

Your Cathedral in the City Monthly

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Letter From the Dean

Darkness is the beginning and the end. Advent begins with scary, apocalyptic, words describing a time when the sun will not light the day nor the moon the night. This season will end with Shepherds tending sheep in fields covered in darkness of night. Sounds like a good Scorsese film. But what about the star, and the angels that will light up the night? The psalm says of God, "Darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day; darkness and light to you are both alike." (Ps. 139:11) Darkness can be a quieting, a time of stillness, in which to wait, to catch our breath, to experience transition in a pace that allows our head and heart to catch up. Most transitions feel like a loss of something, like things are falling apart, but maybe they are falling into place." Like the space between Egypt and the promised land, Good Friday and Easter, this time between the start of Advent and Christmas Eve, is a time of growth, of invitations into the unknown. Just because we can't see the way forward at this moment, doesn't mean there isn't one. I don't have to understand it all; I only have to know that I am not alone. "For then they will see the Son of Man coming." O come, o come, Emmanuel!

Grace and Peace,

The Very Rev. Anne M. Maxwell, Dean

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St. Andrew's
Episcopal Cathedral
Your Cathedral in the City

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

sunday

8:30a | Holy Eucharist | Chapel

9:30a | Formation Hour for all ages

10:30a | Holy Eucharist | Cathedral Nave
and St. Julian's Chapel (Online)

10:30a | Children's Chapel | Chapel

5:00p | EYC | EYC Room (basement)

monday - friday

6:00a (& on demand) | Morning Prayers podcast

wednesday

12:00noon | Lunch Bunch
(Eastbrooke Clubhouse)

5:00p | Enneagram
(1st Wed. of the Month), St. Francis Hall

thursday

12:00p | Noon Eucharist (chapel)

SUNDAY FORMATION

for adults

9:30a | Dean's Forum is on a break for the
holiday season and will resume after
the Feast of the Epiphany.

9:30a | Theology & Literature, Yelverton Room

for youth

9:30a | Embracing the Questions, EYC Room

5:00p | EYC, EYC Room

for children

9:30a | Bible Adventure, upstairs classrooms

10:30a | Children's Chapel (during 10:30 service)

Registration and info for the
Journey Series with
Mark Nepo
is up at
standrews.ms/journeyseries



A Look Ahead

Next month and beyond at
Your Cathedral in the City

Advent Wreath Making

Sunday, December 3rd, 9:30am

Rings and candles available for purchase, attendees encouraged to bring greenery cuttings, pinecones, berries, etc. to share.

Music in the City featuring the Cathedral Children's Choir

Tuesday, Dec. 5th, 5:15 cash bar, 5:45pm performance

At the Mississippi Museum of Art.

Angel Tree Sunday

Sunday, December 3rd, 5:00pm

Your opportunity to provide Christmas gifts for the children we serve begins December 3rd. You can take a name off the tree or offer cash contributions and the elves will buy for you.

Enneagram Group

Wednesday, December 6th, 5:00pm

Journey Series Advent Retreat with Mark Nepo

Friday, December 8th—

Sunday, December 10th

Info & registration at standrews.ms/journeyseries.

St. Nicholas' Visit

Sunday, December 10th, 8:30 and 10:30am

St. Nicholas was a 4th century bishop. There are many legends of Nicholas secretly giving gifts to poor children and covering the dowry of young women intent on marriage. St. Nicholas will join us to share his story.

Advent Lessons and Carols

Sunday, December 10th, 4:00pm

Reception to follow.

Advent Market

Thursday, December 14th, 5:00-7:00pm

Vendors selling gifts, trinkets, snacks and more! A portion of the proceeds will support our Angel Tree ministry through Good Samaritan Center, which provides Christmas gifts to local families in need. Vendors sign up at standrews.ms/adventmarket.

EYC prepares & serves at Stewpot

Sunday, December 17th, 10:30am

Advent Eucharist

Sunday, December 17th, 4:00pm

With a prelude performed by Marion Geissinger and Sarah Clay.

Greening of the Cathedral

December 23rd

Volunteers decorate the church with greenery and bows for Christmas. Open to all—contact Ed Oliver (edoliverms@aol.com) to participate.

Christmas Services

Christmas Eve

Sunday, December 24th



8:30am | Advent IV in the Chapel

3:00pm | Christmas Eve Service

5:00pm | Christmas Eve Service (4:30 prelude)

11:00pm | Christmas Eve Service (10:30 prelude)

Christmas Day

Monday, December 25th



10:00am | Christmas Day service



Christmas II

Sunday, December 31st, 10:30am

NOTE: There will only be one service this Sunday.

Feast of Lights

Saturday, January 6th, 5:00pm dinner, 6:00pm service

Come celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany with dinner in the parish hall followed by a joyful Eucharist with candles, glow sticks, bells and all the trimmings. Burning of the Greens follows in the street.

Home Eucharists

January 6th - February 11th

In this season of light, we will gather in parishioners' homes to celebrate the Holy Eucharist. See the schedule on our website or contact Gracey, gbelote@standrews.ms.

Meal Prep for Opportunity Center

Sunday, January 14th, 11:30am

Help prepare frozen meals for Stewpot's Opportunity Center, which provides emergency shelter and a hot meal for those in need when temperatures drop below 35 degrees. Lunch will be provided for volunteers.

Cathedral Parish Annual Meeting

Sunday, January 21st, 9:30am

Includes the election of new vestry members and Senior Warden plus reports from Cathedral ministries and operations.

Parish Lunch

Sunday, January 21st, 11:30am

After the Parish Meeting and the 10:30am worship service, join us for lunch in the Parish Hall!

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**St. Brigid Eucharist and
Prayers for Peace**

Thursday, February 1st, 12:00noon

Honoring the Feast of St. Brigid of Kildare.

Diocesan Annual Council

Friday, February 2nd-Sunday, February 4th

Hosted at St. Andrew's North Campus—there will not be any services at the Cathedral on Sunday, Feb. 4th. Join us for the Council closing Eucharist.

Thursday, December 14
5:00 - 7:00pm
in the Parish Hall
handmade crafts
holiday gifts
complimentary drinks
heavy hors d'oeuvres

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