

The Net

*The Monthly Newsletter of
St. Andrew's Episcopal Church
Burke, Virginia*



PRIEST-IN-CHARGE
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Worship is and always has been central to our identity at St. Andrew's. The birth of our church here in Burke was the moment we first celebrated the Eucharist at the Burke school in the parking lot! What does our worship say about our identity and

mission as we celebrate and look forward to carrying out the mission of Christ in the future?

In the spirit of our 50th celebrations, I'd like to provide a lens through which we may see our church in the context of worship over the past 50 years. We built our church and went from mission status to parish during a pivotal time in the life of the Episcopal Church. The ratification of the 1979 Book of Common Prayer placed an emphasis on the Paschal Mystery with a new, central focus on Baptism and Eucharist. We also aligned with a period of large growth in the Fairfax region. Not long after our first service in 1972, the Episcopal Church approved women's ordination to the priesthood and episcopate in the General Convention of 1976. So much of what may seem "normal" now, was once, perhaps, a heated theological discussion in the larger church.

One of those "heated" discussions occurred with the movement from the 1928 Prayer Book to the 1979 Prayer Book. What an opportunity we had to build St. Andrew's (architecturally and in ministry) during this theological shift in the church. You might see this reflected as you enter the main sanctuary which faces the traditional direction towards Jerusalem (East) and with the Table (Altar) placed centrally in the space.

While we will dive deeper into music in the coming months, let's take a look, briefly, at the changes in music in the context of our worship. We not only went to a new Prayer Book but we also had the 1982 Hymnal approved which is compiled to be a companion to the 1979 Book of Common Prayer. In 1993, *Lift Every Voice and Sing* was published to accompany our worship and in 1997, the church further approved a supplement to the 1982 hymnal with *Wonder Love and Praise*. All of this is to highlight the many larger changes going on in our church at this time as we sought to follow the mission of Christ.

As the larger church shifted Prayer Books, we shifted from mission status to parish in 1990 at the 195th Annual Council of the Diocese of Virginia and you can read more about that particular occasion in this issue of the monthly net.

Throughout this time, but more recently, the church, has also engaged in the history of its worship and founding, particularly in our country and in Virginia. Our church, through strong leadership from our Presiding Bishops and Bishops in Virginia, has found deeper work on Racial Reconciliation and the church's impact on the people and tribes native to North America prior to the Church's arrival. This work and all of the momentous changes are not items that have been "accomplished" necessarily, but represent to ongoing work to which we are called.

In and through such serious theological discussions in the context of worship as a new Prayer Book, approval of women's ordination, new hymnals, and the 2003 consecration of the first openly gay bishop, Gene Robinson, the ongoing work of racial reconciliation, we discerned and grew. These are some of the highlights of what was and is going on in the larger church and here locally. We have certainly been an active and discerning church!

As we seek to be part of a church with Christ at the head, a pillar of the Protestant church is accessibility to worship. The Episcopal Church has come a long way from advocating for worship in a language that could be understood by those worshipping. We look at these major changes and areas from which we grew and are continually called in Christ to grow further. How might you, individually, and us, corporately, be called, grounded in Tradition and in the Paschal Mystery of our worship, to walk the hard walk of discipleship which has been present since the birth of St. Andrew's and since the birth of the Universal Church?

What an opportunity we have in the future, each and every Sunday, and right now to seek God's guidance and follow Jesus. I look forward to engaging with you in this opportunity in our worship with you this weekend, in person and online, and in the opportunity we have to seek Christ always!

Faithfully yours,

Will

VESTRY NEWS

Worship Services

Wednesday @ 9:30 AM
Saturday @ 6:00 PM
Sunday @ 8:00 & 10:00 AM

Sunday School

Sunday @ 11:20 a.m.

Adult Forums

Sunday @ 11:20 a.m.



SENIOR WARDEN

DOUG WOOD

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As I write my final Monthly Net letter to you as Senior Warden I want to say how proud I am of how everyone at St. Andrew's has come together during the past year. One year ago we had not yet resumed worship in our building, and we were not sure when that would happen or what it would look like. Thanks to the efforts of many volunteers helping in untold ways, we were able to not only regather in the Nave, but also resume in-person Sunday school and continue the many other ways we care for each other and our neighbors. Throughout this pandemic, a strong sense of community and working together to fulfill God's work has guided our parish, as it has for the past 50 years. I hope this coming year we can all take some time to reflect on our past and also look to His will to discern how to best continue as a place for all to worship, serve, and belong.

Regathering Update

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The Omicron variant appears to have peaked and, while our numbers are down, our hospital and health systems are still seeing the result of the most recent COVID-19 wave. We will continue hearing about new variants and what "works" to prevent transmission, illness, death, and how we are called to continue living. We will continue to do the best we can to navigate these times and thank you for your patience and collaboration. Here are this week's latest health metrics:

Transmission Rate:

According to the Brown School of Public Health, there are an average of 84.6 cases per 100k people over the past 7 days. According to the CDC, this is 625.08 total cases per 100k over the past 7 days. This continues to place us solidly in the red transmission zone for high transmission rates. However, it is a large decrease from the previous week (40.76%). The data from the CDC on the number of deaths remains "suppressed" indicating under 10 deaths in the county over the past 7 days.

Health Facility Metrics:

In the past 7 days, there were 183 new hospital admissions which is a decrease of about 23%. 18.65% of hospital beds are in use for COVID-related purposes and 12.83% of ICU beds are being used

for COVID-related purposes. This marks a decrease in all areas, however, it is still considered a high number. In consultation with the University of Minnesota's COVID-19 data tracking project, NPR displayed the **data in this tool** showing that 22% of Fairfax Hospitals are occupied by COVID-19 related hospitalizations. This indicates the hospitals in our area are still under extreme stress (anything over 20%).

At this time, we will continue registration for our 10:00 a.m. service. This enables us to have better air flow and permits better social distancing at the service. We may also email those who registered should someone who tested positive attend services. Our Saturday evening service and our 8:00 a.m. service have had, on average, under 20 people at each service should you want to ensure a low number of people. We will also continue our Wednesday service and Bible study in the Sanctuary to permit better spacing.

A BIG THANK YOU to our A/V team, Darren Williams and Kyle West who continue to make our live streaming of services possible for our 8:00 and 10:00 a.m. Sunday services! We thank you again for your collaboration as we all do what we can to continue to worship and do our part to mitigate risk in the pandemic.

Net Submissions

If you have an article for the Monthly Net, please email it to Emily (emily@standrews.net) no later than the 20th of the month. All submissions are subject to approval.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hypothermia Prevention Week - UPDATED NEEDED ITEMS

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St. Andrew's is hosting our annual Hypothermia Prevention Program from January 30th - February 6th. During this week, we will welcome approximately 35 guests each night and provide them with food, fellowship, and shelter. There are still some **volunteer slots** (mostly late night but also later in the week as well as newly added daily morning van rider slots) that will need to be filled in order to make this week a success.

We also have a need for donated items. Any donation is greatly appreciated and can be dropped off on the brick ledge across from the Church Office. Please mark all donations with "Hypothermia Program." We are ready to receive donations now through February 2nd. Note these are the updated items still needed.

Food Items: Individual popcorn packs, Individual V-8 cans; Individual Sunny D (6-8 oz.)

Personal Items: Cell chargers; Travel size alcohol free mouthwash, travel dandruff shampoo/conditioner, rain ponchos.

Other items: daily newspapers, and magazines.

Endowment Fund

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Happy 50th anniversary to all at St. Andrew's. As we celebrate "one together" and "doing all the good we can," let us rejoice in the endowments from the past and present. Thank you for your gifts which have allowed St. Andrew's to continue its formidable missions in sharing your good will to our church, our community, here and abroad.

As we look ahead to another year and years ahead; let us celebrate our anniversary by recalling and remembering those we love, care about, and those who have gone before us. Let's not forget their generous endowments that we have graciously received and hope to receive in the future. We look forward to accepting any endowment, of any amount, designated or not.

Let our 50th Anniversary be a timepiece that continues to chime good tidings for the coming years now and in the future.

How do we continue our missions? It's through your generous endowment bequeaths and a dedicated, volunteer Endowment Fund Board; with oversight by your elected Vestry. The Board shares in administering responsible and reliable management. We continue to serve you and are here to answer any questions after you've discussed your concerns and wishes with your family members, legal and financial planner.

For more information you can contact any Endowment Board member: Pete Kirkham, Board Chairman; members: David Nies, Alice Redman, Pam Rozelsky and John Robinson.

Celebrate this joyful anniversary and rejoice in the gifts the Lord has given St. Andrew's.

Prayer List

Pam
Larry Dickerson
Linda & Ed Hunter
John & Janet Carver
Bill Hartig
Nancy Knight
Janet Keyser

Charles Petty
Gloria Covington
Jack Keyser
Hugh Brian Henderson
Theo Pickeral
Olivia Kertesz
Carol Matovick
Rachel Gordon

Phil Purdom
Karan Wright
Kim Reisig
Christy Bering
Beth Matovick
Dorothy Polk
Rebecca Miyares
Natasha Browning
Robert C.

JoVanna Tawney
Joan & Bud Hahn
Joe & Karen Steele
Mary Lu Powell
Joani Dasher
Kim D. Howard
Donna Schrock
Christina Nies
Doffie
Jane Girondo

Mary Richardson
Mike Robblee
John
Gloria & John Aurora
Paul Roper

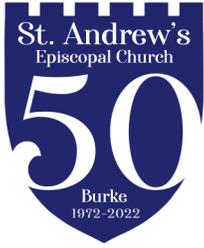
Departed

Daniel Spohn
(cousin of Lisa Rollo)
Janet Keyser
(mother of Jane Girondo)
Caroli Lwanga Mpoza
(friend of Fred Kalema-Musoke)

50 YEARS OF ST. ANDREW'S

Becoming St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

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It was a cold but sunny January day when a busload of parishioners and clergy rolled down I-95 towards Richmond. The group's destination was the 195th Annual Council of the Diocese of Virginia and the mood was joyful. Folks were about to participate in a most significant event in our church's history: St. Andrew's Mission Church was to be approved for full church status. This culminated 17 years of tremendous inspiration, hard work and not a few challenges: first services conducted at Burke Elementary (1972); selection of Vicar (and later Rector) Randall Prior (1974); ground-breaking for construction of our permanent home even while camped out at Orange Hunt Elementary (1978); completion of two construction phases (1985) and just months later, opening of St. Andrew's pre-school. Through these years, St. Andrew's Mission was grounded in faith, committed to outreach within and outside our walls, and to each other.

Don Taggart, Senior Warden at the time, remembers the trip fondly. He thought "Wow! This is a great event. A milestone, yes, a milestone in the history of St. Andrew's! The Diocese makes a big deal of these occasions. And we did too. We were the major attraction!" Long-time parishioner, Chris Umberger, recalls everyone wearing special buttons that read "Church Status Jan. 27, 1990." (Both she and Don still have those buttons!)



With a nod to Scottish St. Andrew, Rev. Prior arranged for a trio of bagpipers. Chris recalls processing into the Council session behind the bagpipers, everyone smiling and clapping. Reverend Prior's teenage son, Pierce, carried the St. Andrew's banner which his grandmother had made (and which continues to grace the Nave today).



The Diocesan Journal for the Annual Convention summarizes the proceedings (p. 190). The Committee on Church Status confirmed that St. Andrew's had met all the criteria set forth in Canon 10, Section 2 and motioned that it should be granted full church status. The motion was seconded and approved. Warm applause filled the space. Reverend Prior thanked all for their encouragement and prayers and presented the Bishop with a check in support of the Diocesan Fund for Human Need, the Diocesan Missionary Society for the start of new congregations, and for the theological education of seminarians. The event concluded with bagpipers leading everyone in singing "Amazing Grace" then processing out.

Before the drive back to Burke, the St. Andrew's group gathered for a celebratory lunch. Chris remembers "...we probably grinned all day."

Today one wonders about the group's feelings that day: happiness, mixed in with some amazement and possibly even some relief? And could the folks on that day, let alone the founding members in 1972, picture our church reaching its 50th year? Yet, here we are! Thanks be to God! Alleluia, Alleluia!

UPCOMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY 4, 2022

Men's Group Hypothermia Dinner Night

Jim Kirkpatrick & Woody Browne | mensgroup@standrews.net

The Men's Group will participate in St. Andrew's Hypothermia Week activities by providing the evening meal on Friday, February 4th. We provide the main dishes while the drinks and desserts will be provided by others, so we need volunteers to bring food and be servers.

This year we'll again provide BBQ sandwiches and we need 4 crock pots of your favorite BBQ recipe. It can be pork, beef, or chicken, but we must have at least one non-pork selection so that we can accommodate everyone.

Here's the menu - we need volunteers to bring the following:

- BBQ - 4 crock pots (already cooked and ready to serve)
- Buns - 8 packs of 8 each
- Macaroni and Cheese - enough for 30
- Coleslaw - enough for 30
- Baked Beans - 3 large cans (which we'll heat) or already prepared in a crock pot
- Fruit - 30 individual fruit cups or apples/tangerines/bananas

Jim Kirkpatrick will coordinate who's bringing what, so please let him know if you can help serve, or bring a food item, or both.

The meal will be served between 6:00 - 6:30 p.m., so plan to be at the church no later than 5:30 p.m.

FEBRUARY 6, 2022

Scout Sunday

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We are celebrating our Scouts on Sunday, February 6th, during the 10:00 a.m. service. If you're a scout (all ages/genders/types of scouts) or adult leader, we encourage you to wear your uniform that day so we can recognize you.

For scouts aged 5-17 who want to volunteer to help before or during the service, contact Woody Browne in person or by email.

FEBRUARY 27, 2022

Choral Evensong for the Last Sunday after the Epiphany

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Join us on Sunday, February 27th, at 5:00 p.m. for a choral evensong to celebrate the last gasps of Ordinary Time before Lent. The St. Andrew's choir will sing major evening repertoire, and an enthusiastic congregation will be very welcome to sing the last non-penitent hymns of the season!

Evensong, a musical service of Evening Prayer lasting well under an hour, is almost entirely sung and is an ideal service for any kind of worshipper; whether you want to sing more and hear great music or would rather engage in a no-pressure meditative experience as the choir worships on your behalf, evensong remains one of Anglicanism's crowning jewels and has something for everyone.

LECTIONARY READINGS

(www.lectionarypage.net)

FEBRUARY 6, 2022

5th Sunday after the Epiphany

Isaiah 6:1-13

Psalms 138

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Luke 5:1-11

FEBRUARY 13, 2022

6th Sunday after the Epiphany

Jeremiah 17:5-10

Psalms 1

1 Corinthians 15:12-20

Luke 6:17-26

FEBRUARY 20, 2022

7th Sunday after the Epiphany

Genesis 45:3-11, 15

Psalms 37:1-12, 41-42

1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50

Luke 6:27-38

FEBRUARY 27, 2022

Last Sunday after the Epiphany

Exodus 34:29-35

Psalms 99

2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2

Luke 9:28-43a

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 GROUNDHOG DAY 	3	4 Amy Gallant	5 Sean Hartig
6 Jill Forbes Avi Kuechler Steven Puryear	7	8 Tom Pettit	9 Megan Steele Lauren Baker	10 William Haskins	11 Grace Hellier Layla Jubran	12 Donna Osthaus Brady Dasher Lily Sabo
13 Lula Carpenter	14 VALENTINE'S DAY Rosemary Phillips 	15 Karan Wright Andrew Guccione	16	17 Kimberly Shriner	18 George Flanagan	19 Tom Watson
20 Jamie Vance Luke Puryear	21 PRESIDENTS' DAY Nicholas Chrosniak 	22 John Dunham	23 Doug Kelly Noelle Koss Madison McWilliams Cole Watson	24	25 John Carver Richard Roerig Camden Baird	26 Sally Heyer
27 Dani Bryan Austin Reid Lauren Bidwell	28					

*Don't see your name on your birthday? Let us know!
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