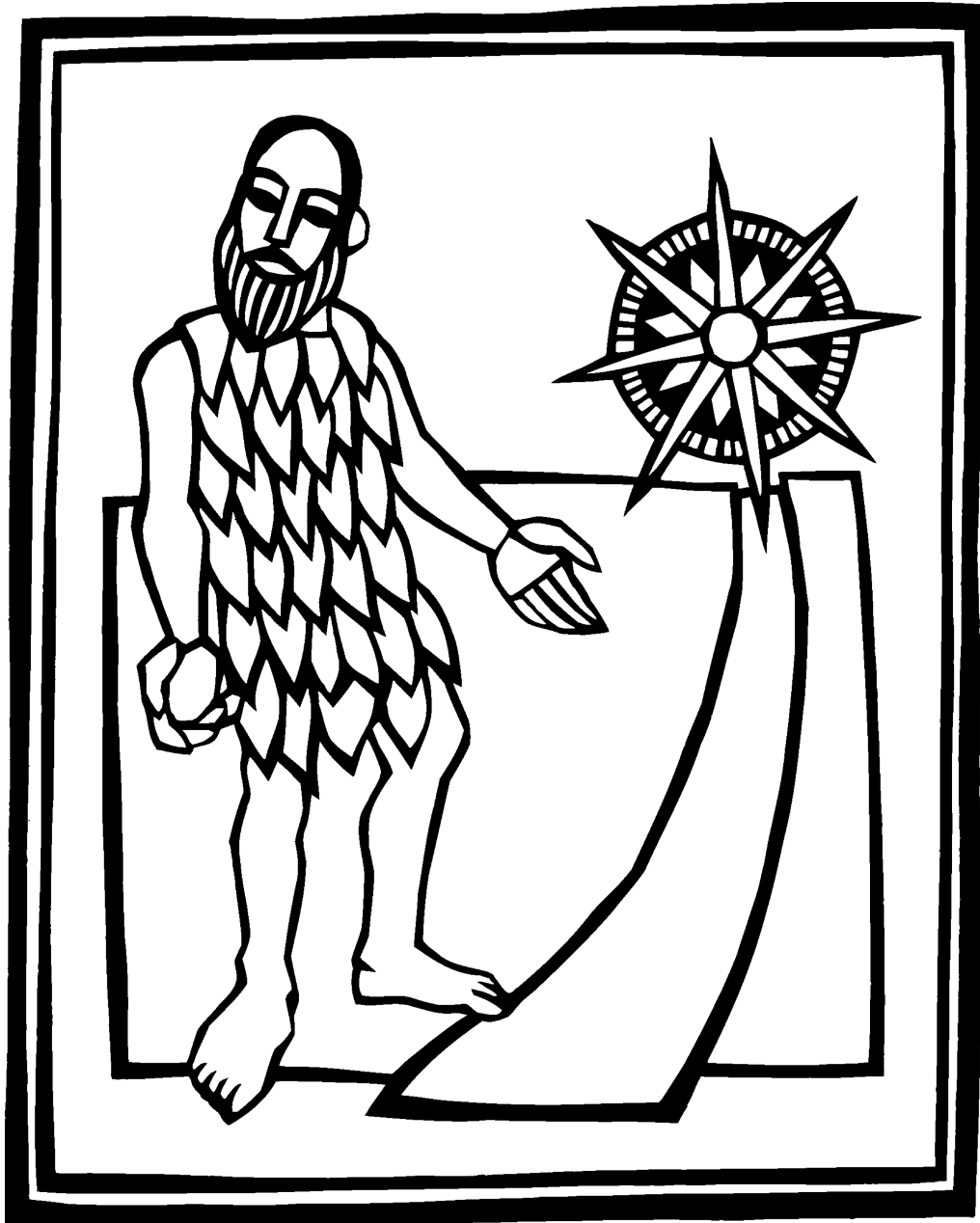


# WELCOME TO SAINT ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Sunday, December 14, 2025

10:15 AM



In the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, welcome! I am honored and delighted that you have chosen Saint Andrew's Episcopal Church as a place to worship this morning. If this is your first time visiting, I encourage you to fill out a **Connect Card** on the back of the pew in front of you and drop it in one of the offering plates so we can learn about you and thank you for worshipping with us. Please also pick up one of the red folders, which includes information about Saint Andrew's life and ministry. I invite you to participate in today's worship service, and thank you for joining us this morning.

Daryl T. Hay+  
Rector

The Rev. Daryl T. Hay, Rector  
Dr. Linda Patterson, Director of Music  
Third Sunday of Advent  
Sunday, December 14, 2025

The Rev. Benjamin Sánchez, Church Planter

The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two  
10:15 AM

## The Word of God

### OPENING VOLUNTARY

Prelude on *Nun komm, der heiden Heiland* (*Savior of the Nations, Come*), BWV 659 J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

### OPENING HYMN 72 Hark! The Glad Sound! The Savior Comes

### OPENING ACCLAMATION

*The people standing, the Celebrant says*

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People* **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

### COLLECT FOR PURITY

*The Celebrant may say*

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.**

### SONG OF PRAISE: S 96 Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us (Schubert/Proulx)

*The following is sung, all standing*

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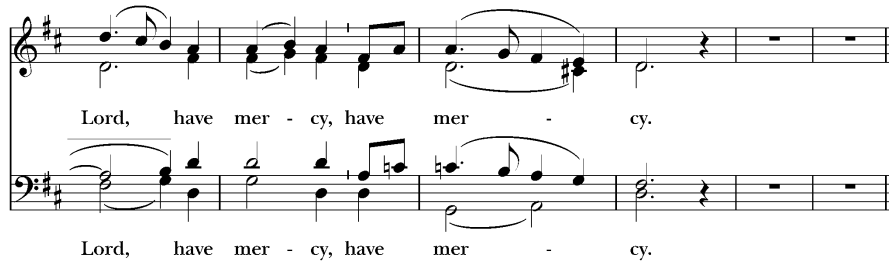
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## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*The people kneel.*

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

## The Lessons

FIRST READING: Isaiah 35:1-10

*The People sit.*

A Reading from the Book of Isaiah

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad,  
the desert shall rejoice and blossom;  
like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly,  
and rejoice with joy and singing.

The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it,  
the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.

They shall see the glory of the LORD,  
the majesty of our God.

Strengthen the weak hands,  
and make firm the feeble knees.

Say to those who are of a fearful heart,  
"Be strong, do not fear!"

Here is your God.

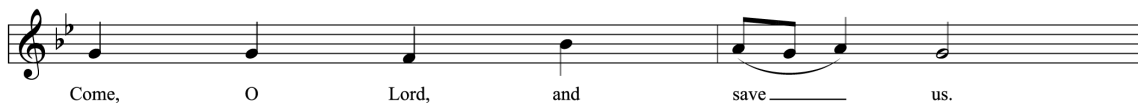
He will come with vengeance,  
with terrible recompense.  
He will come and save you."

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,  
 and the ears of the deaf unstopped;  
 then the lame shall leap like a deer,  
 and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.  
 For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,  
 and streams in the desert;  
 the burning sand shall become a pool,  
 and the thirsty ground springs of water;  
 the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp,  
 the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

A highway shall be there,  
 and it shall be called the Holy Way;  
 the unclean shall not travel on it,  
 but it shall be for God's people; no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray.  
 No lion shall be there,  
 nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it;  
 they shall not be found there,  
 but the redeemed shall walk there.  
 And the ransomed of the LORD shall return,  
 and come to Zion with singing;  
 everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;  
 they shall obtain joy and gladness,  
 and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

*Reader*        The Word of the Lord.  
*People*        **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 146:4-9  
*Remain seated.*



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- <sup>4</sup> Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help! \*  
 whose hope is in the LORD their God;  
<sup>5</sup> Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; \*  
 who keeps his promise for ever;  
<sup>6</sup> Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, \*  
 and food to those who hunger.  
<sup>7</sup> The LORD sets the prisoners free;  
 the LORD opens the eyes of the blind; \*  
 the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;

*Antiphon*

<sup>8</sup> The LORD loves the righteous;  
the LORD cares for the stranger; \*  
he sustains the orphan and widow,  
but frustrates the way of the wicked.

<sup>9</sup> The LORD shall reign for ever, \*  
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.  
Hallelujah!

*Antiphon*

SECOND READING: James 5:7-10

A Reading from the Letter of James

Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.  
*People*            **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN 56 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (verses 5 & 6)  
*Children are invited to follow the Processional Cross to Children's Chapel.*

GOSPEL: Matthew 11:2-11  
*All stand.*

*Priest*            The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.  
*People*            **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?" Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me."

As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written,

'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,  
who will prepare your way before you.'

"Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he."

*Priest*        The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People*        Praise to you, Lord Christ.

## THE SERMON

The Rev. Daryl T. Hay

## THE CREED

*All stand.*

**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:**  
**by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.**  
**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 and the Son.**  
**With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.**  
**He 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

*The People kneel.*

Sisters and brothers, strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Let us seek the Lord praying, "Let us see your glory, O Lord; *Come to us and save us!*"

Lord, save your Church from weakness of heart. Give us strength to prepare this world for the coming of your Christ. And give us patience when it seems Christ's kingdom does not come quickly enough. We pray especially for Sean, the Presiding Bishop; Andy, Hector, Jeff, Kai, and Brian, our Bishops; Daryl, our Rector; Benjamin, our Church Planter; Amy, our Iona School student; and those discerning a call to ministry. In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for Santa Maria Virgen,

Houston; St. Andrew's, Houston; St. Christopher's, Houston. We also pray for our Church Plant, Espíritu Santo.

Let us see your glory, O Lord; **Come to us and save us!**

Lord, save this nation from disordered priorities and misplaced hope. May our values mirror your values. May we be a nation that gives justice to the oppressed, food to the hungry, and care to the stranger.

Let us see your glory, O Lord; **Come to us and save us!**

Lord, save your creation from human misuse. Bless us to play a part in the redemption you have planned for all of creation.

Let us see your glory, O Lord; **Come to us and save us!**

Lord, save this city from hopelessness. Give us a vision and a future. Raise up prophets who will speak hope and encouragement to the people of our region.

Let us see your glory, O Lord; **Come to us and save us!**

Lord, remember your mercy and faithfulness toward those celebrating birthdays this week, especially Pat, Mary Evelyn, Lance, and Anita. Thank you for the gift of their lives and the joy they bring to our community. Bless them in the year ahead with health, happiness, and a deepening awareness of your love.

Let us see your glory, O Lord; **Come to us and save us!**

Lord, save the sick and the sorrowful in the midst of their affliction, especially Charlie, Julia, Sarah, Cathy, Danna, Mason, Jessica, Ross, Liz, and Kristy. May they experience the healing work of their Messiah. Make happy all those who have you for their help.

Let us see your glory, O Lord; **Come to us and save us!**

Lord, bless all members of your heavenly kingdom, especially Clifford Hunter, Nancy Holland, Mary Ellen Carlton, and James Phelps. May they obtain eternal joy and gladness in your presence – where sorrow and sighing are no more.

Let us see your glory, O Lord; **Come to us and save us!**

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect*

CONFESSION OF SIN

*The Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Minister and People*

**Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

*The Priest stands and says*

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

*All stand.*

*Celebrant*            The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People*              **And also with you.**

*Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## The Holy Communion

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: E'en So, Lord Jesus

Paul Manz (1919-2009)

*Peace be to you and grace from him Who freed us from our sins  
Who loved us all and shed his blood That we might saved be  
sing Holy, Holy to our Lord The Lord, Almighty God  
Who was, and is, and is to come Sing Holy, Holy Lord  
Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell within Rejoice on earth, ye saints below  
For Christ is coming, is coming soon, For Christ is coming soon  
E'en so Lord Jesus, quickly come, And night shall be no more  
They need no light nor lamp nor sun, For Christ will be their All!*

DOXOLOGY

*The people stand.*

Hymn 380, verse 3



## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*The Celebrant says*

*Celebrant* The Lord 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 him thanks and praise.**

*Facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

*Here a proper preface is said on all Sundays, and on other occasions as appointed.*

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 S 130 Holy, holy, holy (Schubert)

*Celebrant and People*

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.

*The People kneel.*  
*The Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious Father: 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 Father of all.

He 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 Lord 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 he 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:

*Celebrant and People*

**Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.**

*The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his 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 him. 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 your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*People and Celebrant*

**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

FRACTION ANTHEM S 164 Jesus, Lamb of God *Agnus Dei* (Schubert)



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.

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COMMUNION HYMNS

Prepare the Way of the Lord

Jacques Berthier

Pre - pare the way of the Lord. Pre -

pare the way of the Lord, and all peo - ple will

see the sal - va - tion of our God. Pre -

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COMMUNION ANTHEM: Magnificat  
Patty Creel, Soprano

Randall Thompson (1899-1984)

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

**Almighty and everliving God,  
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food  
of the most precious Body and Blood  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;  
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries  
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,  
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.  
And now, Father, send us out  
to do the work you have given us to do,  
to love and serve you  
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.  
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

## BLESSING

May the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN 74 Blest Be the King Whose Coming

## DISMISSAL

CLOSING VOLUNTARY: Variation on *Valet will ich dir geben*

Jacques Berthier (1927-1994)

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*The flowers are given to the Glory of God in celebration of Michael Pohl (son of Bill & Donna Pohl) by Bill and Donna Pohl and in memory of Kurt Elmendorf by Billie and Dutch Elmendorf.*

NOTES ABOUT THE MUSIC: Today's Psalm tune is the tune that J. S. Bach used for today's Opening Voluntary, *Nun komm der heiden Heiland*, which is Hymn 52, "Savior of the Nations, Come." Bach's setting illustrates the text, with the pleading of the world for a redeeming Savior. It has a well-ornamented melody against a solemn accompaniment, with plodding pedal notes.

Today's Anthem is the best-known choral work by Lutheran composer Paul Manz (1919-2009). It was written as a gift to those who prayed for Manz's young son, John, during his critical illness. John recovered, became a Lutheran pastor, and sang this piece to his father, along with his family, as Manz was dying in 2009. The text and music reflect deep faith.

The Magnificat being sung today during Communion is a contemporary setting of the Song of Mary from the Book of Luke, set by American composer Randall Thompson. Jacques Berthier, who is best known as the composer of the music of the Taizé Community, including today's Communion hymn, was a contemporary Parisian organist.

Today's Closing Voluntary comes from a book of variations on hymn tunes.

### LOOKING AHEAD

To receive "The Line," our weekly e-newsletter, please email: [office@standrewsbcs.org](mailto:office@standrewsbcs.org)

Morning Prayer is offered Tuesday through Friday at 8 AM in the church.

Evening Prayer is offered Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday at 5 PM in the church.

The 10:15 AM Sunday service is live-streamed on Facebook and YouTube as well as found on our website: [www.standrewsbcs.org](http://www.standrewsbcs.org)

### UPCOMING EVENTS

December 14	Living Well through Advent: Generosity and Hospitality + Ornament Decorating, 9:15 AM Forks & Forté (aka Second Sunday Lunch), 11:30 AM at Papa Perez Plass Recital: St. Cecilia's Christmas Cantare, 2 PM Hot Cocoa & Family Caroling, 3:30 PM
December 16	Bach's Lunch, 12:15 PM
December 17	Public Service of Healing with the Holy Eucharist, 5:30 PM
December 21	Living Well through Advent: Love as the Foundation of Generous Living + Cookie Decorating, 9:15 AM
December 24	Christmas Eve Services with the Holy Eucharist, 4:30 PM & 8 PM
December 25	Christmas Day Service with the Holy Eucharist, 11 AM
December 31	Night Watch Service, 11:15 PM
January 4	Lessons & Carols, 10:15 AM

## **WEEKLY/MONTHLY MINISTRIES**

**Sunday** – The Holy Eucharist: 8 and 10:15 AM | Faith Formation, 9:15 AM

**Monday** – Brotherhood of St. Andrew Bible Study, 6 PM (offsite)

**Tuesday** – Good Grief Group, 9:30 AM | Youth Café Conversations, 6 PM (offsite)

**Wednesday** – Choir Practice, 3 & 7 PM | Handbell Rehearsal, time varies (contact Linda for more details) | 20-30 Vision, 6 PM

**Thursday** – Men's Breakfast, 7 AM | Ladies Breakfast, 8:30 AM (offsite) | Card Committee (3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month)

**Friday** – Music Play with Ms. Patty, 9:30 AM

**Saturday** – DOK, 9 AM (2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month) | Flower Guild: Flower Arranging, 10 AM | Brazos Church Pantry Volunteer Day (3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month)



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