

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church Hanover, MA

Third Sunday of Advent



**Gaudete Sunday –
Rejoice! Be Quiet, Listen and See**

Sunday, December 14, 2025

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PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Hark the glad sound! (H 72)

1 Hark, the glad sound! The Sav - ior comes, the Sav - ior
2 He comes the pris - 'ners to re - lease, in Sa - tan's
3 He comes the bro - ken heart to bind, the bleed - ing
4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of peace, your wel - come

prom - ised long; let ev - 'ry heart pre -
bond - age held. The gates of grass be -
soul - to cure, The and with the trea - sures
shall pro - claim, and heav'n's e - ter - nal

pare a throne and ev - 'ry voice a song.
fore him burst, the i - ron fet - ters yield.
of his grace to en - rich the hum - ble poor.
arch - es ring with your be - lov - ed name.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Celebrant:

Lord our God, we praise you for your Son, Jesus Christ: he is Emmanuel, the hope of the peoples, he is the wisdom that teaches and guides us, he is the Savior of every nation.

Lord God, let your blessing come upon us as we light the three candles of this wreath. May the wreath and its light be a sign of Christ's promise to bring us salvation. May he come quickly and not delay. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant: Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People: **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

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.**

KYRIE

Lord, have mercy upon us (WILLAN) (S 91)

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.
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THE COLLECT FOR THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

The collect is the prayer appointed for each Sunday that “collects” or captures the theme of the day or season of the Church year. It summarizes the attributes of God as revealed in the scriptures for the day and is a terrific prayer to take with you and revisit throughout your week to reconnect to the spirit and love that you encounter this morning.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray, saying together

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.

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON

This reading is typically from the Old Testament (Hebrew Scriptures) which Jesus knew and from which he often referred or quoted.

Isaiah 35:1-10

A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad,
the desert shall rejoice and blossom;
like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly,
and rejoice with joy and singing.

The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it,
the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.

They shall see the glory of the LORD,
the majesty of our God.

Strengthen the weak hands,
and make firm the feeble knees.

Say to those who are of a fearful heart,
"Be strong, do not fear!

Here is your God.

He will come with vengeance,
with terrible recompense.

He will come and save you."

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;
then the lame shall leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.

For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert;

the burning sand shall become a pool,
and the thirsty ground springs of water;
the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp,
the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

A highway shall be there,
and it shall be called the Holy Way;

the unclean shall not travel on it,
but it shall be for God's people;
no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray.
No lion shall be there,
nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it;
they shall not be found there,
but the redeemed shall walk there.
And the ransomed of the LORD shall return,
and come to Zion with singing;
everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;
they shall obtain joy and gladness,
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Reader: Hear what the spirit is saying to God's people.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM

The psalms/canticles are prayers that Jesus used and express the full range of emotion and humanity's relationship with God and one another.

PSALM 146:4-9: *To be read responsively.*

Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help,
whose hope is in the LORD their God;

**Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them;
who keeps his promise forever;**

Who gives justice to those who are oppressed,
and food to those who hunger.

**The LORD sets the prisoners free; the LORD opens the eyes of the blind;
the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;**

The LORD loves the righteous; the LORD cares for the stranger;
he sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.

**The LORD shall reign forever,
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!**

THE SECOND LESSON

This reading is usually a letter, or epistle, to the early Church, the Acts of the Apostles, or the Revelation to John.

James 5:7-10

A Reading from the letter of James.

Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient.

Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

Reader: Hear what the spirit is saying to God's people.

People: Thanks be to God.

The sequence hymn moves us toward the summit of the Liturgy of the Word—the reading of the Holy Gospel. Gospel means “good news”—specifically the “good news of Jesus.”

HYMN AT THE SEQUENCE

Comfort, comfort ye my people (H 67)



1 Com - fort, com - fort ye my peo - ple, speak ye peace, thus
2 Hark, the voice of one that cri - eth in the des - ert
3 Make ye straight what long was crook - ed, make the rough - er



saith our God; com - fort those who sit in dark - ness
far and near, call - ing us to new re - pent - ance
pla - ces plain; let your hearts be true and hum - ble,



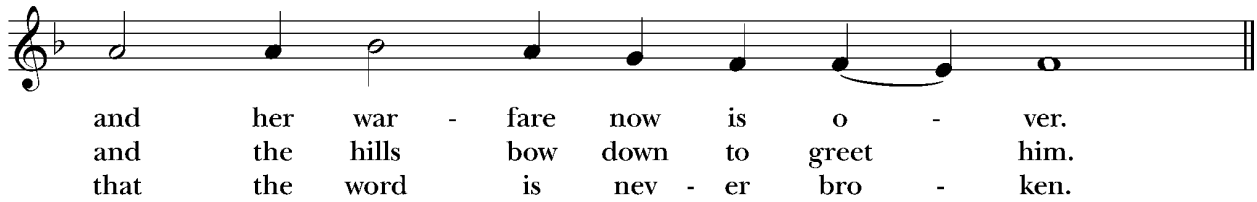
mourn - ing 'neath their sor - rows' load. Speak ye to Je -
since the king - dom now is here. Oh, that warn - ing
as be - fits his ho - ly reign. For the glo - ry



ru - sa - lem of the peace that waits for them;
cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way;
of the Lord now o'er earth is shed a - broad;



tell her that her sins I cov - er,
let the val - leys rise to meet him
and all flesh shall see the to - ken



THE GOSPEL

Gospel: Matthew 11:2-11

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?" Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me."

As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written,

'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,
 who will prepare your way before you.'

"Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

The Reverend Amy Whitcomb Slemmer, Esq.

The sermon directly follows the Gospel because it is to be grounded in the scriptures. It illuminates the scriptural readings and relates them to daily life.

SILENT REFLECTION

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

THE NICENE CREED

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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Brothers and sisters, as we joyfully await the glorious coming of the Christ, let us pray for the needs of the church, our community, and the world.

Holy God, teach your Church to pray with boldness. Empower us to advocate for justice, to persist in compassion, and to speak truth in love. We pray especially for Sean, our Presiding Bishop, Julia our Bishop Diocesan, and for all who lead in your Church. God of mercy,
hear our prayer.

O Lord, you promise steadfast love and truth. Guide the leaders of every land to govern with equity, humility, and courage. Strengthen those who work for peace in every nation and neighborhood. We pray especially for places torn by war, poverty, and injustice. God of mercy,
hear our prayer.

O God you sustain all who proclaim the Gospel and seek truth. We pray especially for those in our Diocesan cycle of prayer: Churches of the

Alewife Deanery: Christ Church, Cambridge; St. Bartholomew's Church, Cambridge; St. James' Church, Cambridge; St. Peter's Church, Cambridge; Diocesan Disciplinary Board. God of mercy,
hear our prayer.

Redeemer of all, you search for the lost and forgotten, those in pain and in need. We pray for the creatures and the human beings of your world who are ill, or in danger, pain, or special need, especially for those who are newly diagnosed or navigating chronic or acute illness, and for all who suffer from the unjust, violent, or wasteful use of the earth's resources or their devastation by war, that all may one day live in communities of justice and peace. God of mercy,
hear our prayer.

Gracious Spirit, you inspire acts of love that transform lives. Bless the work of advocates, caregivers, and peacemakers. Strengthen those who serve in schools, shelters, clinics, and courts. Help us to be agents of welcome, generosity, and courage in our own communities. God of mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of every generation, we give thanks for the gifts of daily bread, for answered prayers, and for your faithfulness. We name our thanksgivings before you now:
God of mercy,
hear our prayer.

Eternal One, we remember all who have died, especially those we name now:
Grant them your peace and let light perpetual shine upon them.
Comfort all who grieve with your presence and promise. God of mercy,
hear our prayer.

Celebrant: Give us ears to hear, O God, and eyes to watch, that we may know your presence in our midst during this holy season of joy as we anticipate the coming of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

CONFESSION

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence may be kept.

People:

God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

Celebrant:

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.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant: The peace of Christ be always with you.

People: And also with you.

The people greet one another with a loving sign of God's peace and gratitude to be joined together in community.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE:

Walk in love as Christ loved us and gave himself a gift and sacrifice to God.

THE OFFERTORY

At the offertory, we gratefully offer back to God some of what God has given us, symbolically in the bread and wine, and in the money we give. An offering is received to support the St. Andrew's ministry of making Kindness Loud, and sharing God's love in many forms. You are invited to make a gift, which the priest will bless and offer to God. You can make a gift as the plate is passed, by scanning the QR code, or donating online at StAndrewshanover.org.

ANTHEM AT THE OFFERTORY

The King Shall Come

Written by: Traditional; Music by: Trevor Thomson

The King shall come when morning dawns
And light triumphant breaks
When beauty gilds the eastern hills
And life to joy awakes

Not as of old, a little child
To bear and fight and die
But crowned with glory like the sun
That lights the morning sky

O, brighter than the rising morn
When He, victorious, rose
And left the lonesome place of death
Despite the rage of foes
O, brighter than the glorious morn
Shall this fair morning be
When Christ our King in beauty comes
And we His face shall see

The King shall come when morning dawns
And light and beauty brings
Hail Christ the Lord, Thy people pray
Come quickly, King of kings
Come quickly, King of kings

*Children present the donations for the Hanover Food Pantry.
The ushers will bring the gifts forward.*

DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise him, all crea-tures here be - low; Praise

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him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host: Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant: God 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 our thanks and praise.

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

Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing. 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:

SANCTUS

Holy, holy, holy (Schubert/Proulx) (S130)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and
might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are

The musical score consists of three systems of vocal and piano parts. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is B-flat major (two flats). The first system covers the first two lines of lyrics. The second system covers the next two lines, with a long note in the vocal line for 'might,'. The third system covers the final two lines, also with a long note for 'might,'. The piano accompaniment provides harmonic support with chords and moving lines.

full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Holy and gracious God: 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 maker and of all.

Jesus 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 Savior 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 Jesus 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:

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

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ's death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

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 Christ. 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.

All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Savior. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

We pray together the prayer that Jesus taught his disciples to pray. The link between our daily bread and the spiritual food we receive in the Eucharist is an ancient connection.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

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, forever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The priest breaks the bread in silence.

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

People: **Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

FRACTION

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Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins ___ of the world:

All
1-5. have mer - cy on us, have mer - cy on us. 6. world:

All *rit. e dim.* *pp*
6. grant ___ us your peace, O grant ___ us your peace. _____

THE INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on God in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

COMMUNION

The homemade Communion bread is gluten free.

SILENT REFLECTION

After Communion we observe a few moments of silence to reflect and give God thanks.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

Gracious and Loving God, you have fed us with the spiritual food and in quiet strength of Christ's presence. Please calm the rushing of our minds and the striving of our days. Still us, that we may rejoice not in doing, but in being held by you. Open our ears to listen for your whispered invitations; open our eyes to see the signs of your nearness in both the ordinary and the unexpected; open our hearts to receive the joy that blossoms when we make room for you.

Strengthen us in patience, renew us in gratitude, and send us forth to notice, honor, and share the new thing you are doing in our midst. Through Christ who comes quietly, faithfully, and in love. Amen.

BLESSING

May the God who makes deserts bloom grant you the courage to slow down, the grace to listen deeply, and the clarity to see the wonders God is already working around you.

May Christ, whose presence draws near in stillness as surely as in song, guard your heart, steady your steps, and fill the open spaces of your life with love and joy.

May the Holy Spirit, teach you the sacred art of noticing—so that in the quiet you create, you may find Emmanuel: God with us.

And the blessing of God Almighty, our Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer be upon you and remain with you, this Gaudete Sunday and always.

Amen.

HYMN AT THE CLOSING

Watchman, tell us of the night (H 640)

1 Watch-man, tell us of the night, what its signs of prom - ise
2 Watch-man, tell us of the night; high - er yet that star a -
3 Watch-man, tell us of the night, for the morn - ing seems to

are. Trav - eler, o'er yon moun-tain's height, see that glo - ry -
scends. Trav - eler, bless - ed - ness and light, peace and truth its
dawn. Trav - eler, dark - ness takes its flight, doubt and ter - ror

beam - ing star. Watch-man, does its beau - teous ray
 course por - tends. Watch-man, will its beams a - lone
 are with - drawn. Watch-man, let thy wan - derings cease;

aught of joy or hope fore - tell? Trav - eler, yes; it
 gild the spot that gave them birth? Trav - eler, a - ges
 hie thee to thy qui - et home. Trav - eler, lo! the

brings the day, prom - ised day of Is - ra - el.
 are its own; see, it bursts o'er all the earth.
 Prince of Peace, lo! the Son of God is come!

DISMISSAL

Celebrant: Our worship has ended, let our service begin as we go out into the world rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit, Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

OUR PRAYER AND SACRAMENTAL LIFE

PRAYER LIST

For our deceased Margie Jokinen Tyrie and Noah Anderson and ZEUS; For others in need: Audrey MacDonald and the MacDonald family - Carol Ann - Janet C - Link Family -- Stern Family -- Ben - Prescott and Mansfield families - Peter Mansfield - Alec - Ann Ferzoco - Ellen Elliott -- Meredith C -- Greg Eaton - Nicol Family - John - Arlene Watkins - Tracy Sprows - Dennis - Lee G - Don S - Pam E - Jan B - Leah - Katrina & Darren - Paul Nicol - Mark D - Art J - Matthew - Thomas & Gloria - Susannah L -- David - Paula - Bill - David H - Sharon M - Greyson - Rosie & Silva Family - Haley - Sarah - Valerie - Dennis

O God, the strength of the weak and the comfort of sufferers, mercifully accept our prayers, and grant to these your servants the help of your power, that their sickness may be turned into health, and our sorrow into joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Each week this prayer list includes requests we have received through publication. If you wish to add people to this list, please use the prayer board in the narthex; email office@standrewshanover.org; call the office; place a note on the offertory plate; or give to an usher or to Rev. Amy at Sunday service.

BAPTISMS

The next Baptisms to take place at St. Andrew's will be on Sunday, January 11, 2026 at the Sunday 9:30 service. If you are interested in someone and/or yourself being baptized on that day, please fill out the form at the Baptism LINK on the parish website and return it to the office.

Prayers of ALL The People

Throughout this holiday season, we will continue to invite friends and neighbors to offer prayers for themselves and others. Please grab a form in the narthex if you would like your prayers included, or fill one out one on the parish website home page or please share the link with family and friends. All of the prayers will be assembled and offered as a focus for our prayer of the people for our service on Sunday, December 28th. If you would like to be among the volunteers to read these prayers please let Joanne know.

OUR YOUTH

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL

Children's Chapel meets every Sunday in the Parish Hall. Children of all ages are welcome, and parents are warmly invited to have some of their own sacred time in the sanctuary with other grown ups. Children will re-join you and the service during announcements. Our annual children's Christmas Pageant will take place on Sunday, December 21 at 9:30 a.m. Service. No rehearsal necessary. ALL children welcome!

OUR OUTREACH EFFORTS

SHORE TO SHORE – HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

We are excited for the gathering of the Shore to Shore Youth Group here at St. Andrew's at 5pm TONIGHT for a Chipotle feast and some great youth fellowship. All teenagers who are planning to attend should get their Chipotle order to Jim Laprade (617) 312-4631 call or text or e-mail JFLaprade@comcast.net by noon TODAY and let him know if they need a ride.

HANOVER FOOD PANTRY

This month we are collecting: Kitchen trash bags (13 gallon); Toothbrushes (adult); Canned chicken broth; Canned pineapple; Spaghetti; Liquid dish soap; Mustard and ketchup; Canned beef stew; Canned chili; Cranberry juice; Juice boxes; Crackers & chips.

REHOBOTH HOUSE BLANKET & DETERGENT COLLECTION – DEADLINE DECEMBER 21

We are collecting blankets and liquid laundry detergent for our friends at Rehoboth House. The laundry detergent should be large jugs (no pods please), and they request that the blankets be twin size if possible. Donations can be dropped off in the parish hall.

OUR PARISH COMMUNITY

STEWARDSHIP

Thank you to each of our pledging members for your on-going support of the ministry at St. Andrew's. If you have run out of pledge envelopes, please let the office know so that we can provide you with supplemental envelopes. The Stewardship Committee has been meeting and sent out a pledge packet last Friday. If you did not receive one, please call Joanne in the office. Our Ingathering Sunday will be January 11th, 2026 when we will gather and bless all of the pledges for 2026. January 11 is also the celebration of the Baptism of Jesus AND we will be baptizing some of our children on that Sunday as well. Mark your calendars and please plan to join us on January 11, 2026!

INVITE JESUS OVER

St. Andrews would like the congregation to invite Jesus into their lives and into their homes. Each week Jesus will go home with a parishioner who will include him in their daily routine including spending time praying with him. Share pictures or stories of your

MUSIC FOR CHRISTMAS REHEARSALS

Handbell Choir Rehearsals

The handbell choir will rehearse in the sanctuary immediately following the 9:30 service on Sunday, Dec. 14 and 21, in preparation of Christmas. All are welcome.

St. Andrew's Festival Choir

Choir rehearsals for Christmas Eve will be held on Dec. 16, 17, 22, and 23 from 5:30–7:00pm in the sanctuary. All are welcome.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **Christmas Fair & Cookie Sale recap meeting TODAY at 11 a.m.**
- **Vestry Meeting – TODAY at noon**
- **Back Bay Ringers concert TODAY at 2 p.m. – tickets at <https://backbayringers.org>**
See back page for Christmas Services

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Courtney Hill, Sunday School Director

This Sunday:

Crucifer: Cheri Dauphinee
Gospeler: Chuck Fiorentino
Torch Bearer: Jen Mitchell
Audio/Visual: Stephen Ryerson and
Ben Coleman-Lyon

Lay Readers: Kristi Peak-Oliveira and
Joanie Rogers

Chalice Bearers: Joanie Rogers and
Chuck Fiorentino

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Contact Information:

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Joanne Bibeau's email address is office@standrewshanover.org and the office phone is 781-826-2062

RECURRING EVENTS:

Sundays: 9:30am service, Choir practice 8:45 a.m., Sunday School/Children's Chapel

Office Hours: Tues. & Wed.: 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.; Thurs.: 12:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Mondays: Rector's Sabbath



online giving link:

- **CHRISTMAS PAGEANT – Sunday, December 21 at 9:30 a.m. Service.** No rehearsal necessary. ALL children welcome!
- **BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE: Tuesday, December 23 at 7 p.m.** for anyone grieving, bereaved or having difficulty finding the joy and mystery of Christmas. A quiet service with the opportunity to express the grief or pain that community members are experiencing. All are welcome!
- **CHRISTMAS EVE:**
Wednesday, December 24 at 4 p.m. Family Friendly Christmas Service
Wednesday, December 24 at 7 p.m. Christmas Service
- **CHRISTMAS DAY:**
Thursday, December 25 at 9:30 a.m. Christmas Service
- **Sunday, December 28 at 9:30 am** Sunday Service including praying the Community Prayers
- **Sunday, January 4, 2026 at 9:30 am** Lessons & Carols