November 30, 2014

First Sunday in Advent

8:00 a.m.
Holy Communion

8:45 a.m.
Parish Breakfast*

8:50 a.m.
Praying for St. Andrew’s*

9:15 a.m.
Christian Education*
    for all ages

10:30 a.m.
Morning Prayer*

10:30 a.m.
Preschool Chapel

10:50 a.m.
Second Hour
Sunday School for preschool

11:15 a.m.
Optional Elementary
Children’s Program
during sermon*

11:45 a.m.
Children’s Choir*

12:00 p.m.
Nativity Pageant
    Mini-Rehearsal

5:00 p.m.
Choral Evensong *
    followed by a reception
    in Koslow Library

*Nursery

The Lectionary

Isaiah 64:1-9a
1 Corinthians 1:1-9
Mark 13:(24-32)33-37
Psalm 80 or 80:1-7

Philippians 4:10-23:
Paul’s Thank-You Note

The whole book of Philippians is just a thank you letter from Paul for their offering, for their financial support.

We’ve all written thank-you notes for gifts received for a birthday or for Christmas. Such notes usually include rather conventional phrases about the thankfulness of the recipient and the thoughtfulness of the giver. In Philippians 4 Paul thanks the Philippians for a gift of money they sent. However, it is a most unusual thank-you note. First he breaks the conventional rules by waiting until the very end of the letter to say thank you. Then he writes as though he didn’t really need the gift!

On Our Knees Before God

Have you thanked God for his many gifts to you lately? Take time to do so before you begin.

Read Philippians 4:10-23

God’s Provision

I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at length you have revived your concern for me. You were indeed concerned for me, but you had no opportunity.11 Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content.12 I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need.13 I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

Yet it was kind of you to share my trouble.15 And you Philippians yourselves know that in the beginning of the gospel, when I left Macedonia, no church entered into partnership with me in giving and receiving, except you only.16 Even in Thessalonica you sent me help for my needs once and again.17 Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that increases to your credit.

I have received full payment, and more. I am well supplied, having received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent, a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God.18 And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.19 To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.

Final Greetings

20 Greet every saint in Christ Jesus. The brothers who are with me greet you. 21 All the saints greet you, especially those of Caesar’s household.

22 The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.

Discovering the Word

Paul thanks the Philippians not for the money but for the concern they have shown (v. 10). Why would this have been more important to Paul?

Many people believe they can only be content once they have reached a certain level of economic prosperity. How does their view differ from Paul’s secret of contentment (vv. 11-13)?

How had the Philippians helped Paul both in the past and the present (vv. 14-18)?

What benefits does Paul expect the Philippians to receive from their giving (vv. 17-19)?

Applying the Word

Many people complain that missionaries are always asking for money. How does this passage provide a model for both missionaries and those who support them?

How will this passage affect your giving?

Responding in Prayer

Pray for Christian workers you know, that they would have the emotional and financial support they need.
S HARING G IFTS, MA KING JOYFUL N OISES, & RECEIVING COMFORT AND JOY
by Glenda Robinson

Come make a joyful Noise
Friday, December 12
at 7:00 p.m.
in Moncrief Hall

Here it is! The season of over spending, over eating, and over extending. Each year many of us make a pledge to consume wisely, and each year we fail flamboyantly. We give gifts that no one needs, and often they don't even want. Gift receipts?! The idea almost presupposes that our gift is a failed effort.

How about sharing the gift that never fails? God has given us the gift of Music — a gift that enriches our worship, our leisure time, and our very lives. If you are not a music-maker, you can be a great listener!

Join us for Music Night in Moncrief Hall as we make a joyful noise, in the Chapel as we quiet our hearts to receive God’s gifts of comfort and joy, and in worship each week as we lift our voices in song.
St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church
Come share a beautiful evening to help you prepare for Christmas!

“Christ is Coming”
AN ADVENT-CHRISTMAS PAGEANT FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

Wednesday, December 17 at 6:00 p.m.
presented by Children & Youth of St. Andrew’s

The story of God’s love...
A review of key Biblical characters & narratives from the Old & New Testaments told through Scripture readings, drama, wonderful instrumental music & congregational singing..

Festive Parish Supper following the program
Birthdays

November 30
Buddy Greenhaw
Beth Prim

December 1
Dolores Shaw
Penny Lawson

December 2
Phyllis Davis
Brad Corbett
Joe Vories

December 3
Lucy Batchelor
Paul Dulaney
Ben Brantley

Walter Bowie
December 4
Scot Morgan
Judy Brown Boyd
Terrell Small
Guy Pharis
Ana Elsey

December 5
Witt Florence
Mitchell Smith

December 6
Suzanne Gill
Elaine Johnson

Our Deepest Sympathy
on the death of
Walter Arsdale “Mickey” Schmid, Jr.
husband of
Geraldine Harman Schmid
father of
William Woolf Schmid (Karen),
Charlotte Schmid Tripplehorn (Paul),
Mickey Schmid III (Elizabeth)
grandfather of
Will Schmid, Matt Schmid,
Alexis Claire Tripplehorn,
Jacob Tripplehorn, Adley Schmid
brother of
Betty Claire Dupree McKnight

November 22, 2014

Marriage

Linda Ann Voller
& Richard William Krase

November 22 2014

First Tuesday & Thursday of the Month

Immediately following Holy Communion, prayers and anointing with oil will be offered to anyone who is experiencing trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

Angel Tree Ministry
ANGELS ARE STILL AVAILABLE

Angel Tree recipients include H.O.P.E. Farm boys, children of Victory Temple Ministries residents, and students at Ekklesia Christian School — around 130 children! Because of the increased number of needy children, we are lowering the maximum dollar limit so that families can adopt more than one child. This will be a big challenge!

† November 23rd - December 7th, adopt children from the Angel Tree!
† December 14th - return all gifts to the Angel Tree in Moncrief
† December 15-16th - AV and Angel Tree team members tag and organize the gifts with delivery to ministries on December 16th.

Qs? contact David Fussell, 817.229.9250, david_fussell@hotmail.com, or Karen Ferrer, AV Senior Warden, at tkferrer@sbcglobal.net.

Thank you for all the time, talent and treasure that was given for the Iglesia San Miguel Thanksgiving Dinner.

Altar Flowers

The greenery for Sunday, November 30 is given to the glory of God at the Church, Chapel, and Children’s Chapel altars in honor of Advent & St. Andrew’s Tide and in thanksgiving for the thirty-first wedding anniversary of Vivian & Robert Ferguson

Why Christmas

December 2, 6 - 8 pm
Festive dinner party
Live music
Explore the question, Why Christmas?
Childcare with reservations
Bring your family, friends, & neighbors
RSVP: alpha@st-andrew.com
St. Andrew’s Church
917 Lamar Street Fort Worth 76102
(817) 332-3191

Please CLICK HERE for RSVP or contact Karen Powers at kpowers@st-andrew.com to make reservations.
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Mission Statement
St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church exists to worship God in the beauty of holiness and in Spirit and truth; to win the lost to Jesus Christ and disciple every believer; to equip and empower every member for ministry; and to spread God’s kingdom through charitable, righteous works locally and globally.

Weekday Worship Schedule

Tuesday
10:00 a.m. Holy Communion

Thursday
7:00 a.m. Holy Communion

Daily Schedule

Monday, December 1
180 p.m. Alpha Party Set-up, Moncrief

Tuesday, December 2
6:45 a.m. Men’s Devotion & Bible Study, Chapel & Koslow
10:00 a.m. Holy Communion, Chapel
11:00 a.m. Altar Guild Christmas Meeting & Luncheon, Offsite
1:30 p.m. Staff Meeting, Koslow
4:00 p.m. Memorial Fund Committee Meeting, Koslow
6:00 p.m. Alpha Why Christmas Party, Moncrief

Wednesday, December 3
12:00 p.m. Rector’s Bible Study, Koslow
4:00 p.m. Eddleman-McFarland Day Nursery Meeting, Koslow
7:00 p.m. St. Andrew’s Choir Practice*, Choir Rm

Thursday, December 4
7:00 a.m. Holy Communion with Service of Healing, Chapel
7:00 p.m. Greek Class, McFarland
11:30 p.m. Messenger Deadline

Friday, December 5
9:00 a.m. Altar Guild Cleaning
12:15 p.m. Noon Advent Musical Meditations, Chapel
11:00 p.m. Messenger Deadline

Saturday, December 6
8:00 a.m. Breakfast Prep, Kitchen
10:00 a.m. XConnect, Offsite

Sunday, December 7
Second Sunday in Advent
Stewardship Ingathering
6:00 a.m. Breakfast Prep, Kitchen
8:00 a.m. Holy Communion with Stewardship Ingathering, Chapel
8:45 a.m. Parish Breakfast*, Moncrief
8:50 a.m. Prayer Troop Service*, Chapel
9:15 a.m. Christian Education for all ages*, Moncrief
9:15 a.m. Annual Acolyte Meeting, Youth Room
10:30 a.m. Holy Communion with Stewardship Ingathering*, Church
10:30 a.m. Preschool Chapel*, Children’s Chapel followed by Second Hour Sunday School*, Preschool Rooms
11:45 a.m. Optional Elementary Children’s Program during sermon, Youth Room 3
11:30 a.m. Fellowship Sunday Celebration, Koslow
11:45 a.m. Children’s Choir*, Choir Room
12:00 p.m. Nativity Pageant Instruction/Practice, Koslow & Church
5:00 p.m. Evening Prayer*, Church followed by light refreshments & bible study in Koslow
*Nursery

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON EVENTS please visit our webpage at www.st-andrew.com

Evening Prayer
Sunday, 5:00 p.m. in the Chapel
Refreshments and discussion in Koslow Library following the service.
A nursery is available.

Sundays | 9:15-10:15 a.m. | September - December
ADULT EDUCATION

Prayer Chain Requests
Names may be submitted to Carrie Brent at 817-738-6496 and/or Patti Parrish at parrishuc@mac.com. Permission should be obtained before submitting the name of someone other than oneself.