



**St. Andrew's
Episcopal Church**

Hanover, MA 02339

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Centered in God. Focused on Others.

**Standing on New Ground
Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany**

Sunday, February 1, 2026

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THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

We begin our worship as a gathered community by praising God in song.

HYMN AT THE PROCESSION *In the cross of Christ I glory (Rathbun) (H 441)*

1 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, tower - ing
2 When the woes of life o'er - take me, hopes de -
3 When the sun of bliss is beam - ing light and
4 Bane and bless - ing, pain and plea - sure, by the
*5 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, tower - ing

1 o'er the wrecks of time; all the light of
2 ceive, and fears an - noy, nev - er shall the
3 love up - on my way, from the cross the
4 cross are sanc - ti - fied; peace is there that
5 o'er the wrecks of time; all the light of

1 sa - cred sto - ry gath - ers round its head sub - lime.
2 cross for - sake me: lo, it glows with peace and joy.
3 ra - diance stream - ing adds new lus - ter to the day.
4 knows no mea - sure, joys that through all time a - bide.
5 sa - cred sto - ry gath - ers round its head sub - lime.

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.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

To God be the glory (VF 108) (VI)

1 To God be the glo - ry, great things he has done! So loved he the world that he gave us his son, who yield - ed his life an a - tone-ment for sin and o - pened the life-gate that all may go in.

Refrain

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the peo - ple re - joice!
O come to the Fa - ther, through Je - sus the son,
and give him the glo - ry! Great things he has done!

COLLECT FOR THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray, saying together

Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and 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.

Micah 6:1-8

A Reading from the Prophet Micah.

Hear what the Lord says:

Rise, plead your case before the mountains,
and let the hills hear your voice.

Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the LORD,
and you enduring foundations of the earth;
for the LORD has a controversy with his people,
and he will contend with Israel.

“O my people, what have I done to you?

In what have I wearied you? Answer me!

For I brought you up from the land of Egypt,
and redeemed you from the house of slavery;
and I sent before you Moses,
Aaron, and Miriam.

O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised,
what Balaam son of Beor answered him,
and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal,
that you may know the saving acts of the Lord.”

“With what shall I come before the LORD,
and bow myself before God on high?

Shall I come before him with burnt-offerings,
with calves a year old?

Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams,
with tens of thousands of rivers of oil?

Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?"
He has told you, O mortal, what is good;
and what does the Lord require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?

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 27:1, 5-13

To be read responsively

LORD, who may dwell in your
tabernacle? Who may abide upon
your holy hill?

**Whoever leads a blameless life and
does what is right, who speaks the
truth from his heart.**

There is no guile upon his tongue;
he does no evil to his friend; he does
not heap contempt upon his
neighbor.

**In his sight the wicked is rejected,
but he honors those who fear the
LORD.**

He has sworn to do no wrong
and does not take back his word.

**He does not give his money in hope
of gain, nor does he take a bribe
against the innocent.**

Whoever does these things shall
never be overthrown.

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.

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

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

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written,

"I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in

the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God’s foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God’s weakness is stronger than human strength.

Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in 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

The Old Rugged Cross (LEVAS 38)

1. On a hill far a - way stood an old rug-ged cross,
 2. Oh, that old rug - ged cross so de - spised by the world,
 3. In the old rug - ged cross, stained with blood so di - vine,
 4. To the old rug - ged cross I will ev - er be true,

1. The em - blem of suf - f'ring and shame;
 2. Has a won - drous at - trac - tion for me;
 3. A won - drous beau - ty I see;
 4. Its shame and re - proach glad - ly bear;

1. And I love that old cross where the dear - est and best
 2. For the dear Lamb of God left His glo - ry a - bove,
 3. For 'twas on that old cross Je - sus suf - fered and died,
 4. Then He'll call me some day to my home far a - way,

1. For a world of lost sin - ners was slain. _____
 2. To _____ bear it to dark Cal - va - ry. _____
 3. To _____ par - don and sanc - ti - fy me. _____
 4. Where His glo - ry for - ev - er I'll share. _____

So I'll cher - ish the cross, the old rug - ged cross,

Till my tro - phies at last I lay down; _____

I will cling to the cross, — the old rug - ged cross,

And ex - change it some day for a crown. _____

THE GOSPEL

Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew
When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

GRADUAL HYMN

Blest are the pure in heart (Franconia) (H 656) (VI)

The musical score is written for four staves in two systems. The top system consists of a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The bottom system also consists of a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are: "1 Blest are the pure in heart, for they shall see our God; the se - cret of the Lord is theirs, their soul is Christ's a - bode."

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

Nicene Creed

The word "creed" comes from the Latin "credo" for "I believe." First formulated at the council of Nicaea in 325 AD and confirmed in 381 AD, the Nicene Creed is said at the Holy Eucharist and reflects what Christians believe regarding the relationship between the Father, Jesus and the Holy Spirit: The Holy Trinity.

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

Sisters and brothers, let us lift our hearts in faith to the one who hears all prayers and holds close all those in need.

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 The Most Reverend Sean W. Rowe, our Presiding Bishop and The Rt. Rev. Julia E. Whitworth, our Bishop Diocesan, for all bishops and other ministers;

For all who serve God in his Church.

For those on the Diocesan cycle of prayer: Churches of the Boston Harbor Deanery: St. John's Church, Jamaica Plain (Boston); Northeastern University Lutheran Episcopal Campus Ministry; St. Cyprian's Church, Roxbury (Boston); Building Bridges Ministries; Retired Clergy; Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

For the special needs and concerns of those gathered here.

(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.

(People may add their own blessings.)

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.

(People may name loved ones.)

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

Celebrant:

God our deliverer, you walk with the meek and the poor, the compassionate and those who mourn, and you call us to walk humbly with you. When we are foolish, be our wisdom; when we are weak, be our strength; that, as we learn to do justice and to love mercy, your rule may come as blessing. Listen to the cries of those who pray to you. Bring healing to all wounds, make whole all that is broken, speak truth to all illusion, and shed light in every darkness, that all creation will see your glory and know your 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

THE OFFERTORY

OFFERTORY SENTENCE:

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

Having listened to the Word of God, affirmed our faith, and shared in the peace, we are prepared for the drama and miracle of the Holy Communion. 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

Act Justly by B. Farrell

Refrain

Act just - ly; love ten - der-ly.

Walk, walk hum-bly with your God.

Verses

1. How shall we come be - fore you? With what gifts
2. This is what the Lord asks you: on - ly this
3. Peo - ple, lift up your voic - es; by your ac -
4. On this plan - et of plen - ty, lives and fu -
5. Gath - er, sis - ters and broth - ers; gath - er, fa -
6. Bread of life will be bro - ken; word of hope

1. to a - dore you? Will our sac - ri - fic - es
2. will re - main true, what is good has been ex -
3. - tions make choic - es. In this time, the on - ly
4. - tures lie emp - ty. In this world, the on - ly
5. - thers and moth - ers. In this place, the on - ly
6. will be spo - ken. In this sac - ra - ment of

1. please you? What should we bring to - day?
2. plained to you: Lis - ten a - gain to - day.
3. time we have, show us the way to live.
4. world we have, show us the way to live.
5. place we grow, show us the way to live.
6. end - less care show us the way to live.

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

In the Great Thanksgiving, we do what Jesus himself asked us to do: thank God and recall all that God has done for us in the life, death, and resurrection of Christ. The Great Thanksgiving, or Eucharistic Prayer, is a long prayer with four parts. Each of these four parts corresponds to a different action of Jesus at the last Supper, where he took, blessed, broke and gave bread and wine as sacraments of his body and blood. We begin the Great Thanksgiving with the Sursum corda, meaning "Lift up your hearts."

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

May God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

God of all power, Source and Sustainer of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: shining light and enfolding dark; the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with the capacity for memory, reason, and skill. You made us the stewards of your creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your eternal Word, born of your servant Mary, to fulfill your Law, opening for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us.

By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

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

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

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

We recall God's acts of salvation history. The priest says the "Words of Institution" that Jesus said at the last Supper. At the memorial Acclamation we remember Christ's death, resurrection, and promise to return at the end of the age. During the prayer, the Holy Spirit is invoked to bless and sanctify the gifts of bread and wine.

Blessed are you, Lord our God, for sending us Jesus, the Christ, who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

We celebrate Christ's death and resurrection as we await the day of his coming.

Therefore, O God, we who have been redeemed by Jesus Christ, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Savior.

Sanctify us also, and let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

God of our ancestors; Redeemer and Mother of Israel; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only and not for strength; for pardon only and not for renewal.

Accept these prayers and praises, Almighty God, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **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

Jesus, Lamb of God (Schubert/Proulx) (S164)



Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.



Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:
give us your peace, give 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 together,

Gracious God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food and drink, and for assuring us in your holy mystery and enduring presence. Guide us to plant our feet solidly on new ground, among the poor in spirit, with the gentle and merciful. Make us brave to stand where you call us, to live with faith, courage and humility so that we may be instruments of your peace, justice and love; through our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

BLESSING

Go forth, standing on new ground, as part of Christ's blessing to reshape the world. And may God our Creator ground you in hope, Christ our Redeemer guide you in faithfulness, and the Holy Spirit give you courage to live boldly, remaining with you now and forever. **Amen.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN

All praise to thee, for thou, O King divine (H 477)



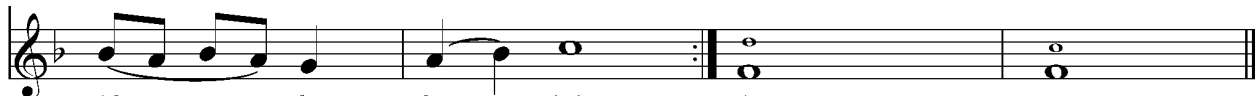
1 All praise to thee, for thou, O King di - vine, _____
2 Thou cam'st to us in low - li - ness of thought; _____
3 Let this mind be in us which was in thee, _____
4 Where - fore, by God's e - ter - nal pur - pose, thou _____
5 Let ev - ery tongue con - fess with one ac - cord _____



1 didst yield the glo - ry that of right was thine, _____
2 by thee the out - cast and the poor were sought; _____
3 who wast a ser - vant that we might be free, _____
4 art high ex - alt - ed o'er all crea - tures now, _____
5 in heaven and earth that Je - sus Christ is Lord; _____



1 that in our dark - ened hearts thy grace might shine. _____
2 and by thy death was God's sal - va - tion wrought. _____
3 hum - bling thy - self to death on Cal - va - ry. _____
4 and given the Name to which all knees shall bow. _____
5 and God the Fa - ther be by all a - dored. _____



Al - le - lu - ia! A - men.

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

Those in need: Joyce - Barbara and John Meschino - Eileen K - Patricia - Audrey MacDonald and the MacDonald family - Carol Ann - Link Family -- Stern Family -- Ben - Prescott and Mansfield families - 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 -- Those who have died: Tiffany Gloria Malloy

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.

OUR YOUTH



SHORE TO SHORE - HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

Shore to Shore will meet at 4pm on February 8, Super Bowl Sunday.

In anticipation of the Patriots' great showing in Santa Clara, we are convening Shore to Shore an hour earlier than usual. Teens will create an introductory video to share with their Volmoed South African counterparts. Catering from Jersey Mike's. Great food, great conversation and

connecting across the Commonwealth. Teenagers will be home by kickoff! We are in the midst of intense fundraising for Shore to Shore. We are committed to ensuring that any teenager who fully participates in this program will be able to travel with us to South Africa in July, regardless of their financial capacity. The cost for education materials, gatherings, retreats and travel is just over \$6,000 per teen. Thanks to several generous parishioners, we have two full scholarships in hand for our current program cycle - THANK YOU. We are blessed with teenagers from Boston to Brockton, from Hanover to Pembroke and several communities in between. Our current fundraising focus is on foundations and family trusts. We are sending letters of interest and understand that having direct connections will increase our likelihood for success. If you have relationships or connections that might enhance our inquiries, please let Rev'd Amy know. Sharing those relationships and invitations will be part of what makes the inaugural two-year program cycle for Shore to Shore a success!

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.

PARISH COMMUNITY

DUCK TAPE COMMITTEE

We are hoping to resume the Duct Tape Committee that would meet once a month to address some of the campus' property maintenance conundrums. All skills welcome. No training required. Join us on Saturday, February 7th, 9 am – 11 am - donuts and coffee will be provided.

SHROVE TUESDAY (AKA FAT TUESDAY) PANCAKE SUPPER 2/17/26 AT 6 P.M.

All are welcome to the return of our tradition of eating pancakes, sausage, bacon and other goodies for dinner before Lent. This ancient tradition is a nod to the religious people consuming all of the rich foods and indulgences before they enter into the 40 days of Lent.

With the generous leadership of Dave Thurston at our grill, we are going to resurrect this holiday tradition at St. Andrew's.

See sign up sheet to bring food/other items and/or to volunteer your time at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0845ACA728A2FAC43-61805729-shrove>

See RSVP form to say you are coming at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0845ACA728A2FAC43-61831331-rsvp> .

ANNUAL MEETING

St. Andrew's Annual meeting will be after church on Sunday, March 1, 2026.

We will take our parish community photo, enjoy great food, a blessedly brief business meeting with a summary of our finances and our priorities for the year to come. We will also recognize our members who have joined us since we last met. Most notably, we will celebrate and honor the members of our Vestry whose official service will conclude at this year's meeting, and we will welcome our newest members.

Annual meeting is a shared milestone, is joyful and at THIS Annual meeting we will officially kick off our 300th anniversary celebrations! Please mark your calendars and plan to join us.

OUR OUTREACH EFFORTS

HANOVER FOOD PANTRY

St. Andrew's collects items for the Hanover Food Pantry. Thank you for your support with your donations. Please drop them off in the narthex. For the month of January, the requested items are large/family size bags of chips (various flavors and types).

DROWNED HOGS IN SUPPORT OF WELLSRING

Rev. Amy and the Clemens Clan are returning this year to join members of Wellspring to take part in the Drowned Hogs fundraiser on Saturday, January 31st, with the plunge at noon. Meet at the Mary Jeanette Murray Bath House at noon for the plunge.

In February of 1985, the late Reverend Diane Edson, opened Wellspring in a single Hull storefront. Today, Wellspring Multi-Service Centers' mission is to provide support and skills to people facing challenges to their well-being in order to help them achieve independence and self-sufficiency.

Please support Reverend Amy or members of Keith Clemens' team at these links. We appreciate any support you want to provide:

<https://wmsc.betterworld.org/campaigns/drowned-hogs-last-hurrah/p/rev-amy>

<https://wmsc.betterworld.org/campaigns/drowned-hogs-last-hurrah/p/clemens-clan>

February 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:30 am Service Sunday School	2 Groundhog Day OFFICE CLOSED RECTOR SABBATH	3 OFFICE HOURS: 9:30AM-3:30 PM	4 OFFICE HOURS: 9:30AM-3:30 PM Coffee & Conversations VIA Zoom at 7 A.M.	5 OFFICE HOURS: NOON TO 6 P.M.	6	7 Duck Tape Committee 9- 11 a.m.
8 9:30 am Service Sunday School SHORE TO SHORE YOUTH GROUP meeting 4-5:30 pm Super Bowl	9 OFFICE CLOSED RECTOR SABBATH	10 OFFICE HOURS: 9:30AM-3:30 PM	11 OFFICE HOURS: 9:30AM-3:30 PM Coffee & Conversations VIA Zoom at 7 A.M.	12 OFFICE HOURS: NOON TO 6 P.M.	13	14 Valentine's Day
15 9:30 am Service Sunday School VESTRY MEETING	16 Presidents Day OFFICE CLOSED RECTOR SABBATH	17 OFFICE HOURS: 9:30AM-3:30 PM Shrove Tuesday (AKA Fat Tuesday) Pancake Supper at 6 p.m.	18 Ash Wednesday OFFICE HOURS: 9:30AM-3:30 PM Coffee & Conversations VIA Zoom at 7 A.M.	19 OFFICE HOURS: NOON TO 6 P.M.	20	21
22 9:30 am Service Sunday School	23 OFFICE CLOSED RECTOR SABBATH	24 OFFICE HOURS: 9:30AM-3:30 PM	25 OFFICE HOURS: 9:30AM-3:30 PM • Coffee & Conversations VIA Zoom at 7 A.M. • Collaborative Lenten Learning and Discussion Series 6-7:30 PM at St. Andrew's	26 OFFICE HOURS: NOON TO 6 P.M.	27	28

2/25/26: Being Mortal: Naming Our Priorities and Our Hope
 A theological and personal conversation about mortality, meaning, and our priorities in the face of death.
 View the Frontline Program from February 10, 2015 with facilitated discussion to follow.
 At: **St. Andrew's Episcopal Church**
 17 Church Street, Hanover, MA 02339

March 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:30 am Service Sunday School ANNUAL MEETING	2 OFFICE CLOSED RECTOR SABBATH	3 OFFICE HOURS: 9:30AM-3:30 PM	4 OFFICE HOURS: 9:30AM-3:30 PM • Coffee & Conversations VIA Zoom at 7 A.M. • Collaborative Lenten Learning...6-7:30 PM at St. Luke's	5 OFFICE HOURS: NOON TO 6 P.M.	6	7
8 Daylight Saving Begins 9:30 am Service Sunday School	9 OFFICE CLOSED RECTOR SABBATH	10 OFFICE HOURS: 9:30AM-3:30 PM	11 OFFICE HOURS: 9:30AM-3:30 PM • Coffee & Conversations VIA Zoom at 7 A.M. • Collaborative Lenten Learning...6-7:30 PM at Trinity	12 OFFICE HOURS: NOON TO 6 P.M.	13	14
15 9:30 am Service Sunday School	16 OFFICE CLOSED RECTOR SABBATH	17 St Patrick's Day OFFICE HOURS: 9:30AM-3:30 PM	18 OFFICE HOURS: 9:30AM-3:30 PM • Coffee & Conversations VIA Zoom at 7 A.M. • Collaborative Lenten Learning...6-7:30 PM at St. Luke's	19 OFFICE HOURS: NOON TO 6 P.M.	20 Start of Spring (Spring Equinox)	21
22 9:30 am Service Sunday School	23 OFFICE CLOSED RECTOR SABBATH	24 OFFICE HOURS: 9:30AM-3:30 PM	25 OFFICE HOURS: 9:30AM-3:30 PM • Coffee & Conversations VIA Zoom at 7 A.M. • Collaborative Lenten Learning...6-7:30 PM at St. A's	26 OFFICE HOURS: NOON TO 6 P.M.	27	28
29 9:30 am Service Sunday School PALM SUNDAY	30 OFFICE CLOSED RECTOR SABBATH	31 OFFICE HOURS: 9:30AM-3:30 PM				
3/4/26: Being Human: Grief, Loss, and Love. Exploring grief as a faithful response to love. Small group conversations with supportive resources. At St. Luke's Episcopal Church 465 First Parish Road, Scituate, MA 02066		3/11/26: Being Cared For: Hospice, Palliative Care, and Sacred Presence. Understanding end-of-life care options & how comfort, dignity & spiritual support are connected & vitally important. Printed guide offered. Small group conversations will be facilitated. At: Trinity Episcopal Church , 229 Highland St, Marshfield Hills, MA 02051		3/18/26: Being Prepared: Decisions, Funeral Homes, and Practical Planning A clear, practical session addressing advance directives, funeral planning, and common questions families face. At: St. Luke's Episcopal Church 465 First Parish Road, Scituate, MA 02066		3/25/26: Being Faithful: Getting Our Affairs in Order as an Act of Love. A guided session inviting participants to plan their funeral, reflect on end-of-life wishes and planning for our legacy for a life well-lived. At: St. Andrew's Episcopal Church 17 Church St Hanover, MA 02339

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Donald William Hansen - February 28, 1950 - February 1, 2020

Sunday marks the 6th anniversary of my twin brother Donald's passing. This year seems harder because of all of the dispiriting strife across our country. Donald was a kind man who loved his family and is very much missed. This year, in lieu of flowers on the St. Andrew's altar, I am honoring Donald and his memory with a new tradition. I am making a financial gift to support our Shore to Shore Youth Group – a gathering that Donald would have loved!

The teenagers who participate in Shore to Shore are from all over the Commonwealth, and they are planning to take a retreat – as a practice trip and as time together in April. It makes me happy to think that Donald would be proud to know that his legacy will support teenagers getting to know each other and going to camp this Spring as he and I were able to do. I am grateful to my church and to the St. Andrew's community for the many ways we engage in the world, and for the ways I can feel loved and supported here. My hope is that this gift will convey the same sense of love, support and kindness to the young people in our Shore to Shore Youth Group. ~ Deborah Hansen Hollenberg

St. Andrew's invites you to join Deborah as you consider how you might honor loved ones who have passed away.

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our website www.standrewshanover.org; or

our facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/standrewshanover/>;

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If weather impacts Sunday services or scheduled programs: watch channels 4 (wbz), 5 (wcvb) or 7 (whdh) and/or checkout their websites for cancellation news.

RECURRING EVENTS:

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

Office Hours: Tuesday & Wednesday: 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Thursday: 12:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Mondays: Rector's Sabbath

online giving link:

