

Life at St. Andrew

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Care
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Our prayers are with Evelyn Nordstrom. **Our sympathy** is with the O’Haire family on the death of Cheryl’s father.

Coming Up
gostandrew.com/advent

Stewardship Reminder: Please return your 2025 pledge card as soon as possible.

St. Andrew Holiday Market Event: Donate *unwrapped* gifts by **TODAY**, Sunday, December 15.

Today | Alternative and Sustainable Gift Giving | Atrium

Today | Reducing Your Energy Footprint 10 am with Jan Rose, Colorado Coalition for a Liveable Planet. Rebates available!

Christmas Eve Volunteers Needed
We are looking for ushers, greeters, and parking attendants. Email Carlee at hospitality@gostandrew.com.

Christmas in the Park December 25 | 10 am
AfterHours Denver partnership to distribute sleeping bags to our unhoused neighbors. Links to volunteer or donate sleeping bags: gostandrew.com/outreach

CHRISTMAS SERVICES
Blue Christmas | December 19 | 6:30 pm*
Pre-Eve | December 23 | 7 pm*
Christmas Eve | December 24 12 pm*, 3 pm*, 5 pm*, 7 pm, 9 pm, 11 pm
Photo booth from 3–9 pm
**Childcare available up to age 5*

December 15, 2024

Words for Meditation

“At Christmas, God chooses to fall into our hands to teach us how to fall into God’s. Because we turn away from the face of God who longs to behold us smiling, God comes to us as one with a face we cannot help but behold smiling, until we finally fall in love with the one who has loved us all along.”
~ Rev. Mark Feldmeir

Scripture

Zephaniah 3:14–20

Today’s Questions

1. Can you remember a time when, as a child, you got into trouble and were overcome with fear or remorse as you awaited the impending punishment?
2. Why is it so difficult to “fall into the hands of God?” Why, instead, do we often choose to keep running away from God?

Today’s Takeaways

1. God’s will is never to _____ us, and God’s nature is not to _____.
2. God’s will is to _____, and God’s nature is to _____.
3. We can always choose to _____ into the _____.

Today’s Notes

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



Waiting Room

Mercy

Sunday, December 15
2024

Lorem Ipsum

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 • *Repentance* • Luke 3:1–6
December 15 • *Mercy* • Zephaniah 3:14–20
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

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Worship Gatherings

Sundays:

Chapel Service 8 am

Sanctuary 9 & 10:30 am
and Livestream

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