



2025 ANNUAL GIVING

NOVEMBER 17, 2024

Time to Grow, in Gratitude & Joy

“Give and it will be given to you.”

- Luke 6:38

Our Annual Giving campaign is drawing to a close. Many thanks to the 113 families who have already pledged for 2025.

We are well on our way to funding our mission and ministry in the coming year: offering inspiring worship on Sundays and throughout the week, maintaining our large and historic building, nurturing our young people’s faith in our vibrant Sunday School program, supporting our 35+ active ministries, committees, and groups, and providing for the needs of our large and diverse congregation. However, we’re not there yet. If you haven’t pledged for 2025, we need your help. Our final Ingathering is next Sunday, **November 24.**



How you can help...

- Reflect on how important St. Andrew's is to you and your family in good times and bad, and pray for God's guidance on how you can best support your church in 2025.
- If you currently pledge, **we are asking that you prayerfully consider a 10% increase for 2025, or more if you are able, to help us meet increased costs and address the deficit.**
- If you are a newer member, we'd like you to know that pledging helps us make and carry out responsible plans for the future. Pledges range from under \$600 per year to over \$18,000, with our average pledge in 2024 being \$3,922. Every pledge, small or large, is important to our ministry.

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Our Annual Giving Campaign is well underway!

113 families have committed \$604,174 representing a 14% increase in their giving over 2024.

We hope you will help us as these families have and do your best to support our mission and ministry in the year ahead.



Have you turned in your 2025 Pledge Card?

The pledges of our faithful new and longtime members will determine the shape of our mission and ministry going forward. Please prayerfully consider what St. Andrew's means to you and how you can best support our ministry.

What is a pledge?

A pledge is good faith commitment, usually paid in regular installments throughout the year--weekly, monthly, or quarterly. You fill out a pledge card and mail it to the church office or put it in the offering plate on Sunday.

Why is pledging important?

St. Andrew's relies on the financial pledges of our new and longtime members to fund 80% of our budget. Another 8% comes from unpledged gifts (such as cash put in the offering, plate, our Easter and Christmas appeals, and miscellaneous income and gifts). We make a sustainable 5% draw each year from our invested funds, providing about 6% of our operating income. The remaining 6% is the operating deficit we are working to address. The vestry (our governing board) develops the budget for the coming year based on the results of our Annual Giving pledge campaign.

How much should I pledge?

Giving is a matter of the heart, just as faith is. Jesus understood and accepted the ordinary human heart. His analysis, given in the Sermon on the Mount, is direct: "Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also" (Matthew 6:21). St. Paul, the builder of churches, wrote "On every Lord's Day, each of you should put aside some amount of money in relation to what you have earned and save it for the offering" (1 Corinthians 16:2).

How much do others give at St. Andrew's?

Our average pledge is about \$3,922, with many giving much more and many giving less than that amount. There is no 'right' amount. All gifts hold equal importance as they are a reflection of your prayerful consideration of your relationship with God, St. Andrew's, and your personal financial position.

What if I need to change my pledge?

Your pledge is not a binding contract. You will never be 'billed' for any amount should you be unable to fulfill your pledge. Contact the Parish Office at any time to raise or lower your pledge.

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in gratitude and joy

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YES! I/We want to help support the ministry of Saint Andrew's Episcopal Church.

Name _____
Address _____
City/State/ZIP _____

OFFERING ENVELOPES
 I/We want to receive offering envelopes (select this option)
 I/We have included St. Andrew's in my/our estate plan
 Please send information about including St. Andrew's in my/our estate plan

Signature _____

2025 PLEDGE INFORMATION

\$ _____ Week x 52 Weeks = \$ _____
\$ _____ Month x 12 Months = \$ _____
\$ _____ Quarter x 4 Quarters = \$ _____
\$ _____ Annually

ACH Giving Authorization
A current signature is required to authorize ACH debits.
 I/We wish to continue or increase my/our monthly Automatic Bank Debit (ACH) at: _____
\$ _____ Amount/Month Signature Required annually for ACH

How do I turn in my pledge?

After you have filled out and signed your 2025 pledge card, you can turn it in:

BY MAIL

Place your signed and completed pledge card in the included envelope, add a stamp, and put it in the mail

INGATHERING SUNDAY

Put your pledge card in the offering plate on Sunday, November 24, 2024

PLEDGE ONLINE

Scan the QR code to fill out an electronic pledge card

BY EMAIL

Snap a photo of your pledge card and email it to office@standrewsaa.org



Thank you to everyone who has turned in their 2025 Pledge Card! Your support of the mission and ministry of St. Andrew's will help guide us as we plan for the future.

Please know: The wardens, vestry, rector, and staff are grateful for every pledge of support, no matter the size. And, if your financial situation is such that you cannot pledge this year, please know that we are grateful that you are here, grateful for the many ways you support St. Andrew's, and grateful for your prayers.

The Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
November 17, 2024

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Hymns are found in the blue *Hymnal 1982* in your pew.
The 'S' numbers are located at the front of the hymnal.

The service begins in quiet and prayer.

Prelude: *Variations on 'Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence'* Russel Schulz-Widmar
(b. 1944)

THE WORD OF GOD

Processional Hymn 598: *Lord Christ, when First Thou Cams't to Earth*

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

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

Gloria, Hymn S-278: *Glory to God* (10:00 am only)

People **Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray. Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson: *Daniel 12:1-3*

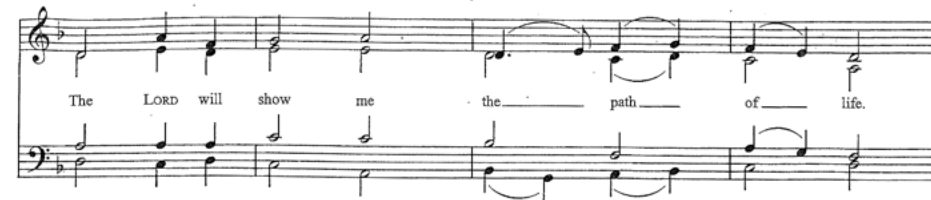
The Lord spoke to Daniel in a vision and said, "At that time Michael, the great prince, the protector of your people, shall arise. There shall be a time of anguish, such as has

never occurred since nations first came into existence. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 16



Antiphon: The Lord will show me the path of life.

- 1 Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; *
I have said to the LORD, "You are my Lord,
my good above all other."
- 2 All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land; *
upon those who are noble among the people. [ANT.]
- 3 But those who run after other gods *
shall have their troubles multiplied.
- 4 Their libations of blood I will not offer; *
nor take the names of their gods upon my lips. [ANT.]
- 5 O LORD, you are my portion and my cup; *
it is you who uphold my lot.
- 6 My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; *
indeed, I have a goodly heritage. [ANT.]
- 7 I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel; *
my heart teaches me, night after night.
- 8 I have set the LORD always before me; *
because he is at my right hand I shall not fall. [ANT.]
- 9 My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; *
my body also shall rest in hope.
- 10 For you will not abandon me to the grave; *
nor let your holy one see the Pit.
- 11 You will show me the path of life; *
in your presence there is fullness of joy,
and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore. [ANT.]

The Second Lesson: *Hebrews 10:11-25*

Every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, "he sat down at the right hand of God," and since then has been waiting "until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet." For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified. And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us, for after saying,

"This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord: I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds," he also adds, "I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more." Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.

Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast to the confession

of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn 571: *All Who Love and Serve Your City*

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

The Gospel: *Mark 13:1-8*

As Jesus came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!" Then Jesus asked him, "Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down."

When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, "Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?" Then Jesus began to say to them, "Beware that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and they will lead many astray. When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birthpangs."

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

The Nicene Creed

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.

The Prayers of the People

Please stand or kneel

Let us pray for the Church, the world, and all people. *A brief silence.* Help us, O God, to hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, trusting in your faithfulness. Help us to provoke one another to love and good deeds.

People **God of love, hear our prayer.**

You have given us uncountable talents and provided us with great bounty. May we use our talents for good and noble purposes. May we invest them, foster them, and watch them grow in usefulness to your kingdom. Forgive us when we squander your gifts or hold them too close. Give us the gift of generosity and the joy and freedom that come with it. **God of love, hear our prayer.**

God of reconciliation, we ask for healing for the divisions in our nation. Teach us to listen deeply to one another and learn to respect each other in spite of our differences. Fill our land with your spirit of reconciliation that we may truly be one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all. **God of love, hear our prayer.**

Give us, O Lord, steadfast hearts, which no unworthy thoughts can drag down; unconquered hearts, which no tribulation can wear out; upright hearts, which no unworthy purposes can tempt aside. Bestow upon us understanding to know you, diligence to seek you, wisdom to find you, and faithfulness that finally may embrace you. **God of love, hear our prayer.** *(Thomas Aquinas)*

We pray for all who suffer in mind, body, or spirit, including those on our prayer list, and those whose burdens are known to you alone. *Pause* Give them the joy of your saving health and restore them to fullness of life. **God of love, hear our prayer.**

In a moment of silence, let us pray for those who are dear to us. *Silence* Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them and love one another as he loves us. **God of love, hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who have died, including Anna (Ruby) & KK Varghese, Vinoo and Sanu, Mary and Eapen Varghese, and Junoo, in whose memory the flowers are given this morning, and all those we love but see no longer. *Silence* May they have a place in your eternal kingdom. **God of love, hear our prayer.**

Loving God, you know our hopes and fears even before we speak them; hear the prayers of your people. Help us in our struggle to stay alert that we may be ready for the hour of your coming. We ask this through Jesus, your Son. **Amen.**

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins. *Silence*
Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Offertory Anthem: *A Prayer for Peace* Michael McCabe (b. 1941)
The St. Andrew’s Adult Choir

For it is good that all people dwell in unity and peace. Show us your ways, O Lord, teach us your paths of righteousness and steadfast love. O come to know the works of the Lord for those who trust in God. Pray that all war may cease; we break the bow and stop the spear; we heal the wound. For Lord, your people in their sin to brethern. Turn then, O God of Grace, the hearts of all to know your love, and seek your peace. For it is good that all people dwell in unity and peace. Give grace to know thy way, great God of love.

Children’s Entrance Hymn 615: “Thy Kingdom Come!”

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING Eucharistic Prayer A

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

The Celebrant offers our thanks to God for the grace and mercy made available to us in Christ.

Sanctus S-128: *Holy, Holy, Holy Lord*

The people stand or kneel as the Celebrant gives thanks for the reconciling work of Christ through his passion and resurrection and prays over the bread and wine.

Celebrant Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith.

People **Christ has died.**

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues with the Eucharistic prayer.

Celebrant By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit of all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. **Amen.**

Celebrant As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,
Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Fraction Anthem S-165: *Jesus, Lamb of God*

Please come forward and stand or kneel at the rail. The priest will place the bread in your outstretched palm (Consecrated rice wafers are available for those with wheat allergies - simply ask the priest). You may dip (intinct) the bread in the wine in the small cup held by the Eucharistic minister. Alternatively, you may indicate your desire to drink from the common chalice by consuming the bread and remaining at the rail after the Eucharistic minister passes; another Eucharistic minister will bring the large chalice over for you to drink from directly. Please know that Christ is fully present in both the bread and the wine - there is no requirement to receive both. If you do not wish to receive communion, you may come forward, cross your hands over your chest, and receive a blessing.

Communion Anthem: *Thanks be to God* Michael Bedford (b. 1949)
The St. Andrew’s Cherub Choir

Thanks be to God for all good gifts. Thanks be to God for all creation. Thank you for homes, thank you for food, thank you for loved ones who care. Thank you for church, thank you for school, thank you for love that we share. Thanks be to God for all good gifts. Thanks be to God for creation. Help us to love, help us to give, help us to sing your praise. Help us to work, help us to live, serving you in all our days. Thanks be to God for all good gifts. Thanks be to God for creation. Amen!

Communion Hymn 307: *Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor*

When Lay Eucharistic Visitors are taking Holy Communion to those unable to be with us in person, we say the following

Celebrant In the name of this congregation, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ’s body and blood.

People **We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.**

Post-Communion Thanksgiving

Celebrant Let us pray.

People **Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Blessing

Closing Hymn 665: *All My Hope on God is Founded*

Dismissal

The young people are invited to come forward during the hymn to participate in the dismissal.

Young people Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude: *Hommage à Perotin* Myron Roberts (1912-2004)