

# St. Andrew's Episcopal Church Hanover, MA

## **Fourth Sunday of Advent and Christmas Pageant**



**Sunday, December 21, 2025**

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## PROCESSIONAL HYMN

*O come, O come, Emmanuel* (H 56) (v 1-4)



1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som  
2 O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, who or - derest  
3 O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy  
4 O come, thou Branch of Jes - se's tree, free them from



1 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile  
2 all things might - i - ly; to us the path of know - ledge  
3 tribes on Si - nai's height in an - cient times didst give the  
4 Sa - tan's ty - ran - ny that trust thy might - y power to



1 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.  
2 show, and teach us in her ways to go.  
3 law, in cloud, and ma - jes - ty, and awe.  
4 save, and give them vic - tory o'er the grave. Re - joice! Re - joice!



Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

## 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.

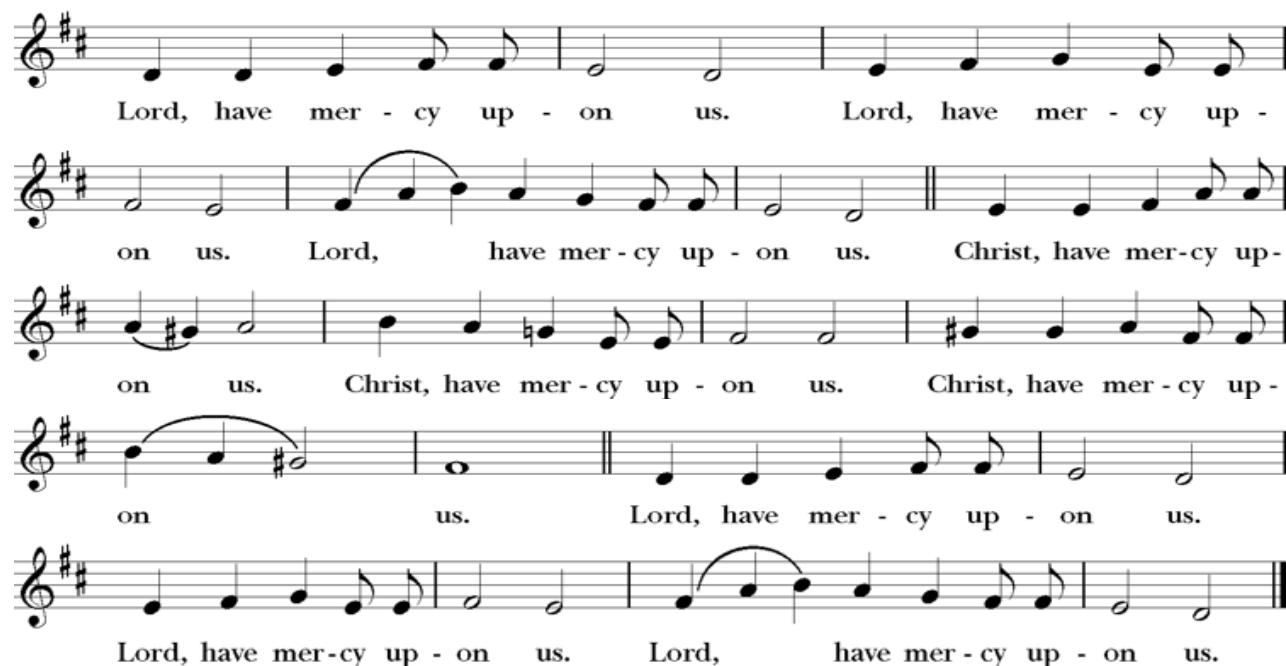
**People: Glory to God for ever and ever.**

## 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.  
Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

## THE COLLECT FOR THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray, saying together

**Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

## THE WORD OF GOD

### THE HEBREW SCRIPTURE

#### Isaiah 7:10-16

A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test. Then Isaiah said: "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall

eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted.”

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**HYMN IN PREPARATION FOR THE PAGEANT** *Soon, Very Soon (LEVAS 14)*

Soon and very soon we are goin’ to see the King.

Soon and very soon we are goin’ to see the King.

Soon and very soon we are goin’ to see the King.

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, we’re goin’ to see the King.

No more cryin’ there we are goin’ to see the King.

No more cryin’ there we are goin’ to see the King.

No more cryin’ there we are goin’ to see the King.

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, we’re goin’ to see the King.

Soon and very soon we are goin’ to see the King.

Soon and very soon we are goin’ to see the King.

Soon and very soon we are goin’ to see the King.

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah.

**THE CHRISTMAS PAGEANT**

*The congregation is encouraged to join in the singing of each hymn.*

**Narrator:** The nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to the Gospel writings of St. Luke and St. Matthew.

**Narrator:** Now the birth of Jesus took place in this way: In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. And all went to their own towns to be registered.

**HYMN #78****O Little Town of Bethlehem (Verses 1 and 3)**

*O little town of Bethlehem,  
 how still we see thee lie!  
 Above thy deep and dreamless  
 sleep  
 the silent stars go by;  
 yet in thy dark streets shineth  
 the everlasting Light;  
 the hopes and fears of all the years  
 are met in thee tonight.*

*How silently, how silently,  
 the wondrous gift is given!  
 So God imparts to human hearts  
 the blessings of his heaven.  
 No ear may hear his coming,  
 but in this world of sin,  
 where meek souls will receive him, still  
 the dear Christ enters in.*

**Narrator:** Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

**HYMN #101****Away in A Manger**

*Away in a manger, no crib for his bed,  
 the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.  
 The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,  
 the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.  
 The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,  
 but little Lord Jesus no crying he makes.  
 I love thee, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky,  
 and stay by my side until morning is nigh.  
 Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask thee to stay  
 close by me for ever, and love me I pray.  
 Bless all the dear children in thy tender care,  
 and fit us for heaven to live with thee there.*

**Narrator:** And in that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night.

**HYMN #99****Go Tell it on the Mountain!**

*Go tell it on the mountain,  
over the hills and everywhere;  
go tell it on the mountain,  
that Jesus Christ is born!*

*The shepherds feared and  
trembled  
when lo! above the earth  
rang out the angel chorus  
that hailed our Savior's birth.*

*While shepherds kept their  
watching  
o'er silent flocks by night,  
behold, throughout the heavens  
there shone a holy light.*

*Down in a lowly manger  
the humble Christ was born,  
and God sent us salvation  
that blessed Christmas morn.*

**Narrator:** And behold, an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified.

**Narrator:** And the angel said to them...

**Gabriel:** Do not be afraid; for I am bringing you good news of great joy for all people! To you is born this day in the city of David a savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord!

**Narrator:** And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men!"

**HYMN #96****Angels we have Heard on High (Verses 1,3, & 4)**

*Angels we have heard on high,  
singing sweetly through the night,  
and the mountains in reply  
echoing their brave delight.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo.*

*Come to Bethlehem and see  
him whose birth the angels sing;  
come, adore on bended knee  
Christ, the Lord, the newborn King.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo.*

*See him in a manger laid  
whom the angels praise  
above; Mary, Joseph, lend your  
aid, while we raise our hearts in  
love.*

*Gloria in excelsis Deo.*

**Narrator:** When the angels had left them, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger.

**HYMN#115**

**What Child is This? (Verses 1&2)**

*What child is this, who, laid to rest,  
on Mary's lap is sleeping?  
Whom angels greet with anthems  
sweet,  
while shepherds watch are  
keeping?*

*Why lies he in such mean estate  
Where ox and ass are feeding?  
Good Christian, fear: for sinners  
here  
The silent Word is pleading.*

*This, this is Christ the King,  
whom shepherds guard and  
angels sing;  
haste, haste to bring him laud,  
the babe, the son of Mary.*

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whom shepherds guard and  
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him laud,  
the babe, the son of Mary.*

**Narrator:** Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of King Herod, behold, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, saying, "Where is he who has been born King of the Jews? For we have seen his star in the East and have come to worship him."

**HYMN #128**

**We Three Kings (Verses 1 & 5)**

*We three kings of Orient are,  
bearing gifts we traverse afar,  
field and fountain,  
moor and mountain,  
following yonder star.*

*Glorious now behold him arise,  
King and God and Sacrifice;  
heaven sings alleluia:  
alleluia the earth replies.*

*O star of wonder, star of night,  
star with royal beauty bright;  
westward leading,  
still proceeding,  
guide us to thy perfect light!*

*O star of wonder, star of night,  
star with royal beauty bright;  
westward leading, still proceeding,  
guide us to thy perfect light!*

**Narrator.** When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. And when they had come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

## **HYMN #100**

## **Joy to the World**

Joy to the world! the Lord is come:  
let earth receive her King;  
let every heart prepare him room,  
and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the world! the Savior reigns;  
let us our songs employ,  
while fields and floods, rocks, hills  
and plains,  
repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows  
grow,  
nor thorns infest the ground;  
he comes to make his blessings  
flow

far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and  
grace,  
and makes the nations prove  
the glories of his righteousness,  
and wonders of his love.

*AFTER THE PAGEANT, THE CHILDREN MAY REJOIN THEIR FAMILIES IN THE PEWS*

## **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 Episcopal Chaplaincy at Harvard, Cambridge; Lutheran Episcopal Chaplaincy at Mass. Institute of Technology, Cambridge; The Society of St. John the Evangelist, Cambridge; Hospital Chaplaincies & Healthcare Chaplains. 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.**

Loving God of Consolation, we remember all who have died or suffered as a result of senseless acts of violence and hatred, especially the victims of the shooting in Australia and the shooting at Brown University. Be with the families and friends of the deceased and grant healing, comfort and peace to the victims, their families, and all who have all been affected by these shootings. God of mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

God of promise, open the hearts of the those to be baptized , to receive the sacrament of new birth, on January 11, Benjamin, Olivia, and Lucy and Dillon. God of mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Shepherd of Israel, may Jesus, Emmanuel and son of Mary, be more than just a dream in our hearts. With the apostles, prophets, and saints, save us, restore us, and lead us in the way of grace and peace, that we may bear your promise into the world. God of mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: God of promise, you have given us a sign of your love through the gift of Jesus Christ, our Savior, who was promised from ages past. We believe as Joseph did the message of your presence whispered by an angel, and offer our prayers for your world, confident of your care and mercy for all creation. **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](http://StAndrewshanover.org).*

## ANTHEM AT THE OFFERTORY

*All praise, Eternal Son, to thee*

C. Coffin (lyrics) T. Tallis (music) arr. Alan Bullard

All praise, eternal Son to thee  
Whose advent sets thy people free;  
Whom with the Father, we adore,  
And Spirit blest for evermore. Amen.

*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  
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

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Ho - san - na in the high - est." It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The key signature is B-flat major (two flats) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est." The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody.

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*

6. grant \_\_\_ us your peace, O grant \_\_\_ us your peace. *rit. e dim.* *pp*

## **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.

**Eternal God, you have graciously accepted us a living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have nourished us with the spiritual food and drink offered at your blessed table. We thank you for making your Word known among us, through the voices of children and the telling of angels. Grant us strength to love and serve you even as you teach us again how to wait with trust, hope and courage. Amen.**

## **BLESSING**

Life is short, and we do not have too much time to gladden the hearts of those who travel the way with us. So be swift to love, and make haste to make kindness loud, and may the blessing of God our Creator, redeemer and sustainer be with you now and always. **Amen.**

## HYMN AT THE CLOSING

*O come, O come, Emmanuel* (H 56) (v 5-8)



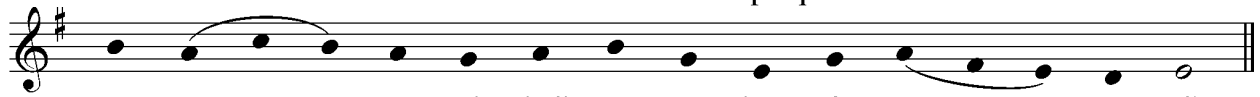
5 O come, thou Key of Da - vid, come, and o - pen  
6 O come, thou Day - spring from on high, and cheer us  
7 O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind in one the  
8 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som



5 wide our heaven - ly home; make safe the way that leads on  
6 by thy draw - ing nigh; dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of  
7 hearts of all man - kind; bid thou our sad di - vi - sions  
8 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile



5 high, and close the path to mis - er - y. Re - joice! Re - joice!  
6 night, and death's dark shad - ow put to flight.  
7 cease, and be thy - self our King of Peace.  
8 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.



Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

## 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](mailto: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

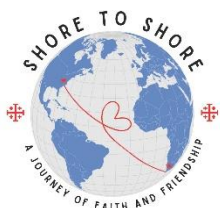
Throughout this holiday season, we will continue to invite friends and neighbors to offer prayers for themselves and others. Please grab a form in the narthex if you would like your prayers included, or fill one out one on the parish website home page or please share the link with family and friends. 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.

### SHORE TO SHORE - HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP



Shore to Shore is our high school youth group that meets monthly in anticipation of our mutual pilgrimages (Shore to Shore teens to South Africa in the summer of 2026, Volmoed SA Youth Leadership Program to Massachusetts in 2027). Our next meeting is January 11<sup>th</sup> at 5pm. All teens are welcome!

## OUR OUTREACH EFFORTS

### 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 TODAY, DEC. 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

### 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 TODAY, December 21, in preparation of Christmas. All are welcome.

**St. Andrew's Festival Choir:** Choir rehearsals for Christmas Eve will be held on December 22 and if needed, 23 from 5:30-7:00pm in the sanctuary. All are welcome

## **CHRISTMAS SERVICES:**

**Tuesday, December 23 @7 pm Blue Christmas service** (Sean Glennon, Organist) 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!

**Wednesday, December 24 @4pm Family Friendly Christmas Service** (Sean Glennon, full choir, Robert Glennon and Zach Terman, trumpeters, HuiMin Wang, pianist, Kayleigh & William McKee on piano)

**Wednesday, December 24 @7pm Christmas Service available for all** (Sean Glennon, Patrick Stout, trumpeter, HuiMin Wang, pianist, and Katherine Beckvold, soloist)

**Thursday, December 25th @9:30 am Christmas Service** (Blake Shetler, organist)

**Sunday, December 28 @9:30 am service and praying of community prayers** (Blake Shetler, organist and choir)

**Sunday, January 4 @9:30 am Lessons & Carols** (Sean Glennon, organ and HuiMin Wang, piano, choir)

## **A Word About Stewardship**

Stewardship is our faithful response to God's abundant gifts and a sign of our hope and confidence in the future God is calling St. Andrew's to share. Through our annual stewardship campaign, we give thanks for the generosity already offered in support of this parish and its ministry.

We are improving our mailing list. If you have not received your campaign packet or would like to be included in our church's list, please let an usher know. We have copies in the Narthex.

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## **This Sunday:**

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

Lay Readers: Steve Boutin and  
Janet Keane  
Chalice Bearers: Steve Boutin and  
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## **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:**

