December 18, 2011
The Fourth Sunday in Advent

8:00 a.m.
Holy Communion

10:00 a.m.
Morning Prayer*

10:00 a.m.
Preschool & K Chapel*

10:30 a.m.
Preschool & K Sunday School*

10:40 a.m.
Grades 1-5 Sunday School*

11:15 a.m.
Youth Confirmation Class*
(6th grade)

11:15 a.m.
Middle & High School Program*
(7th-12th grades)

11:15 a.m.
Young Adult Education*

11:15 a.m.
Adult Education*

11:50 a.m.
Children’s Choir*

12:00 p.m.
Pageant Set-up*

3:00 p.m.
Pageant Rehearsal*

*Nursery

I’m really trying to wrap my mind around the utterly non-self-referential self-understanding of John the Baptist. On the stage of history as shown from all our sources sacred and secular, John was a towering figure. And yet, what other towering historical figure has had his attitude?

*He must increase, but I must decrease.* (John 3:30)

What other towering historical figure has been gripped by the awareness that he is pointing toward another whose sandals he is not even worthy to untie (as a slave might)? What can we see as somewhat analogous to this self-emptied, yet bold and unrelenting work of getting things ready for the arrival of another? To understand this is one of the thematic challenges of Advent. I think N. T. Wright offers us some help with this matter. He writes,

Think first of a police motorcade sweeping through a city street. First there appear motorcycles with flashing blue lights. People scurry to the side of the road as they approach. Everybody knows what’s happening: the king has been away a long time, and he’s come back at last. Two large black cars come by, filled with bodyguards and officials. Then the car with a flag at the front, containing the king himself. By this time the road is clear; no other cars are in sight; everyone is standing still and watching, waving flags and celebrating. Now take this scene back 2,000 years, and into the hot, dusty desert. The king has been away a long time, and word goes round that he’s coming back at last. But how? There isn’t even a road. Well, we’d better get one ready. So off goes the herald, shouting to the peoples of the desert: the king is coming! Make a road for him! Make it good and straight!  


Many years ago (so very many) when a student at the University of Texas I served as the head of security at a combination student dormitory and shopping mall (Dobie Center). The president was coming to UT to receive some honor. The Secret Service insisted upon being shown to the top of the tower of Dobie Center, to see how it was secured, and to see the visual vantage point from the top. I was amazed to observe first-hand all the detailed preparations which went into making a situation entirely secure for the arrival of the president. Now to be sure, I was duly impressed with the painstaking, thorough and important work of the Secret Service. I had not previously realized just
how careful they are with every aspect of a visit, and just how much was involved in making their preparations for it. They were very impressive, so focused and serious about their work. But they themselves were not ultimately the focus of anything. Nor did they want to be or expect to be. No one would have thought of asking for their autographs or anything of the sort. And they would surely have rebuffed such a request as ridiculous. We all understood that this thorough process of preparation by these gifted men and women was all about the greatness of another – the greatness of the most powerful man in the world, the President of the United States.

This, I believe with Wright, is something of a picture of the understanding of John the Baptist. He was but a voice of one called by God to get people ready for the One who was coming. It was not about him. And he always knew that.

As I mentioned in my sermon of Sunday, I believe we are similarly called to a ministry of transparency. The church is not ultimately to be the object of anyone’s vision, but rather the transparent people through whom the Lord of the church is plainly perceptible. We are not called to build an empire of our own. We are called to receive and point toward the reign of another. The king has come and he is yet to come again. All eyes must be looking toward that grand eventuality. And his people when rightly understanding our calling will with John be turning the attention of the world beyond ourselves and toward the Coming One. For His coming changes everything.

_O LORD Jesus Christ, who at thy first coming
didst send thy messenger to prepare thy way
before thee; Grant that the ministers and
stewards of thy mysteries may likewise so
prepare and make ready thy way, by turning the
hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the
just, that at thy second coming to judge the world
we may be found an acceptable people in thy
sight, who livest and reignest with the Father and
the Holy Spirit ever, one God, world without end.
Amen._

Cont’d. from page 1
“The Once and Future Church”

The Rt Rev’d Richard Chartres
Bishop of London

The Most Rev’d Benjamin Kwashi
Archbishop of Jos

Dr. John McCardell
Vice Chancellor,
The University of the South, Sewanee

The Rev’d Dr. Richard Turnbull
Principal, Wycliffe Hall at Oxford

The Rev’d Dr. Justyn Terry
Dean, Trinity School for Ministry

The Rt Rev’d Michael Nazir-Ali
Bishop of Rochester (retired), England

The Rt Rev’d Mark Lawrence
Bishop of South Carolina

Registration at $100/registrant
Register and pay online at www.mereanglicanism.com
Questions: 843-696-7434
Or checks payable to “Mere Anglicanism”
126 Coming Street, Charleston, SC 29403


Essays in honor of
The Rt Rev’d Dr. Christopher FitzSimons Allison
Copies are available through the Trinity School for Ministry Bookstore
$15.00 each, call 1-800-874-8754 or visit www.tsm.edu
Please join us for
An Advent-Christmas Pageant
“CHRIST IS COMING”

Presented by the Children and Youth of St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church
Admission Free to Pageant

Tuesday, December 20 at 6 p.m.

A program for the whole family

The Story of Christ’s birth in Old Testament Prophecy & the Good News of the New Testament

Told through Scripture Readings, Drama, & Beautiful Instrumental Music

Followed by Supper
Donations welcome

For more information call 817.717.1023

Visit us on the web: st-andrew.com
The Fourth Sunday in Advent

The season of Advent is fast disappearing. This Sunday, we shall observe “Advent IV” in very special and meaningful ways. We will review several prophecies from Isaiah and Micah and then proceed to read a portion of the Christmas story from Luke 2, since we will not have Children’s Sunday School on the following Sunday, Christmas Day. Teachers will be lighting the fourth candle on their classroom Advent wreaths, and having special prayers and devotions for this final Sunday in Advent. We will also be talking with our children about taking the “light of Christ,” the great and eternal GIFT of Christmas, to others who may not know Him. Children will also decorate two special nativity ornaments to bring home. Finally, St. Nicholas (the American, modern Santa Claus) will drop by all the classrooms, telling children of his great love for Jesus. He will conclude his morning visiting preschoolers in the Children’s Chapel from 11:30 to 12:00. Our youngest tots in the nursery are invited to come see him at that time also. It is a sweet sight to see him kneel before the manger (set up in the chapel), as he speaks about the “reason for the season,” the birth of the BABY JESUS, the “King of Kings.” On December 4, it was a special JOY in the Sunday School to have a visit from a wonderful parishioner costumed as the “4th century Bishop Nicholas,” (the prototype, and whole reason for our American Santa Claus) who handed out gold coins to the children. This Sunday, all children are invited to bring a very small, inexpensive, stocking stuffer gift to give to St. Nicholas Santa. He will deliver these gifts to needy children before Christmas. These can be very SMALL gifts such as crayons, pens and pencils, hair bows, brushes and combs, coloring books, etc. They should be unwrapped.

Children’s Crèche Service
Christmas Eve at 5:30 p.m. in the church

Blessing of the crèche, presentation by the Children’s Choir, homily, singing of Christmas carols, Scripture reading and prayers, a brief but very sweet, beautiful service planned especially for children and families. A nursery will be provided, though even tiny tots will enjoy this service.

NOTE: As is our tradition, at the time of the offertory, children are invited to bring forward to the crèche a small, UNWRAPPED gift to present symbolically to the Christ Child. The gifts should be for a boy or girl, ages infant to 16. After Christmas, these gifts will be taken to the Union Gospel Mission and used as year-round birthday gifts for children and youth who live there temporarily.

Nativity Pageant and Parish Supper
— A Christmas Gift to YOU!

Parishioners of St. Andrew’s: Plan to come support the children and youth of our parish in their presentation of “Christ Is Coming,” on Tuesday, December 20, at 6:00 p.m. in the church. Invite several friends as well! This is a large, wholehearted undertaking of St. Andrew’s Sunday School, and your presence here at church that evening, to applaud our young people, speaks volumes to them! Come support them, and soak in the joy and delight of this evening yourself! The pageant involves children and youth ages 2 to 18, and is centered on Scripture readings, simple drama, congregational singing, and beautiful instrumental music. Special thanks go to Glenda Robinson for pulling together a team of very talented musicians to be a part of this evening. We will have the organ, a harp, a recorder, a trumpet, two violins, a hand drum, and the sounds of percussion. The pageant is reverent and true to Scripture, with some touches of humor as well.

Following the Pageant, a very festive ham supper with all the trimmings will be served in Moncrief Hall at 7:00 p.m. Suggested donation for the supper is $6 for adults, $4 for children, but donations in any amount are fine and welcome. COME JOIN US!! Let’s pack the house that evening to support our children and youth! A nursery is provided throughout the evening.

Final Pageant Details & Rehearsals
Sat, Dec. 17 11:00 to 12:00 Optional practice for readers and special characters, in the church
Sun, Dec. 18 3:00 to 5:00 Rehearsal for children ages K and up (nursery provided); some groups of children may be dismissed before 5:00.
Mon, Dec. 19 10:00 to 12:00 FINAL OVERALL REHEARSAL FOR ALL CHILDREN AGE K AND UP (nursery provided); preschoolers invited to attend this rehearsal for the first hour, if they are able. Costume distribution at church (Youth 3/Guild Room) on Dec. 18 and Dec. 19.
Tues, Dec. 20 5:30 All children should be at church, costumed and ready for final instructions, before the Pageant!
The perfect setting, the perfect table, the perfect menu and the perfect guest list...she can do it all and has done it again! The hostess with the “mostest” and the author of entertaining perfection, Martha Stewart, has recently published a new book, Martha’s Entertaining, A Year of Celebrations. Just when I had finally mastered some of the delicious but challenging recipes from her first entertaining collection, Entertaining (1982), appears what is described as “a year of elegant and casual affairs with a diverse collection of enticing recipes. All of the events feature menus and stories for dreaming and planning, as well as delicious yet approachable recipes.” The pictures are beautiful with the perfect table settings and the perfect menus. Yes, you can dream and plan, and although I have not had the opportunity to approach some of the recipes, they are definitely inviting.

While I applaud Ms. Stewart’s gift of entertaining, I have to admit that some have it and some do not. Despite having been a Betty Crocker girl with a little bit of Helen Corbitt, Julia Child and a French cooking course in my repertoire, I find myself still “dreaming” of Martha’s famous “Snow Peas with St. André Cheese” hors d’oeuvre. The tag line to this recipe states, “Guests cannot believe that someone has actually stuffed a snow pea!” Boy, did they get that right, as it took forever for me to accomplish the stringing, blanching, slitting, and piping of this tiny vegetable, all 50 of them! Nor did I raise the chickens to produce the beautifully colored eggs for Sunday omelets and Easter egg hunts, and when my daughter married, I just had to draw the line “smiling and dialing” as I ordered her wedding cake. No way could I attempt the four tiered/basket weave/orange almond cake with the butter cream frosting, but the picture was sooooooooooo pretty!

One thing for sure is that entertaining well demands more than originality. Planning and organization are the backbone of a successful party. The women of the Thursday morning bible study demonstrated this with their invitation for a cookie exchange, and the final Beth Moore study of David, Seeking a Heart Like His.

It was a perfect setting with perfect tables, a perfect menu and the perfect GUEST. The final video invited us to pull our chair up to the table of God to commune with Him and eat of His word. The only reason we were ever created was to commune with God and be at His table. He has prepared a feast for us. It will be sumptuous. It will be beautiful and with such attention to detail. He is the true Master of Creation. He has arranged everything to perfection for He is the author of perfection. Honor Him by accepting His invitation.

On this mountain the Lord Almighty will prepare a feast of rich food for all peoples, a banquet of aged wine—the best of meats and the finest of wines. Isaiah 25:6

It was a morning of sharing recipes, recipes for holiday cookies, recipes for seasonal stress, and recipes for seasonal joy. The recipes are inviting and approachable. The preparation is not difficult. Try them.

The perfect setting, the perfect table, the perfect menu and the perfect guest list...she can do it all and has done it again! The hostess with the “mostest” and the author of entertaining perfection, Martha Stewart, has recently published a new book, Martha’s Entertaining, A Year of Celebrations. Just when I had finally mastered some of the delicious but challenging recipes from her first entertaining collection, Entertaining (1982), appears what is described as “a year of elegant and casual affairs with a diverse collection of enticing recipes. All of the events feature menus and stories for dreaming and planning, as well as delicious yet approachable recipes.” The pictures are beautiful with the perfect table settings and the perfect menus. Yes, you can dream and plan, and although I have not had the opportunity to approach some of the recipes, they are definitely inviting.

While I applaud Ms. Stewart’s gift of entertaining, I have to admit that some have it and some do not. Despite having been a Betty Crocker girl with a little bit of Helen Corbitt, Julia Child and a French cooking course in my repertoire, I find myself still “dreaming” of Martha’s famous “Snow Peas with St. André Cheese” hors d’oeuvre. The tag line to this recipe states, “Guests cannot believe that someone has actually stuffed a snow pea!” Boy, did they get that right, as it took forever for me to accomplish the stringing, blanching, slitting, and piping of this tiny vegetable, all 50 of them! Nor did I raise the chickens to produce the beautifully colored eggs for Sunday omelets and Easter egg hunts, and when my daughter married, I just had to draw the line “smiling and dialing” as I ordered her wedding cake. No way could I attempt the four tiered/basket weave/orange almond cake with the butter cream frosting, but the picture was sooooooooooo pretty!

One thing for sure is that entertaining well demands more than originality. Planning and organization are the backbone of a successful party. The women of the Thursday morning bible study demonstrated this with their invitation for a cookie exchange, and the final Beth Moore study of David, Seeking a Heart Like His.

It was a perfect setting with perfect tables, a perfect menu and the perfect GUEST. The final video invited us to pull our chair up to the table of God to commune with Him and eat of His word. The only reason we were ever created was to commune with God and be at His table. He has prepared a feast for us. It will be sumptuous. It will be beautiful and with such attention to detail. He is the true Master of Creation. He has arranged everything to perfection for He is the author of perfection. Honor Him by accepting His invitation.

On this mountain the Lord Almighty will prepare a feast of rich food for all peoples, a banquet of aged wine—the best of meats and the finest of wines. Isaiah 25:6

It was a morning of sharing recipes, recipes for holiday cookies, recipes for seasonal stress, and recipes for seasonal joy. The recipes are inviting and approachable. The preparation is not difficult. Try them.

A RECIPE FOR A JOYOUS CHRISTMAS SEASON

(Thursday Morning Bible Study Cookie Exchange)

HANDLE ALL INGREDIENTS WITH:

- Compassion and care for the needs of others
- Understanding that we all need His love
- Thanksgiving for God’s forgiveness that helps us forgive
- Tenderhearted kindness
- Excitement that the Lord is coming
- Respect for others out of reverence for Christ

…….resulting in the “perfect” mold with lasting imprints

POPCORN AND WALNUTS*

One 96 oz. Container with lid (Your 24 hour day)
32 Walnuts (Represents time with the Lord every day)
4 cups of unpopped popcorn kernels (All of life’s demands, that “Stuff” that keeps us busy, “Stuffed”: The shopping, exercise, eating, cooking, cleaning, lunch with friends, parties, talking on the phone, emailing, texting, decorating, carpool, committee meetings, beauty maintenance, and the unexpected.

- First pour ALL popcorn kernels (All of Life’s demands) into the container.
- Follow by adding All 32 walnuts (Time with the Lord).
- Place lid on container. WARNING: If lid does not fit, start over. First placing the walnuts one at a time. (Beginning your day with the Lord. A little quiet time.)
- Follow alternating the popcorn kernels (The busy things) with the remaining walnuts.
- A few dashes of Fruits of the Spirit: Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness and Self-Control
- Place the lid on the container, securely showing that: “Everything that needs to get done truly does get done. You have not ignored precious time in His Word and with Him in prayer.”

*It is very important to stay focused. When recently presenting this demonstration I had what one might refer to as a “Julia Child Moment” with too many “Things” in front of me, not paying attention and selecting the wrong container. You might say my “cup did runneth over”, and the recipe failed, thus another reason to be properly prepared and focused on the MAIN THING!
Events:

Change of date and time for Memorial Fund committee meeting. Please note the new date and time of the meeting. It has been changed to **January 12, 2012** from the last of December, 2011. This meeting will include outgoing committee members as well as new members. Hopefully this change will not be an inconvenience.

Time: 4:00 PM In Koslow Library.

Cruise Travelers January Meeting 2012: Date To be announced. Please come for a light soup and sandwich lunch to learn of travel plans for our cruise set for February 26-March 4, 2012. By this time all final payments will have been made and transportation plans (on a generous giver) to Galveston will have been made.

ADVENT MUSINGS: It is often difficult for the Anglican/Episcopal church goer to begin a new church year as they are preparing for the end of the current calendar year. It is challenging, but often a lift of attitude and mood to make those new beginnings as we end a year.

This year as several friends shopped for “new things” they were chatting about how important traditions were and how boosting it was to those of us “over-the-hill” to take time out for fun. Maybe a little exhausting, but really fun. How do we accomplish such trivia with the opposite challenges of “too much to do” opportunities? Could it be preparation? The Staff at St. Andrew’s was made aware of how preparation made the scheduling of the Evensong and the Bishop’s visit (followed by a Pot luck supper) a sudden “big” happening. The parishioner says why were they surprised and stressed with this type of work?

True, in a normal workweek the staff often has to have a heavy last minute happening, but then perhaps many of us don’t realize time and workloads. Have we ever thought how many times John Zavala sets and takes down tables and chairs, evaluates and has to change because the size and place of events is enlarged? Oh, you say that is his job, but many times his tasks have to be crowded into a week that is already very full. He schedules the security, maintenance and repairs and those inevitable challenges of a 100 year old building – the phone, server, AC and heat, etc.

LeAnn schedules, prepares and prints the bulletins each week for services. She has to schedule to use the big copier and goodness knows how she prepares with her many other duties. She is the calendar keeper for multiple events and departments so that no one is scheduled in the same room at the same time. She is Dean McKeachie’s assistant, the front office keeper, message deliverer, Sunday bulletin preparer and multiple other jobs that are not known by many of us.

Caron Overbeek has her regular duties as Parish Administrator, staff liaison, Dr. Dickson’s assistant, letters for the parish, overseer of the nursery, plant, staff as well as certain aspects of the regular daily functions of the church. Well, her task for the pot luck was to make sure we had kitchen assistance, cleanup crew, set ups in Moncrief Hall, and enough food. (Grab some lending hands you say… always easier said than done.) She does all her tasks and many more with a “ready to help” attitude and availability. Do you know she drives to and from Granbury each day?

Judy Mayo has such a full schedule in Advent that we can hardly believe one person can do so many things at once and do them well. In addition, each week she proofs the final drafts of the Messenger and helps Peggy get the Messenger into production. All the while she remains calm, pleasant, accessible and in tune with the history and traditions of the church.

Then lest we leave out Melissa, who has done an outstanding job in the nursery for years: she has assisted Judy Mayo with art projects, set designs and other multiple needs for the Children’s Ministry and VBS and is now Judy’s Assistant.

Peggy Rush is in a category all by herself with the last minute changes to the Messenger, invitations, extra posters and assistance to all the staff. She is such a blessing and even though she is not a parishioner, she blesses the staff with her willingness, availability and accommodating attitude.

We haven’t mentioned Leonard Harris who also multi-tasks better than most. Not only is he the Business Manager but our computer on site person which entails many hours with such a “high tech” staff**”. Is he really on call 24/7?

Next week we will highlight other staff but for now - the Parish members want the above staff to know how much we
Sometimes it’s good to bite off more than you can chew.

In contemplating what I wanted to do in this series on reading, I decided right away that I would make very few, if any, book recommendations. For example I could say, “you should read J. I. Packer’s ‘Knowing God’”. I could, but I won’t.

Rather than recommend single books to you, I thought I would give you some general thoughts on reading that have been helpful to me over the years. In Part 1, I commended to you the reading of Christian biographies. I began reading a few biographies a year several years ago and it has been a very rewarding practice.

I am always hunting for book, author and reading habit recommendations from pastors, professors, Dr. Dickson of course, websites, theological journals, et cetera (or perhaps ad nauseum).

Several years ago I listened to an interview with R. C. Sproul. At one point the interviewer, Mark Dever, asked Dr. Sproul for some book recommendations. In addition to making several individual suggestions, Dr. Sproul recommended choosing one great Christian thinker/theologian of the past and then immersing yourself in their works over the course of several years and perhaps even a lifetime.

Always one to bite off more than I can chew, I immediately chose three or four! Since Sproul made the recommendation, it seemed good to make him one of my choices. I am so thankful for R. C., not only for this suggestion, but it was R. C. ‘s “Holiness of God” and “Chosen by God” that brought me to the Reformed faith.

So, whom should you choose? What criteria should you use in making your choice? Next week I will give you a few pointers and I will share with you whom I chose and I will also share the recommendations of the clergy.

Happy Reading!

Ok...I can’t resist! You should read Supper of the Lamb by Robert Farrar Capon. It will be a great companion guide to all the cooking and feasting of the season. (I’m reading it on Kindle for iPad.)
Offering envelopes are available to all who desire them. To request a packet for 2012, please check the line on the back of your pledge card, or call the Stewardship Office at 817-332-3191 ext. 230.

Beginning Sunday, December 11th, requested Offering Envelopes for 2012 will be on a table in the long hall leading to the kitchen. They may be picked up before or after church on Sunday or from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. during the week.

Christmas Poinsettias

Honor a loved one by ordering a Poinsettia at $25/person/plant to adorn the church at Christmas. Please complete and return to the office No Later than MONDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2011

Name: ____________________________________________

Phone: _______________________________ Email: __________________________

Inscription: In Memory of: ____________________________________________

In Honor of: ____________________________________________

In Thanksgiving for: ____________________________________________

Type of Payment: _____Cash _____Check _____Paypal _____Paid

Please call the office for more information. You can pay online by going to the giving page and using Paypal.
**Weekly Worship Schedule**

**Tuesday**
10:00 a.m. Holy Communion

**Thursday**
7:00 a.m. Holy Communion

**Daily Schedule**

**Monday, December 19**
9:00 a.m. Poinsettia Order Deadline
10:00 a.m. Nativity Pageant Rehearsal,* Church

**Tuesday, December 20**
6:30 a.m. Men’s Bible Study, Koslow
10:00 a.m. Holy Communion
1:30 p.m. Staff Meeting, Koslow
6:00 p.m. Nativity Pageant, *Church
7:00 p.m. Parish Supper,* Moncrief Hall

**Wednesday, December 21**
9:00 a.m. Pageant Clean-up
10:00 a.m. Pre-Ballet (3-4), Moncrief
10:30 a.m. Beginning Ballet (7-9),* Moncrief
12:00 p.m. Rector’s Bible Study, Koslow
4:00 p.m. Ft. Worth Opera Committee, McFarland
7:00 p.m. St. Andrew’s Choir,* Choir Rm.

**Thursday, December 22**
7:00 a.m. Holy Communion
1:30 p.m. Children’s Caroling, Offsite
7:00 p.m. Greek Class, McFarland
11:30 p.m. No Messenger Deadline

**Friday, December 23**
9:00 a.m. Decorating the Church, Church
12:00 p.m. Office Closed

**Saturday, December 24**
4:00 p.m. Choral Evensong,* Chapel
5:30 p.m. Children’s Crèche Service,* Church
7:30 p.m. Holy Communion, *Church
11:00 p.m. Holy Communion,* Church

**Sunday, December 25**
Christmas Day
8:00 a.m. Holy Communion, Chapel
10:00 a.m. Lessons & Carols,* Church

*No Sunday School for children, youth or adults on Christmas Day

*Nursery

---

**This Week in the Parish**

**December 18**
Kriszan Thomas
Laura Mitchell
Melissa Pelton
Mary Lynn Garrett
Meredith Lambert

**December 20**
Ron Blackmon

**December 19**
Kriszan Thomas
Laura Mitchell
Melissa Pelton
Mary Lynn Garrett

**December 21**
Duer Wagner
Andre Irwin
Field Lange
Christine Bowie
Natalie Carey
Keith Jackson
William Crawford

---

**Sunday School**

No Sunday School for children, youth or adults on Christmas Day

---

**Prayer Chain Reminder:**
Names may be submitted weekly to Carrie Brent at 817-738-6496 by 8 p.m. Sunday evening. Permission should be obtained before submitting the name of someone other than oneself.

---

**Altar Flowers**

We have a new year coming and we will need flowers on the altars. Donating flowers or greenery for the altars at St. Andrew’s is a wonderful way to honor or remember loved ones or commemorate a special occasion and at the same time honor our Lord for the many gifts He has bestowed. Sign up sheets are out (same as last year) in the chapel and in the rack by the Publications office.

---

**Advent Fourth Sunday Scriptures**

2 Samuel 7:4-8-16
Romans 16:25-27
Luke 1:26-38
Psalm 132 or 132:8-15

---

**IMPORTANT**

All events must be scheduled through LeAnn Rogers at scheduling@st-andrew.com

---

**SAINT ANDREW’S MESSENGER** is published weekly, except bi-weekly during the summer and the week after Christmas, by St. Andrew’s Parish. Periodical postage is paid at Fort Worth, TX. USPS 5898-90.

POSTMASTER: Send address changes to St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church 917 Lamar Street Fort Worth, TX 76102.

The Rt. Rev’d Jack L. Iker, D.D. Bishop
The Rev’d Dr. R. William Dickson Rector
The Rev’d Richard Clark Pastoral Care
The Very Rev’d William N. McKeachie Vicar
Kendall Felton Director of Youth Ministries
Jason Runnels Chorister
Glenda Robinson Organist
Judy Mayo Director of Children’s Ministries
Marsland Moncrief Liaison to Women’s Ministries
Rita Palm Director of Senior Ministries

Peggy Rush Editor/Publications

**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.