

Life at St. Andrew

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Our prayers are with Bob Shultheiss and Arvin Blakeney as they continue to heal.

Coming Up

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Charge Conference

Monday, December 2 | 6:30–7:30 pm

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Holly Jolly Trolley

Friday, December 6 | 5:45–7:30 pm

Buses are full! Follow us in your cars to view neighborhood Christmas lights.

Usher Training

Sunday, December 8 | 10:30–11:30 am

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Mrs. Claus' Closet

Sunday, December 8 | 9 am–1 pm

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ADVENTure for Families

Sunday, December 8 | 11:30 am–1 pm

Pancake brunch, advent activities and music.
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Awaiting the Messiah Concert

December 13 • 7:30 pm | *December 14 • 4 pm

* Childcare available for afternoon concert up to age 5
Featuring music from Handel's Messiah. Other composers include Laurdsen and Forrest. No admission charge; freewill offering accepted.
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St. Andrew Holiday Market Event:

Donate *unwrapped* gifts by Sunday,

December 15. Market families can shop for groceries and one Christmas gift for each child at the event on December 19.

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December 1, 2024

Words for Meditation

"Hope arouses, as nothing else can arouse, a passion for the possible."
– St. Augustine of Hippo (354–430 CE)

Scripture

Luke 21:25–36

Today's Questions

1. How does the promise of redemption in Luke 21:28 challenge our natural response to fear? In what ways can the Advent season help us shift our perspective from fear to hope?
2. Jesus' call to "stand up and raise your heads" seems counterintuitive amidst chaos and distress. What practical steps can we take in our daily lives to embody this posture of courage and faith when facing a crisis?
3. Can you think of a time when a small act of kindness made a significant difference in your life or someone else's? How might this perspective shape your approach to ministry or relationships during Advent?

Today's Notes

Today's service is available on YouTube at gostandrew.com/online.



Waiting Room

Redemption

Sunday, December 1
2024

St. Andrew

Our Vision: Bringing more love, justice and community into the world.

Our Mission: To love God with our heart, soul, mind and strength, and to love our neighbors as ourselves.

Current Sermon Series: *Waiting Room*

December 1, 8, 15, and 22

Waiting. Waiting for the phone to ring. Waiting for the test results. Waiting for the traffic to clear. Waiting for the storm to pass. Waiting for the light to change. Waiting for your ship to come in. Waiting for the other shoe to drop. Waiting for the show to start. Waiting for the sun to rise. Waiting for a girl like you. Waiting on the world to change.

We spend so much of our lives waiting for whatever it is we fear we do not have and believe we cannot live without—and we know all too well that, as Tom Petty famously crooned, the waiting is the hardest part.

But what are we really waiting for? What are you waiting for? Maybe, in the end, what we're all really waiting for is for our waiting to finally be over—to be delivered from the chronic sense of lack and the expectancy of what might be, and to finally be at peace with what is, with who we are, with what we have, right here, right now.

Advent is a time to acknowledge our lack and to wait patiently for that day when our waiting will finally be over and the peace we all long for finally won. In the coming of Emmanuel, God-with-Us, our waiting is at last fulfilled, and we have all we need to be who we are and to live as we are meant to live, right here, right now.

December 1 • *Redemption* • Luke 21:25–36

December 8 • *Forgiveness* • Luke 3:1–6

December 15 • *Change of Heart* • Luke 3:7–18

December 22 • *Restoration* • Luke 1:39–45

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You Belong *Here.*

St. Andrew is an open, affirming, inclusive congregation that welcomes saints and sinners, believers and skeptics, the lost and the found, the wonderers and the wanderers, families of all shapes and sizes, and people from every point along life's journey.

No matter who you are, where you've been, what you believe, or whether you even believe at all, you are welcome here.

We embrace the message of Jesus that everyone is loved by God and affirm that all persons are of sacred worth. Regardless of your age, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, education, marital status, physical and mental capacities, or faith history—you belong here. Just as you are.

Welcome home.

Worship Team

Rev. Mark Feldmeir – Senior Pastor

Rev. Amy Stapleton – Executive Pastor

Rev. Jerry Butler – Pastor of Education and Formation

Rev. Barb Sholis – Pastor of Senior Adult Ministries | Wind Crest

Mark Zwilling – Director of Music and Arts

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Worship Gatherings

Sundays:

Chapel Service 8 am

Sanctuary 9 & 10:30 am
and Livestream

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