers that begin with "S" can be found at the very front of the Hymnal.

The Lord's Prayer

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

All: *Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*

Administration of Communion

A Word about Holy Communion

We invite all who wish to follow Jesus to be baptized, and we invite all baptized Christians to receive the gifts of Jesus' Body and Blood. All are welcome at the altar rail: the baptized for communion, everyone for a blessing.

- To receive the common cup or just the wafer, come to the lectern side of the altar rail.
- If you would rather not drink out of the common cup, come to the pulpit side of the altar, where the clergy person will dip your wafer in the wine.

Gluten-free wafers are available. Just let clergy know that you need one.
In lieu of communion, you may receive a blessing at any station.

Hymns for Choir and Congregation

In the bleak midwinter Hymnal 112

Love came down at Christmas Hymnal 84

Postcommunion Prayer

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The Blessing

Recessional Hymn

Go tell it on the mountain

Hymnal 99

Dismissal

Response: Thanks be to God.

Voluntary

If you choose to leave during the voluntary, please depart in reverent quiet.

Service Participants

The Rev. Anne R. Kirchmier

The Rev. Marc Vance

The Rev. Katherine Gray

Lectors:	Josh Epling-DeFalco, Gloria Brooks, Dawn Edquist, Olivia Goodwin, Margaret Bivins
Chalicers:	Margaret Bivins, James Wilcox
Acolyte:	Bill Wilds
Ushers:	Ted Hemmert, Philip Hatchett
Greeter:	Teresa and David Duncan
Sound:	Doug Burgoyne
Camera:	Channing Guvernator

Welcome and thank you to Matthew Frey, our organist this morning.

No Children's Chapel this Sunday

There will be no Children's Chapel today. Children are happily welcomed in worship every Sunday! There are activity bags in the back of the church as well as a wide selection of books to borrow.

Church office holiday closure

The church office will be closed through January 1. We will return to normal office hours on Monday, January 5 (office hours are 9 AM to noon Mon & Tue, 9 AM to 3 PM Wed & Thur).

Preparing for Sunday, Jan. 4—Second Sunday after Christmas

Readings: Jeremiah 31:7-14; Psalm 84; Ephesians 1:3-6, 15-19a; Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23. Question for Reflection: How have you received "grace upon grace" in your life through Jesus Christ? Can you think of times when God has turned your mourning into joy, your sorrow into gladness? Does the incarnation of Christ call us to "make flesh" the love of God for others?

Confirmation class begins Jan. 11

For a person who was baptized at an early age, Confirmation provides an opportunity to make a “mature public affirmation of faith and the commitment to the responsibilities of Baptism,” (BCP 412). The next Confirmation class will meet in the library beginning on Sunday, January 11, between services, beginning at 9:15 AM. Please let Marc know by Monday, Jan. 5, if you have questions or are interested in making this important commitment to your faith.

Blood Drive on Jan. 12—donors and volunteers needed!

Make your appointment now to give the gift of life! It takes so little time, usually no more than one hour, to make a real difference. We will host a Red Cross blood drive on Monday, January 12, from 1:00 to 6:00 PM. You can make your appointment by going to redcrossblood.org and entering the code HiltonAC. In addition to blood donors, we need volunteers to help with check in. If you'd like to help out, please contact Amine Morgan, 757-596-1371, or the church office.

Bingo, hot dogs, and Mardi Gras!

We have scheduled a fun night of hot dogs and Bingo on Friday, January 23, from 5:30 to 8:30 pm. This is one of two events to “let loose” before the quieter season of Lent, the other is our Mardi Gras celebration on Shrove Tuesday, February 17. Volunteers are needed for both events—contact Bill Wilds (wwilds11846@verizon.net). Mark your calendar—more details coming soon!

Parish Retreat 2026

Have you marked your calendar for our 2026 parish retreat? Plan on joining us at Chanco Sept. 25-27, 2026. More info coming this spring.

Free screening of *Sugarcane* documentary

Please join us for a FREE screening of the film *Sugarcane* on Sunday, January 25, at 12:00 PM. This award-winning debut feature documentary from Julian Brave NoiseCat and Emily Kassie is a groundbreaking investigation into an Indian residential school, shedding light on years of forced separation, assimilation and abuse that Indigenous children experienced at the hands of Church and government. This urgent and timely film brings the hidden story of cultural genocide to audiences worldwide while celebrating the resilience of Native people as they work to overcome cycles of intergenerational trauma. The screening will be followed by a facilitated discussion. Film runs 1h 47m. Bring a bag lunch. **Go to standrews-episcopal.org to register to attend** (you need not present a ticket to enter the screening). **This film is recommended for ages 16+ only.** Childcare for younger children is available by reservation. Contact the church office **no later than Monday, Jan. 19** if you would like to use the childcare: parish.admin@standrews-episcopal.org or 757-595-0371.