

WELCOME

to St. Andrew's By-the-Sea

The Episcopal Church in Destin, Florida
part of the Worldwide Anglican Communion

WHEREVER YOU ARE ON YOUR JOURNEY OF FAITH, ST. ANDREW'S WELCOMES YOU!

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 22, 2024

IONA HOLY EUCHARIST

Before service speak to the Lord to prepare to worship.

During service the Lord will speak to you.

After service speak to one another.



10:00 o'clock in the morning

THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude

Still, Still, Still

Dan Edwards

Welcome and Announcements

Procession Hymn 66

Come, thou long expected Jesus

STUTTGART

Advent Wreath Lighting

Light four candles as all say: **Jesus said: “I am the light of the world; he who follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”**

1st person asks: Why do we light four candles?

Presider responds: The first candle reminds us of the hope God’s people always had. The second candle reminds us of the light and warmth Mary and Joseph found in the stable where Jesus was born. The third candle reminds us of bright angels who told the shepherds about the birth of Jesus. The fourth candle reminds us of the star of Bethlehem that led the Wise Men to Jesus and his family.

All say: **Star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright, Westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to the perfect light.**

Let us pray: O God, when we think of Christmas, we think of love and lights and gifts and happy times. But most of all we think of Jesus, born in a manger and grown up as a loving teacher. Help us to live the way Jesus teaches us so that we may show the real meaning of Christmas. **Amen.**

Advent Wreath Hymn # 56

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

VENI, VENI, EMMANUEL

See “A Wee Worship Book”

The Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Old Testament

Micah 5:2-5a

Micah has told of the humiliation and difficulties Israel must experience in the near future, but he has written that later God will give them victory over their enemies. A shepherd-king will be born of David’s line, and put an end to their oppression.

A Reading from the Prophet Micah.

You, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days.

Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has brought forth; then

the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; and he shall be the one of peace.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 80:1-7

- 1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; *
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
- 2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, ***
stir up your strength and come to help us.
- 3 Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
- 4 O LORD God of hosts, ***
how long will you be angered
despite the prayers of your people?
- 5 You have fed them with the bread of tears; *
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.
- 6 You have made us the derision of our neighbors, ***
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.
- 7 Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

New Testament

Hebrews 10:5-10

Under Jewish law, each year the high priest entered the Holy of Holies on the Day of Atonement to offer sacrifices for the forgiveness of certain sins, but Christ's sacrifice, his total self-offering, once and for all on the Cross, renders continuation of these sacrifices unnecessary.

A Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

When Christ came into the world, he said, "Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body you have prepared for me; in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure. Then I said, 'See, God, I have come to do your will, O God' (in the scroll of the book it is written of me)." When he said above, "You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings" (these are offered according to the law), then he added, "See, I have come to do your will." He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn 438

Tell out, my soul

WOODLANDS

Gospel

Luke 1:39-55

As an angel foretold, Elizabeth is now six months pregnant with John the Baptist, and her relative Mary carries Jesus, foretold to be the Son of God, in her womb. God will make Jesus a

king of David's line; he will rule Israel for ever.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; *

for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.

From this day all generations will call me blessed: *

the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name.

He has mercy on those who fear him *

in every generation.

He has shown the strength of his arm, *

he has scattered the proud in their conceit.

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, *

and has lifted up the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things, *

and the rich he has sent away empty.

He has come to the help of his servant Israel, *

for he has remembered his promise of mercy,

The promise he made to our fathers, *

to Abraham and his children for ever.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Sermon

The Rev'd James J. Popham

HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory

The Advent of Our God

Aaron Williams

Doxology Hymn # 380 (v. 3) *From all that dwell below the skies*

OLD 100th

See A Wee Worship Book for the Prayer of Consecration

Post Communion Prayer

Let us pray.

**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.**

Postlude

Rise Up, Shepherd, and Follow

Lyndell Leatherman

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT – DECEMBER 22ND

TODAY is the 4th Sunday of Advent. Our 10 a.m. service is in the parlor. Please, take a seat around the table.

INNKEEPERS: Mary and Joseph will conclude their journey to Bethelhem via our homes on Christmas Eve. Innkeepers are invited to join the altar party in the procession to the Crèche.



CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Sunday, December 22 Advent 4, 10 a.m.
Service in the parlor
Tuesday, December 24 Christmas Eve
Holy Eucharist, 6 p.m.
Musical program begins at 5:30 p.m.
Wednesday, December 25 10 a.m.
Christmas Day Holy Eucharist
Sunday, December 29
First Sunday of Christmas
10 a.m., Holy Eucharist

HELP WANTED

Do you have a future in the hospitality industry? We have openings! Our coffee hour after our Sunday service is one of the joys of our parish community. But it takes a bit of effort, and we could use a few more helping hands. Coordinating sweets and savories, setting up, arranging, and cleaning up are hardly difficult and take little time. And for working with a community of Christ's servants is more than ample reward. Please, contact Barbara Nelson, who has taken charge, but has been flying solo now for a number of months.

THE BLUE DOOR NEEDS T-shirts, hoodies, and small men's pants (size 28-34 waists). They are the primary need of the Blue Door right now, as colder weather is upon us.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE•

For immediate concerns: Joan A., Abbie, Amy, Dee Anderson, Barbara B., Carolyn Bell, Destiny Bolden, Brian & Elliot, Jeff & Liz Brooks, Dennis Broomell, Baby Gene Cashier, Father Ben Chase, Barbara Colwell, Michael Collins, Charles Cook, Jim Cooper, Judy Cranch, the Cunningham Family, Bishop Michael Curry, Betty Jo Dahnke, Henry Davis, Kate Driggers, Byron Driver, Nicole Ducharme, Steven Eldridge, Mike G., Donna & Kiera Giovanni, Stan Hall, Maryanne Harrigan, Autumn Hull, Susan Hundley, Don Hutchison, Lynda Jacobs, Janet, Jeffrey King, Kory Knacke, Jonny Lawless, Chuck Lobello, Frances & Simon Lovich, Kevin Lowe, Veronica Ludwig, Barbe Lund, Nanette Malave, Ron Marro, Alys Martin, the Mayfield Family, Jim McCray, Kathy McGee, Lee Michaud, B.J. Molphis, Steve Moncla, Mike, Missy, Bob Monnier, Calista Diane Naughton, Barbara Nelson, Peter Nunn, Nikki & Brock, Matt P., Goldie Parson, Mike Patterson, Stacy Peloquin, Kevin & Rodney Penny, Cheryl Perez, Dianne Pope, Jo Popham, Matt Popham, Sara Popham, Rachael, Tom & Sandy Reed, Ed & Dee Richardson, Robert, the Robson Family, Rodney, Roger, Kevin Rosendorf, Thomas Ross, Ann Seaton, Bob & Rosalie Smith, Coleen Smith, Tricia Spencer, Laura & Ted Sulla, Aleeta Traendly, Tamara Tomczak, Patsy Voigt, Natalie Nelson Ward, Rob Ward, Ed & Julie Warfield, Molly White

For the repose of the soul: Father Angelo, Betsy Back, Zonnie Patterson Back, Jason Britt, Mike Brown, Georgene Chidsey, Dora Clark, Abbie Colson, Bob Colwell, John Cunningham, Jennifer Gambles Dyess, Mick Glover, Larry Griffin, Stewart Harris, Carl Hawk, Fr. John Hicks, Ruth Hopkins, Emma Howell, Ellison Ingram, Charles Steven Kern, Peg Kuehn, John Johnson, Richard Johnson, Mildred Jolley, Carl Edward Kimberlin, Nirvanka Lovich, Larry Lowe, Grace Mayfield, Diane McCray, Alan McGlynn, Deacon Mike, Miles & Lannie, Rev. Pam Moore, Paul Naughton, Frank Novak, Anne O'Ferrell, Candice Penny, Tara Perez, John Reinhold Jr., Angelique Robson, John Ross, Shauna Sheets-Penny, Bp. Dabney Smith, Danny Turner, Burton L. Wade III, Charles Walker, David Wallerstein, Pittman Watson

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Church of the Province of Uganda

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: St. Paul's, Foley Centennial Celebration

Diocesan Prison Ministry Cycle: The inmates and their families, and the staff of Escambia County Jail in Brewton, AL & Pensacola, FL

Flowers this week are given to the glory of God and in honor of the anniversary of Jerry & Caroline Miller and in remembrance of Sandi Marro by Ron Marro.

• Please, call or email the church to add or change the status of someone on the prayer list.

Jesus Christ is Head of the Church

The Rt. Rev. J. Russell Kendrick

4th Bishop of the Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast

The Revs. James J. & Jo P. Popham

Rectors

Karen P. Lowe

Parish Administrator

Don Hutchison

Organist and Music Director

Barbara J. Nelson

Treasurer (non-stipendiary)

VESTRY

Class of 2024

Ron Marro, Senior Warden

Class of 2025

Judy King

Class of 2026

Rick Boyer, Jr. Warden

Ericca Cavender-Caldwell

Phyllis Ott

Karen P. Lowe, Clerk for the Vestry

**St. Andrew's By-the-Sea Episcopal Church
Blue Door Homeless Outreach Ministry**

Blue Door Pantry needs:

Bottled Water	Pork & Beans	Tuna – Snack Packs
Propel (or any brand) powder packets	Cheese crackers	Canned Vegetables
Juice boxes	Ramen Noodles	Macaroni & Cheese
Gatorade	Baked Beans	Canned Chili/Chili Beans
Peanut butter crackers	Crackers – all types	Spaghetti Sauce
Fruit Cups or cans	Peanut Butter	Canned Chicken
Vienna sausage	Jelly	Chunky soups
Beanie Weenies	Cereal – Individual boxes	
Canned Pasta / Ravioli /Spaghetlios	Nutrigrain bars / breakfast bars / Granola bars	

Blue Door Men's Clothes Closet needs:

Shorts	Jackets	Sneakers
Socks – short & long	Belts	Flip Flops
Pants	Shoelaces	Sandals
Jeans	Gloves	Swim Trunks
Boxer briefs	T-shirts	

Blue Door Women's Clothes Closet needs:

Jeans / Pants	Bras	Underwear
Leggings	Belts	Flip Flops
Shorts	Socks	Sandals
Sneakers	T-shirts	

Blue Door General Merchandise needs:

Rain Ponchos	Disposable gloves	Bug Repellent
Sleeping bags	Toothpaste	Toothbrushes
Backpacks	Tampons / Pads	Lip balm
Combs / Brushes	Band-Aids	Nail clippers
Body Wash / Soap	Neosporin	Q-Tips
Sunscreen	Personal Wipes	Deodorant
Shampoos & conditioners - Travel size	Small Tarps	Foot Powder
Batteries (**AAA, AA)	Body lotion - Travel size	

Blue Door Operating Items:

Paper Towels	Paper Plates	Coffee
Toilet Paper	Plastic Utensils	Hand Soap
Laundry Pods	Napkins	Coffee Creamer / Sugar
Dryer Sheets	Bleach	
Paper Cups	Coffee Pods	
Paper Coffee Cups	White bath towels	
Trash bags	Styrofoam food containers	