



Welcome to St. Andrew's Episcopal Cathedral! We are glad to have you worship with us today. If you are a newcomer, please complete a welcome card and place it in the offering plate so we can extend our welcome beyond this service. Join us for refreshments following the worship. Additional information about the Cathedral and our ministries may be found on pages 8 – 12 of this booklet.

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Presider Blessed art thou holy and living God.
People **Who hast come to thy people and set them free.**

COLLECT FOR PURITY

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Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

SUMMARY OF THE LAW

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

TRISAGION (*said three times*)

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**Holy God,
Holy and Mighty,
Holy Immortal One,
Have mercy upon us.**

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider The Lord be with you.
People **And with thy spirit.**
Presider Let us pray.

Merciful God, who sent thy messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

All are now seated for the readings from Holy Scripture.

Take off the garment of your sorrow and affliction, O Jerusalem, and put on forever the beauty of the glory from God. Put on the robe of the righteousness that comes from God; put on your head the diadem of the glory of the Everlasting; for God will show your splendor everywhere under heaven. For God will give you evermore the name, "Righteous Peace, Godly Glory." Arise, O Jerusalem, stand upon the height; look toward the east, and see your children gathered from west and east at the word of the Holy One, rejoicing that God has remembered them. For they went out from you on foot, led away by their enemies; but God will bring them back to you, carried in glory, as on a royal throne. For God has ordered that every high mountain and the everlasting hills be made low and the valleys filled up, to make level ground, so that Israel may walk safely in the glory of God. The woods and every fragrant tree have shaded Israel at God's command. For God will lead Israel with joy, in the light of his glory, with the mercy and righteousness that come from him.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

CANTICLE 16 (*Said in unison*)

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Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; *
 he has come to his people and set them free.
 He has raised up for us a mighty savior, *
 born of the house of his servant David.
 Through his holy prophets he promised of old,
 that he would save us from our enemies, *
 from the hands of all who hate us.
 He promised to show mercy to our fathers *
 and to remember his holy covenant.
 This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, *
 to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
 Free to worship him without fear, *
 holy and righteous in his sight
 all the days of our life.
 You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, *
 for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,
 To give his people knowledge of salvation *
 by the forgiveness of their sins.
 In the tender compassion of our God *
 the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
 To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, *
 and to guide our feet into the way of peace.
 Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
 as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

All now stand for the Gospel.

THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO LUKE

LUKE 3:1-6

People **Glory to thee, O Christ.**

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'"

Presider The Gospel of Christ.

People **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

HOMILY

The Very Reverend Ron Pogue
Interim Dean

Following the sermon, a brief silence is observed for reflection

THE NICENE CREED

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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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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At the end of the Prayers of the People, all will say together the Prayer for a Dean Search, found below.

PRAYER FOR A DEAN SEARCH

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a Dean for this Cathedral, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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Presider Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Presider and people

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

Then the Presider says

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

THE MINISTRY OF THE TABLE

THE PRESENTATION

Presider and People **All things come of thee, O Lord;
And of thine own have we given thee.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING EUCHARISTIC PRAYER II

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Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them up unto the Lord.**
Presider Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.
People **It is meet and right so to do.**

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God. Because thou didst send thy beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing. Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

Presider and People

SANCTUS

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Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts: Heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The people kneel or stand. Then the Presider continues

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Presider is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith

in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **Amen.**

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

LORD'S PRAYER

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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, for ever and ever. Amen.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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Presider This is the true bread that comes down from heaven to give life to the world.

People **Those who eat this bread will live for ever.**

HOLY COMMUNION

The table of bread and wine is the table of company with Jesus, and all those who love him. So come to this table, you who have much faith, and you who would like to have more; you who have been to this Sacrament often, and you who have not been for a long time; you who have tried to follow Jesus in the world, and you who have failed; come. It is Christ who invites us to meet him here.

For Holy Communion, receive the bread in the open palms. The wine may be taken from the common cup by drinking, placing your hand gently on the base of the chalice to guide it, or by carefully dipping the bread in the chalice. If you'd prefer not to receive Holy Communion but would instead like a blessing, please come forward and indicate that by crossing your arms over your chest. Gluten free bread available upon request.

PRAYER OF CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

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Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy

grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

BLESSING

As the procession passes down the aisle, the people turn and face the doors of the Chapel.

DISMISSAL

The Presider dismisses the People

People **Thanks be to God.**

PRAYERS ARE OFFERED FOR

TODAY WE PRAY FOR: Roger Reeves, Matthew Nooe, Boykin, Miranda Armstrong, Anne Hooker, Kim Brooks, Margaret McLarty, Leslie Geoghegan, Kellis Moore, Stephanie Williams, Julia Kingston, Ryan, Mary Lee, Lloyd Smith, Jr., Wells Mortimer, Charlotte Dukes, Flo Stover, Dot Bittick, Carmen Lee, Blann Lutkin, Elsie Skelton, Bennett Chotard, Virginia Lassetter, Patricia Taylor White, Roberta, Natayla Salvo, Susan Dowdy, Judi Deterly, Vivian, Joyce Partridge, Jimmie Oglesby, Callie, Jan Brackett, Adiar Ross, Hope Bynum, Jay Travis, Mike Hughes, Robert Connolly, Audrey, Pat, Susan Hill, Jane, Lenny White, Bill Oldham, and Bill Alexander.

WEEKDAY MORNING PRAYER AND HOLY EUCHARIST WE PRAY FOR: Gayden, Lynn, Mary Esther Walker, Sue Stock, Penny Hutcherson, Sam Lane, Jr., Susan Culbertson, Rev. John Jenkins, Bennett Smith, Doug Fox, Arthur Bland, Dot Kitchings, Colin Monahan, Betty Scott, Mary Lane Wheatley, Nancy, Lynn Kramer, Tony Tampary, Jackie Mohle, Zachary Turner, Joe Partridge, Sr., Rosemary Nix, Artemise Allison, David, Bill Henley, Harriet Humphreys, Joe Surkin, Sofia, Margie Phelps, Cheryl Drennan, Rosie McNair, Claire Leslie, Bill Love, Shelley Burgess, Margaret Cupples, Matt Ross, Theresa Priebatsch, Betty Vandiver, Craig Ivy, Donie, Gene Reeves, Fred Cessna, Joan, Darlene Stuart, Martha Nash, Lacey Madden, Phillip Thompson, Thomas Guest, Dean Alexander, Diana, Nathan Ferris Matthew, Robert Gaillet, Nick, Alan Weeks, Elaine Hallum, Jim Baugh, Chris Grillis, Martha Graham, Allison Graves, The Rawls family, Mary Grace, Margaret Ruth Black, Merryl Dougherty, Jack Boardman, and Sarah Mulligan.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED: Jim Becker; Katie Lampton; Dave Kelly; and Loyce Probst Daigle, grandmother of Danielle Ireland and great grandmother of Emily and Abby Ireland.

WE REMEMBER THOSE WHO ARE ON ACTIVE DUTY WITH THE MILITARY WHO MAY BE IN HARM'S WAY: Chris Stump, Lee Cox, Andrew Clapp, Benjamin Nichols, Darius White and Garner Cheney.

WE PRAY FOR BISHOPS AND OTHER MINISTERS: Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Brian, our Bishop; Julio and Ezekiel, Bishops in our companion dioceses; and James, Bishop in the Methodist Conference of Mississippi.

WE GIVE THANKS FOR THE MARRIAGE OF: Deborah Wallace Breazeale and William Hill Penn, Jr.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO CELEBRATE A BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK: WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO CELEBRATE A BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK: Monday, Dec. 10: Bill Kientz, Jane Ross, Peter Malatesta, Larry Coleman, Matthew Guin, Connor Hegwood; Tuesday, Dec. 11: Joyce Neville; Wednesday, Dec. 12: Cheryl Drennan, Janice Powers, Stephen Stray; Thursday, Dec. 13: Dubar Brown, Aileen Thomas; Friday, Dec. 14: Jack Adams, William Goodman; Saturday, Dec. 15: Ary Jane Lyle, Ronnie Bethay, Leecia Spriggs, Anne Dulske; Sunday, Dec. 16: The Rev. Jennifer Deaton, Tim Medley, Audrey Jones.

WE GIVE THANKS FOR THOSE WHO CELEBRATE A WEDDING ANNIVERSARY FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER: Rachel and Seth Misener, December 4, 2004; Jackie and Avery Rollins, December 17, 1966; Donna and Jim Lander, December 21.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday at St. Andrew's

7:30 a.m. Rite I, No Music, in the Chapel
8:40 a.m. Rite II, Music, Parish Choir, in the Cathedral
9:45 a.m. Formation and Fellowship
11:00 a.m. Rite II, Music, Cathedral Choir, in the Cathedral
5:00 p.m. Community Evensong and Holy Eucharist in the Cathedral

Update on the Dean Search: We are very excited about the quality of our prospects for our new Dean. The month of December, we will be conducting video interviews. In person visits will start in January. Stay tuned and thank you for your prayers and patience.

Living Generously Through Grace and Gratitude Thus far, 257 households have pledged to give \$1,227,412 for God's work through Saint Andrew's Cathedral in 2019. 53 of those are new pledges and 101 are increases. If you have already made your pledge, thank you! Dean Pogue will send acknowledgment letters next week to those who have made their pledges. If you don't receive one, it probably means we don't have a record of your pledge. Let us hear from you if you made a pledge and don't receive an acknowledgement.

Your Giving and the New Tax Law - Here is an excellent and helpful article for those who are concerned about the impact of the new tax law on charitable giving.
<https://tinyurl.com/yaz4fkpv>

Advent Lessons and Carols: Join us this evening at 5:00 p.m. in the Cathedral to hear again through word and song the story of the fall of Humanity and the promise of a Redeemer: This service will move us into a posture of watchful waiting and hopeful expectation as we await the birth of Jesus. A reception will follow the service in the Parish Hall.

Community Evensong will not take place today because of Advent Lessons and Carols.

Now Comes the Day: Advent Reflections of St. Andrew's Cathedral - Every morning in Advent, we will send by email a brief reflection on the season, written by a staff member or parishioner of the Cathedral. Many thanks to everyone who has shared a reflection, helping us to live into this season of hope and expectation together.

The Clarence Tree will be in the Nave again today in between services. There are still a few names left. Ornaments created by Jack Sewell hold names of parishioners unable to come downtown to worship due to age, illness, or injury.

You are invited to take a name from the tree and visit that person in the season of Advent, sharing the love of our parish family. Your presence makes a wonderful difference. If you have questions, please contact the Rev. Jennifer Deaton, 601-487-2736.

The Angel Tree will be in the Nave again today. There are still many names to be taken. Financial and emotional stress dampen the Christmas cheer of families living in poverty. The Angel Tree program helps provide Christmas to children whose families aren't able to provide. Your generous gifts serve as blessings for many families, help put smiles on children's faces, and make the season brighter for both the gift giver and receiver. If you are unable to shop but would like to contribute financially, our secret elves will be happy to shop on your behalf. All gifts must be returned by Friday, Dec. 14.

Alternative Gift Giving Cards will be on sale today. Volunteers will be selling these cards in the rotunda before and between services. The revenue generated from the sale of our cards is used to fund our Breakfast Club ministry. The cards are \$10.00 each or 6 cards for \$50.00.

Wednesday Lunch Bunch Bible Study - Join the Rev. Canon Katie Bradshaw for lunch and Bible study on Wednesdays, Noon - 1:00 p.m., in the Whole Foods Community Room (located upstairs at Whole Foods: 4500 Interstate 55 North Frontage Rd, Jackson, MS 39211).

St. Andrew's Christmas Gift For many years, it has been the custom at St. Andrew's to call for a Christmas offering to support the work of Good Samaritan Center, which does so much good for our neighbors in need. You are invited to participate in this special offering and please be generous. The need is so great. Offering envelopes are available in the pews, at the Welcome Center, and in the Parish Hall, along with brochures that describe the services offered by The Good Samaritan Center. If you are not familiar with the work of The Good Samaritan Center, please see a description of their services on their website:
<http://goodsamaritancenter.org/>

Christmas Flower Donations: Please make a donation in any amount to our Flower Guild as a memorial or in thanksgiving for your loved ones. Send your contribution to St. Andrew's Cathedral, P.O. Box 1366, Jackson, MS 39215-1366. Your dedication will appear in the Christmas bulletin. The deadline is Tuesday, Dec. 18. Questions? Contact Laurie McCarley at lauriemc@standrews.ms.

Christmas Carols at the Old Capitol: The Cathedral Choir will sing a concert of old and new carols for Advent and Christmas Sunday, Dec.16 at 3:00 pm at the Old Capitol. This short concert will also include favorite Christmas carols for the audience to help sing, as well! This event is free and open to the public.

Longest Night Service: A healing service for those who sit in darkness. The days are shortest and the nights longest at this time of year, when for many "Merry Christmas," "Happy Holidays," and even "Joy to the World" are accompanied by the memory of loss or the sorrow of present struggles. The Longest Night service of Holy Eucharist offers prayers for healing and hope, and will be held Thursday, Dec. 20 at 6:00 p.m. in the Chapel. A nursery will be provided.

Greening of the Cathedral will take place on Sunday, Dec. 23 after the 11:00 am service. If you are able to volunteer to help transform our Nave for the Christmas season, please contact Ed Oliver at edoliverms@aol.com or 601-832-1211 so we will know how many volunteers we can count on and how many more we need to recruit. There is also a need for volunteers on Saturday, Dec. 22, at 10:00 am to get the bows out of the attic and other necessary tasks to prepare for the greening on Sunday. The greening is generally completed no later than 3:00 p.m.

"I Don't Do Altar Guild!" - If you've ever thought or spoken these words, we invite you to reconsider - our Altar Guild ministry is in transition, and needs your help! We are looking for 24 people (or families - children are welcome!) to take turns on teams that will each prepare the altar for worship just one service/one Sunday a month. It is a wonderful opportunity to learn more about worship in the Episcopal Church, to meet new people, and to care for our beautiful and sacred space. The only requirements are hearts willing to serve and hands willing to wash a dish or two. If you would like to learn more, please contact Rachel Newman at 601-769-5255 or rachelbaird23@gmail.com or Susan Osborne at sco39202@icloud.com

Seeking Women to Serve as Leaders for Girls in Scouts BSA - Earlier this year, the Boy Scouts of America announced that girls will be included at all levels of the program. Venture and Explorer units have welcomed girls for decades. Women have been leaders at all levels for some time. Now girls will be able to participate fully in Cub Scout Packs and BSA Troops. Girl Cub Scouts will have their own dens within packs. Girls in BSA will have their own troops. For over 100 years, St. Andrew's has been the chartered partner for BSA Troop 1. St. Andrew's Episcopal School sponsors BSA Cub Scout Pack 1. Dean Ron Pogue and BSA officials have been in conversation about the possibility of forming a troop for middle school age girls in February. The first step in the process of forming a new troop for girls is to recruit adult leaders, especially women. If you are interested in exploring the possibilities, please contact Dean Pogue (rpogue@standrews.org). Once we are assured that we have the adult leadership, we will provide training and begin the process of recruiting the youth.

The Search Committee Needs YOU! If you travel and have accumulated frequent flyer miles, we would love for you to share some of your points. We have a budget which includes travel expenses, but we may need to fly 2-3 people to several destinations. YOU can help us be good stewards of the St. Andrew's Cathedral's budget! Contact Carol Penick at carol.penick@gmail.com or 601-842-8993.

Dates for Holy Baptism: The scheduled dates for the year 2019 for Holy Baptism will be January 6, 2019, Epiphany; Saturday, April 20, 2019, Easter Vigil (Saturday evening at 7:30 pm); Sunday, May 12, 2019, Mother's Day; Sunday, June 9, 2019, Pentecost. Anyone interested in receiving baptism for themselves or for their children should contact the Rev. Jennifer Deaton, at 601-487-2736 or jdeaton@standrews.ms

Brotherhood of St. Andrew meets every Tuesday at noon St. Francis Hall. All are welcome and bring your own lunch. The Episcopal Church's oldest ministry is also one of its most effective. The Brotherhood of St. Andrew has been bringing men to Jesus Christ for 133 years since its founding on the cold, wintry day of Nov. 30, 1883 at St. James' Episcopal Church in downtown Chicago. Homeless men were sleeping on the city's downtown streets - and it was these men the fledgling Brotherhood wanted to save. For information, call David Morse, 601-953-7712.

☞ SUNDAY MORNING FORMATION ☞

CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD PROGRAM (9:45 AM – 10:45 AM)

3 years – Kindergarten:

Atrium of the Good Shepherd

Catechesis hallway, second room on the right.

1st – 3rd grade:

Atrium of the True Vine

Catechesis hallway, last room on the left.

Pre-YC: 4th – 5th grade:

Atrium of the Disciples of Christ

Catechesis hallway, last room on the left.

YOUTH FORMATION (9:45 AM – 10:45 AM)

EYC (6th – 12th Grades)

All EYC age youth are invited to attend Sunday school with our youth leader, Cole Putman. The youth will focus on community building as they study Psalm 23.

DEAN'S FORUM -PARISH HALL

DECEMBER 9 – *The Episcopal Build's Habitat for Humanity*

Please join the 2018 Episcopal Build homeowner for a meet and greet, and an opportunity to see and hear about the Episcopal Build's 2018 project.

DECEMBER 16 – *A Christmas Tradition: Chimneyville Readers and "A Christmas Memory"*

Join us in the parish hall for Truman Capote's "A Christmas Memory," adapted and narrated by James Anderson. This 30-minute reading celebrates old fashioned Southern Christmases and the empowering joy of friendship.

BASEMENT: FRONT ROOM - THE TAKE AWAY

The Scriptures present us with stories of people of faith who, like us, are imperfect and doing their best to stay connected to God. *The Take Away* is a class designed to encourage discussion and exploration of scripture so that we each may glean something to guide us in our own struggle to stay connected to God. Each week we will take one of the lectionary texts assigned for the week and examine it using biblical scholarship, media, and current events. Please join us in the front room of the basement on Sunday mornings.

YELVERTON ROOM -THEOLOGY AND LITERATURE

Today, and next Sunday we will wind up our study of Walker Percy's *The Second Coming*. Music will be the NYCity Slickers version of "It's All About Me" and James Taylor's "Carolina in My Mind" Led by John Holmes.

☞ EYC UPCOMING DATES ☞

SUNDAY DECEMBER 16: Preparing and serving lunch at Stewpot

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, CONTACT COLE PUTMAN, CPUTMAN@STANDREWS.MS

WEDNESDAY NIGHT IN ADVENT

DECEMBER 12 – Cocoa and Carols – An all ages Carol Sing-Along

- 5:00p.m. – 6:00p.m. – Dinner
- 6:00p.m. – 7:00p.m. – Carol Sing-Along with music especially for children.

Women's Book Study

The Women's Book Study will have their Christmas Party at the home of Mary Frances O'Neal, 215 Eastbrooke St., Jackson 39216 beginning at 5:30 p.m.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

Monday, December 24

3:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II

- Service for families and children, with a children's sermon
- Childcare provided
- No Incense

4:30 p.m. Choral Prelude

5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II

- The Right Reverend Brian Seage, Presider and Preacher
- Childcare provided

10:30 p.m. Choral Prelude

11:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II

- No Childcare

CHRISTMAS DAY AND FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

Tuesday, December 25

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II

- No Childcare

Sunday, December 30

7:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II

- Childcare provided

No service on New Year's Day



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