# St. Andrew's Episcopal Church Parish Chimes

### An Ancient Faith for a Modern World



From the Rector

Dear Friends,

The holiest and most important feast day of the Christian year is quickly approaching. The church can go without celebrating the birth of Jesus at Christmas; the church can go without celebrating the Wise Men worshipping Jesus as God in human form at Epiphany. The church can go without celebrating the Holy Spirit falling on the believers at Pentecost; the church can go without celebrating actually any holy day except one; it cannot go without Easter.

Easter is the foundation day of our faith and lays the foundation for the church. As the Apostle Paul once wrote, "If Christ has not been raised from the dead then our faith is in vain." In other words, if Jesus did not rise from the dead Easter morning, then all that we do and all that we believe is futile. If Jesus did not rise from the dead, then our hope for any life after we die is foolish. If Jesus did not rise from the dead, then trying to be good and denying ourselves any pleasures during our life-time is short-sighted. If this life is all there is, if there is no such thing as life after we die, then we should have the life philosophy of, "Let's eat, drink, and be merry for tomorrow we die."

But the fact is, Jesus WAS RAISED from the dead. In fact, as Dr. Wilbur Morehead Smith once wrote, "we know more about the details of the hours immediately before and the actual death of Jesus, in and near Jerusalem, than we know about the death of any other one man in all the ancient world." That Jesus from Nazareth was dead is an historical fact. And it is also an historical fact that he rose from the dead. He was dead and then he came back to life. It is not a myth. It is not simply wishful thinking. It is not because we like Hollywood endings to our stories. God did raise Jesus from the dead. We have eye witnesses to the fact of his resurrection. And when God raised Jesus from the dead He validated everything Jesus ever said and did.

And that is the point of Easter isn't it? Jesus rose from the dead. And because he rose now we know and believe that all he said and promised is true. Because he rose from the

dead, our sins can indeed be forgiven. Because he rose from the dead, we can be reborn spiritually, have new life in God, and know God's great love for us. Because he rose from the dead, we can be reconciled with God and are able to have his Holy Spirit live within us. Because he rose from the dead, we know that those who have died before us who had faith in Christ are now with Jesus where he is in heaven. Because he rose from the dead, we know that we too who believe in Jesus, will have life even after our bodies stop living and we will be given new resurrection bodies.

I have not mentioned all of the benefits of the resurrection but you get the point. The most important and holiest day of the year is quickly approaching. It should be with great joy and awe that we celebrate the fact of our Lord Jesus' death and resurrection. Very soon I will say "The Lord is risen!" and you will respond with "The Lord is risen indeed!"

I hope you will make plans to participate in as many services as you are able during Holy Week. The week starts with Palm Sunday and the waving of the palms. On Holy Wednesday there is a 10 am Rite 1 service. On Maundy Thursday we will have a soup supper at 6 pm followed at 7 pm with the foot washing service and the stripping of the altar. We will observe the solemn liturgy of Good Friday at noon followed by Stations of the Cross. On Holy Saturday there is the Memorial Garden service at 4 pm followed by the flowering of the Cross. And then later at 8:30 pm we have our candlelight Easter Vigil service. We begin outside in the dark and then we are led back into the church by the lit majestic Pascal Candle. After the reading of the scriptures and the renewal of our baptismal covenants we Ring the Bells! We hear the joyous Vigil homily of St. John Chrysostom and say together the "Hell was in an uproar" refrain! It is a wonderful service! And then, to cap Holy Week off, we will have glorious Easter morning services at 8 am and 10:30 am. I am smiling in joyful anticipation as I write these words. I am looking forward to wishing you a wonderful Easter.

Warmly in Christ,

Fr. Lance+

## April 2022



The Episcopal Church has recommended that a parish give a sabbatical to their priest every seven years. The sabbatical would last from three to four months for the priest's personal restoration, refreshment, and renewal. Being a priest can be draining emotionally and spiritually. Teaching Scriptures, celebrating the church services, guiding the church with the help of the vestry, praying with and for parishioners, visiting them when they are sick, counseling them when they are depressed and confused, baptizing, marrying, giving last rites, and burying are all rewarding but are draining as well. Just as God wants us to rest on the seventh day, the Episcopal Church understands the need for the priest to have a sabbatical rest. The vestry had determined that they would like me to take a Sabbatical in 2020 but the pandemic struck and the plans were canceled. So this is the year I will take the sabbatical.

Diane and I plan to visit Jerusalem first and then stay in Italy. I am looking forward to spending time in Christ's empty tomb and also seeing some of the sites that have been excavated dating back to the days of Jesus. In Italy we plan to visit museums, churches, and also see antiquities dating back to the early church. I expect to have time to read through different books I have on early church history and then to prepare lessons for us here at the church when I return. My sabbatical will be from May 9<sup>th</sup> through August 15<sup>th</sup>. Fr. Fred Scharf will be leading the church services. Dr. Michael Ludwell, senior warden, is the chairman of the Sabbatical Committee that has been formed and is prepared to take care of the church in my absence. The committee members are as follows: Dr. Ludwell, senior warden, Connie Mehr, church treasurer, Janet Crisfield, head of the Pastoral team, Lisa Collier, church secretary, and Craig Gates who will be overseeing the church buildings and grounds. (Hal Smith, junior warden, is expecting to be out of town for most of the summer.) While I am on my sabbatical leave, please direct any questions or concerns to Dr. Ludwell or others on the Sabbatical Committee.

I am extremely thankful to the vestry and the church for this opportunity! Thank you!

Warmly in Christ,

Fr. Lance



## PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR MEN & WOMEN SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES AT HOME & OVERSEAS:



Julian Barry, Jason Hobson, Bradley Meissner, Courtney Foster McCorvey

### Please call the office with updates to this list.



## Ministry News

**Sr. Warden's Remarks** *Mike Ludwell, Sr. Warden* 



"Christ the Lord is risen today, sons of men and angels say. Raise your joys and triumphs high; sing , ye heavens and earth reply." ~ Charles Wesley

April is proving to be an exciting time for St. Andrews. Nearly every ministry has been reinstated. Accordingly, if you were a participating in a ministry we hope you will return. Equally important, if you have not been part of a ministry and you are interested in joining one just call the office. If you are not sure what might be a good fit for you just call Fr. Lance or me for more information,

Finally, Kathy and I would like to wish each you a blessed and special season.

### The Belles of St. Andrew's

### Judy White

The Belles of St. Andrew's next get together will be on

Next get together will be on Wednesday, April 13. We will be meeting at the Spring Hill Botanical Gardens at NOON (note time change), for a picnic. Please bring a bag lunch and drink. Charlene has reserved the pavilion for us! All single women of the parish are invited! Please join us!!!

If you need a ride, contact Judy White, jazwhite826@gmail.com

### Altar Guild

**Glee** Gates

It is hard to believe that we are approaching the end of Lent with Easter right around the corner. During Holy

Week, we celebrate by remembering the events that led to the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus. The Altar Guild plays an important role in the preparation of these services. Please plan to join us at one, two or all of the services that are the foundation of our Christian faith. We look forward to worshipping with you as we celebrate our Risen Lord!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

### **Pastoral Care**

Janet Crisfield

Pastoral team visits continue to be on hold

for hospitals. Extended care facilities have relaxed visiting parameters and the team has been able to visit and bring communion to those residents and private home bound parishioners . Fr. Lance is able to visit in hospital and continues to do so.

pastoral care

All the team has been vaccinated and we call for any changes before we visit. We will continue to offer cards, prayers and phone calls to the homebound as well as all those in extended care facilities who do not care for a visit.

One of our newest members is Joan Hammell, a long time member of St. Andrew's and an active volunteer in our thrift shop. She attends the women's Bible study on Thursday mornings. She was called to the Pastoral Team ministry because she felt the peace and comfort the visits brought both to herself personally as a patient and as a caregiver when she was present during the visits made to her late husband Rick during his illness.

New members are always welcome. There is training and "internship" served before you are fully able to visit on your own. We have had couples and/or two people visit as a team in some situations so if you feel this would work for you please consider and pray on this. Fr. Lance and I are willing to talk to any of you who feel called to or are considering this ministry at this time.

A reminder: We cannot be in touch with you if we do not know of your needs. If you need our prayers and support you must contact the office and let them know. Lisa is very faithful in communicating with Fr. Lance and myself.

### **Daughters of the King**

Vera Scharf

Would you like to learn more about the Daughters of the King? We



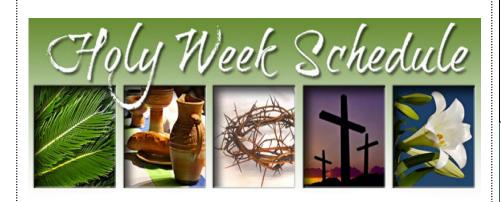
are an active group who love the Lord and meet monthly to learn, share and pray together. If you are interested in learning more and perhaps joining us please speak with me @ 727-863-2119 or Jeri Mikosz @ 352-345-0862. We will then plan a convenient time for all of us to meet and explain who we are and what it means to be a Daughter of the King. I look forward to hearing from you!



### Sunday School

Susan Villnow What did Jesus do? He defeated Satan!

Jesus acted like a mother duck, keeping us all under his wing. We talked about bearing good fruit as Christian using a navel orange. We used a Lost & Found box to show how God loves us, even when we mess we mess up and forget how important it is not to sin. All



- April 09 Saturday Palm Sunday Service 4 pm
- April 10 Palm Sunday 8 am and 10:30 am
- April 13 Wednesday in Holy Week Rite I 10 am (no Healing Service)
- April 14 Maundy Thursday Soup at 6 pm, Service at 7 pm (Please sign up in the narthex)
- April 15 Good Friday Service at 12 pm, followed by Stations of the Cross
- April 16 Holy Saturday 4 pm in the Memorial Garden, followed by Flowering of the Cross The Great Vigil of Easter at 8:30 pm No 4 pm Holy Eucharist Service
- April 17 Easter Sunday Service at 8 am and 10:30 am



# Sunday School

## Lectionary

### <u>April 3</u>

Isaiah 43:16-21 Psalm 126 Philippians 3:4b-14 John 12:1-8

### <u>April 10</u>

The Liturgy of the Palms Luke 19:28-40 Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 The Liturgy of the Word Isaiah 50:4-9a Psalm 31:9-16 Philippians 2:5-11 Luke 23:1-49

April 14 - Maundy Thursday Exodus 12:1-4, (5-10), 11-14 Psalm 116:1, 10-17 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 John 13:1-17, 31b-35

April 15 - Good Friday Isaiah 52:13-53:12 Psalm 22 Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9 John 18:1-19:42

<u>April 16 - Holy Saturday</u> Lamentations 3:1-9, 19-24 Psalm 31:1-4, 15-16 I Peter 4:1-8 John 19:38-42

April 16 Great Vigil of Easter Romans 6:3-11 Psalm 114 Luke 24:1-12

April 17 - Easter Sunday Isaish 65:17-25 Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 Acts 10:34-43 Luke 24:1-12

#### <u>April 24</u> Acts 5:27-32

Psalm 150 Revelation 1:4-8 John 20:19-31



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed		Thu	Fri	Sat
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AF = Adult Formation BP = Back PacksOSL = Order of St. LukeDOK = Daughters of the King FOL = Friends of the Library HE = Holy EucharistSS = Sunday School YI = Youth Inquirers YM = Youth MinistryJrl = Junior Inquirers			rs	<b>C</b> =Churc <b>CH</b> = Cou <b>KH</b> =Krysł <b>L</b> = Libra	ulton Hall ner Hall	<b>TS</b> = Thrift Shop <b>SC</b> = Chapel/Classroom in Narthex <b>MG</b> = Memorial Garden	

# **APRIL BIRTHDAYS**

12 - Phil Clohset

13 - Rich Kovacs

15 - Ben Mikosz

18 - Gail Jordan

19 - Linda Parks

Hal Smith

Bob Howell

20 - Alarene Knight

Kevina Trapp

Rocco Volpe

21 - Mary Trosky

16 - Brittney Traudt

17 - Paula Harrelson

- 1 Samantha Traudt
- 2 Phil LeBron
- 3 Gil Peterson
- 4 Sandra Meyers Molly Agius Patricia Dodge
- 6 Jody Bowes
- 8 Pat Hladky Jean Wimpenney
- 9 Doug Voght Nancy Cotter Steve Sumner
- 11 Charlene Moore

- 23 Heather Steele
- 24 Frederick Larham Cierra Fitch
- 26 Laurine Smart
- 28 Cole, Desiree
- Cole, Maria
- 29 Stephen Bolchazy
- 30 Beverly Crosetto

## APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

- 18 Niedurny, Gail and Jerry
- 21 Scharf, Father Fred and Vera
- 23 Hicks, Robert and Sylvia
- 24 Sumner, Steve and Gloria
- 25 Curtis, Anita and Raymond
- 26 Crouse, John and Mary

As of Tuesday, March 29, 2022 Facebook still has our church Facebook page unpublished. We do not know why they unpublished our page. The last thing we put on the church Facebook page was the Archbishop of Canterbury's prayer for peace in the Ukraine. We have appealed their decision but since they have no phone number and they will not answer any emails it is hard to contact them. What we are requesting people to do who want to watch our services is to go to our church webpage and click on the link to either the 4 pm service or the link to the 10:30 service.

We have now added another option, YouTube. We used to use YouTube when the pandemic first began in 2020. But then later we began using Boxcast and stopped using YouTube. But, we are once again streaming to YouTube. You can watch our services by going to our church channel which is listed under Lance Wallace. (We used my name because there are many, many St. Andrew's Church channels.) You can find YouTube on most smart TV's. After you go YouTube then on the search bar, type in Lance Wallace, our church channel is about the sixth one on the list. You will be able to watch either the 4 pm or the 10:30 am service.

When and if Facebook ever lets us back on, we will let you know.

THE GREAT EXCHANGE	Name:
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	JIIETRDRRMTNSIEHSSST
	ANNRIHAPWDJDTCRXUDWI
	NGGCNOYLWEAAEEYGSAZO
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NO MATTER WHAT YOU'VE DONE, COME HUMBLY TO JESUS AND HE WILL MAKE YOU CLEAN! "FOR OUR SAKE GOD MADE HIM WHO KNEW NO SIN TO BE SIN, SO THAT IN HIM WE MIGHT BECOME THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD." (2 CORINTHIANS 5:21)	

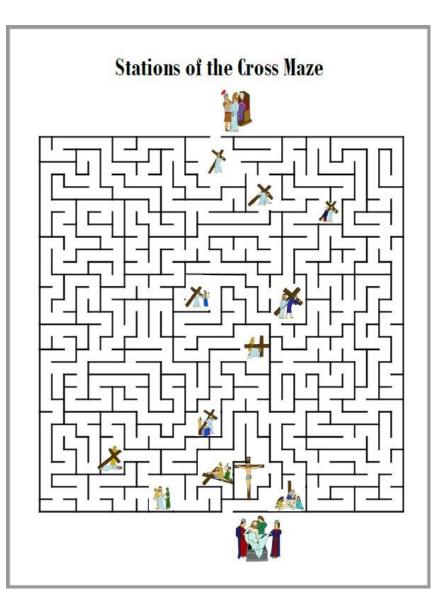




Thank you from Life Line

I want to express my appreciation to St. Andrew's for hosting our Life Line Screening. You have graciously hosted us for the past several years. This year we were able to help 71 people with testing and screening.

Best wishes.... Ann Crowell, Health Service Coordinator



TREASURER'S REPORT	As of February	28 2022	
Connie Mehr, Treasurer	ris of reordary	20,2022	
	This Month	Year to Date	2022 Budget
Revenues			
Core Church	24,613.11	57,670.20	352,447.00
Thrift Shop	3,099.54	5,950.53	35,150.00
Total Revenues	27,712.65	63,620.73	387,597.00
Expenses			
Core Church	27,207.70	54,721.71	372,085.00
Thrift Shop	1,441.42	2,669.43	15,512.00
Total Expenses	28,649.12	57,391.14	387,597.00
Net Gain/Loss			
Core Church	(2,594.59)	2,948.49	(19,638.00)
Thrift Shop	1,622.98	1,622.98	19,638.00
Total	(936.47)	6,229.59	-
Investments		Bank Accounts	
SSGA	105,336.00	Sun Trust	
Alliance Bernstein	30,709.09	Unrestricted	23,649.95
		Restricted	136,137.63
		Discretionary	167.58
Total	136,045.09	Total	159,955.16



March Attendance					
Week Ending Sat./Sunday	Sat. 4 pm	Sun 8 am	Sun I 0:30 am	Total	
March 5/6	65	30	99	194	
March 12/13	59	20	64	143	
March 19/20	48	33	92	173	
March 26/27	43	26	75	144	
TOTAL	215	109	330	654	
AVERAGE	54	27	82	163	

### <u>March 2022</u>

Transfers in: 2

Trainor, Harold (Butch) and Judy

Weddings: 0

Transfers out: 0

Baptisms: 0

Anointing: 0

Deaths: 0

Funerals: 1 David Visnaw (3-26-2022)



Remember to order your lilies for the Easter Service in honor or memory of loved ones. Envelopes are located in each pew. Cost \$15. Any questions, please call the office. 2301 Deltona Blvd. Spring Hill, FL 34606 Phone: 352-683-2010 E-mail: schurch22@tampabay.rr.com Mailing Address: P.O. Box 5026 Spring Hill, FL 34611

The Rev. Lance Wallace, Rector Cell 352-515-8657 Email: Fr.Lwallace@gmail.com

### **Sunday Services**

8 am Service (no music) 9:15 am Adult Formation 10:30 am Service (music)

### **Saturday Services**

4 pm Service 5 pm Adult Formation (Zoom option)

# **Parish Office Hours**

Mon, Tues, and Thurs. 9 am – 12 pm (Closed Friday)

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