

# 2021 Annual Giving

ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH • MORNING PRAYER



## Church: It's not about the building, but it is about *building*.

Not being able to gather for in-person worship, since the middle of March, has been hard. Yet, as with every challenge, the pandemic has reminded us of how important church is in helping us meet the trials we face in life.

As our world struggles with so many difficult issues, and even as our building is closed, **the work of the Church continues as a witness to the presence of God in our lives and the gift of love we are given and called to share with a world that is hurting.** Your pledge for the coming year will support this work.

**When we join together in a common commitment the Church will thrive,** so that when

we can reopen our doors what God has built in us will be something holy and alive, ready to engage the world even more fully than before.

### We are asking you to prayerfully consider:

- What brought you to St. Andrew's?
- What does our church family and ministry mean in your life?
- How can you respond, as generously as you are able, to help maintain our church home and ministries?



The Rev. Alan Gibson, Rector

**Watch this service on YouTube**

**Sunday, October 18**

at 10:00 am

**SERVICE LINK:**

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCkK2EnnuhP\\_EECpxvvjO\\_zw](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCkK2EnnuhP_EECpxvvjO_zw)

**Then join us for Coffee Hour on Zoom!**

**Sunday, October 18**

at 10:45 am

Log-in information for this Zoom meeting can be found in the Saturday 'Service Links' email or you can send an email to Fr. Alan: [agibson@standrewsaa.org](mailto:agibson@standrewsaa.org).

**Navigating this Service:** A "full text" pdf of our Morning Prayer is available [HERE](#) or you can follow the service using the Book of Common Prayer, starting with page 75.

**Prelude:** *Adagio (Sonate for Violin and Basso Continuo, BWV 1021)*

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Nathaniel Cornell, Violin

### Stewardship Talk

Dave McCreadie

### Opening Hymn: *Jesus Shall Reign*

Hymnal, no. 544

1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun doth his suc -  
2 To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es  
3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - ery tongue dwell on his  
4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns: the pris - oners  
5 Let ev - ery crea - ture rise and bring pe - cu - liar

1 ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from  
2 throng to crown his head; his Name like sweet per -  
3 love with sweet - est song; and in - fant voic - es  
4 leap to lose their chains, the wea - ry find e -  
5 hon - ors to our King; an - gels de - scend with

1 shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.  
2 fume shall rise with ev - ery morn - ing sac - ri - fice.  
3 shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his Name.  
4 ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.  
5 songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud a - men.

# St. Andrew's 2020 Budget: \$1,010,094



The 2020 budget was approved in December 2019.

## Supporting Ministry

**St. Andrew's is the oldest continuously operating church in Ann Arbor and the second oldest in the Diocese of Michigan.**

Yes, Sunday worship and our many beloved ministries are "different" right now, but our mission and message is the same as ever: We are all one community, embodying God's love for the world, and your support is needed for us to continue the work we began in 1827.

Pictured: Parishioners Phil & Sharon MacBride during their 1958 wedding at St. Andrew's



## Opening Sentences

Book of Common Prayer, pg. 78

## Confession

Book of Common Prayer, pg. 79

## Preces

Hymnal, no. S-33

Book of Common Prayer, pg. 80

## Invitatory

Book of Common Prayer, pg. 80

## Venite



Come, let us sing / to the Lord;  
let us shout for joy to the Rock of / our salvation.  
Let us come before God's presence / with thanksgiving  
and raise to the Lord a shout with psalms.

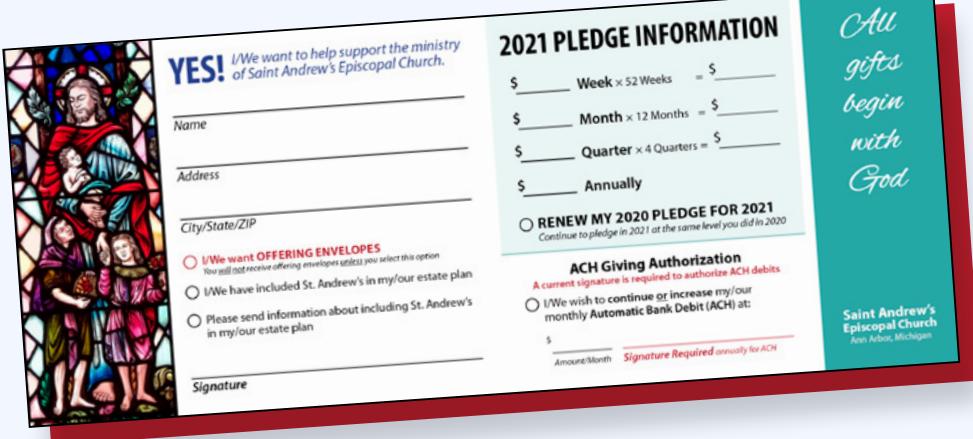
The sea is yours, / for you made it,  
and your hands have mold/ed the dry land.  
Come, let us bow down and / bend the knee,  
and kneel before the / Lord our Maker.

For you are a / great God;  
you are great a/bove all gods.  
In your hands are the caverns / of the earth,  
and the heights of the / hills are yours also.

For you / are our God,  
and we are the people / of your pasture  
and the sheep / of your hand.  
Oh, that today we would / hearken to your voice!

## Psalm 96:1-9

- 1 Sing to the Lord a new song; \*  
sing to the Lord, all the whole earth.
- 2 Sing to the Lord and bless his Name; \*  
proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.
- 3 Declare his glory among the nations \*  
and his wonders among all peoples.
- 4 For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; \*  
he is more to be feared than all gods.
- 5 As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; \*  
but it is the Lord who made the heavens.
- 6 Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! \*  
Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!
- 7 Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the peoples; \*  
ascribe to the Lord honor and power.
- 8 Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; \*  
bring offerings and come into his courts.
- 9 Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; \*  
let the whole earth tremble before him.



## Have you filled out your 2021 Pledge Card?

**When we join together in a common commitment the Church will thrive. Your pledge for the coming year will support the work of the church and make our ministries possible.**

### Please fill in your pledge information completely and legibly!

Make sure you fill in your name(s), current address, a signatures, and your 2021 pledge amount.

### Do you need offering envelopes?

If you use offering envelopes as your giving method please make sure you select 'I/We want offering envelopes' on your pledge card. Envelopes are only sent to those who request them and mailed on a quarterly basis.

### Are you giving with Automatic Bank Debit (ACH)?

If you use Automatic Bank Debit (ACH) as your payment method please make sure you fill out the 'ACH Giving Authorization' section. We need you to

re-authorize the transaction each year whether or not you are continuing your giving at the same rate.

### How much should I give?

*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.* It is only an indication of your intent to give. You will never be 'billed' for any amount should you be unable to fulfill your pledge. Contact the Parish Office at any time to change your pledge.

## Did you receive your 2021 Pledge Card?

Campaign materials were mailed to the parish in mid-September. *If you haven't received a pledge card:* Please contact Kathy McPherson at [kmcpherson@standrewsaa.org](mailto:kmcpherson@standrewsaa.org).

### Old Testament: Isaiah 45:1-7

Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped to subdue nations before him and strip kings of their robes, to open doors before him—and the gates shall not be closed: I will go before you and level the mountains, I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron, I will give you the treasures of darkness and riches hidden in secret places, so that you may know that it is I, the LORD, the God of Israel, who call you by your name. For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name, I surname you, though you do not know me.

I am the LORD, and there is no other; besides me there is no god. I arm you, though you do not know me, so that they may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is no one besides me; I am the LORD, and there is no other. I form light and create darkness, I make weal and create woe; I the LORD do all these things.

### Canticle: *The First Song of Isaiah*

Hymnal, no. S-213

Book of Common Prayer, pg. 86

### The Gospel: Matthew 22:15-22

The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap Jesus in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

### Sermon

Fr. Alan Gibson

In the Name of God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

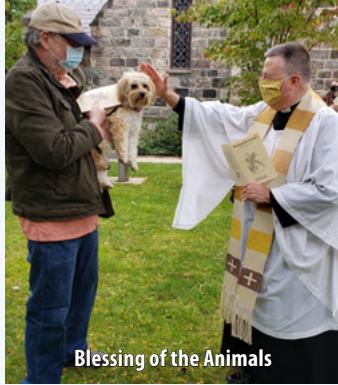
It is unavoidable. Everywhere you turn there is a label. Everything gets labeled from the food we eat, to the clothes we wear, the politicians for whom we vote and the churches we attend. With those labels come assumptions and judgments, depending on who has affixed the label and who is reading it: organic, cancer-causing, artery-clogging, fair trade, sweat shop,



Chancel Construction Begins



Blessing of the Animals



Blessing of the Animals



Grades 3-5 Planting Bulbs



Grades 3-5 Planting Bulbs



Gift Bags for Shut-In Parishioners

## Send In Your Pledge Card!

***It is your continued financial support to the parish which allows us to maintain the level of ministry and worship we currently enjoy in a new, socially distant format.***

Your 2021 pledge will help us ensure that once a return to in-person worship is possible, the St. Andrew's you know and love will still be here for you.

### Pledge by Email

***Submitting your pledge card is easier than ever this year!***

After you've signed and completed your pledge card, just take a picture of it and email it to [pledge@standrewsaa.org](mailto:pledge@standrewsaa.org).

### Pledge by Mail

***Prefer to send your pledge card by mail? No problem!***

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

**Please DO NOT bring your pledge card to the church office!**

sustainable, synthetic, sleazy, corrupt, partisan, liberal, conservative, radical, reactionary, fake, inclusive, narrow-minded. One of the problems with labels such as these is, that with a minimal amount of imagination, they can be slapped on a bag of potato chips as easily as they can be slapped onto a person or a group. Labeling tempts us to treat people not as human beings, but rather as nothing more than a commodity, like a bag of potato chips that once consumed, or used for what they are worth, can just be thrown away.

The Pharisees who confront Jesus in today's gospel want to do the same thing to him. Instead of dealing with Jesus for who he is, they, in their anger and jealousy, try to force him into being something they can control and use, and then dispose of when they are finished with him. Jesus spent his time teaching, healing, praying – all in ways the Pharisees can't handle. Jesus is a threat, someone who makes their life uncomfortable by the questions he asks, by the truth he tells, by the commitments he demands, and by tearing up all the familiar labels and showing people for what they are -- just people, loved by God for being themselves.

In an attempt to stop Jesus, the Pharisees try to pin a nasty label on him. In hopes of trapping him in his own words, they ask if they must pay taxes to the Romans who occupy their land. Which ever way he answers, Jesus can be branded either as a traitor to his people, or a criminal to the Romans. He asks the Pharisees to read the label on a coin and tells them that since the coin bears the Emperor's name and likeness, it belongs to the Emperor. Pay him his due. Jesus goes on to say that things that belong to God should likewise be given to God. The Pharisee's response was just as sad as their attempt to entrap him. They are silent and just walk away. They may have had pockets full of coins with Caesar's name on them, but they didn't have one thing to show that belonged to God. Everything they had – their money, their position, their heritage -- was their own possession, and no one else's; so they thought.

It's easy to come to that conclusion, especially for a people who had lost so much. Their land, their independence, their way of life, everything they once called their own had either been taken from them or was closely controlled by a power they could not overcome. They had once been prosperous. Now they are powerless. As bitter as it was, it was also an easy label to identify with because they were reminded of their status every waking minute of every day.

Then Jesus comes along preaching a kingdom that defies all understanding, that is built not on the political winds of the moment, or the rise and fall of markets, but on a relationship infinitely stronger than any of those things – on an identity that speaks more truly about who we are than any label could

ever do. Citizenship in this kingdom requires only one thing: our full acceptance of belonging to God, not as a possession, but as one of God's children on whom is bestowed the ability to see the world and all that is in it for what it truly is – a gift that has been given for everyone's benefit.

We could easily agree that, thanks to God, we can enjoy the fact that we are alive to see this day. That the air we breathe, the sunshine, the rain, our family and friends, the roof over our heads and the food on our tables would not be there if it were not for God's bountiful grace. Everything we call our own is ours because God has given us these things.

But on what, if any of it, do we deliberately put God's name? What in our lives clearly carries the likeness of Christ? Whose name is inscribed on your heart? The name you find there is the name you'll find on the other things of value in your life. Just as plainly as Caesar's name could be read on that coin, the name on your heart tells to whom it belongs. The heart tells who we are and whose we are.

You are a child of God, made in God's image and likeness. No other label matters. It's up to each of us to live up to who we are by how we use what we have been given. When God reads the name on your heart, what does God see? When God asks us to give what belongs to God, what will we give? Is your heart clearly marked and ready to be given to the God who gives us everything? Or when God asks for what is God's own will you, like the Pharisees, make a terrible mistake and just silently walk away?

## Apostles Creed

Book of Common Prayer, pg. 96

## The Prayers

### Collect of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Anthem:** *Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether*      Harold Friedell (1905-1958)  
The St. Andrew's Adult Virtual Choir

*Draw us in the Spirit's tether; for when humbly, in thy name, two or three are met together, thou art in the midst of them: Alleluya! Alleluya! Touch we now thy garment's hem. As the brethren used to gather in the name of Christ to sup, then with thanks to God the Father break the bread and bless the cup, Alleluya! Alleluya! So knit thou our friendship up. All our meals and all our living make as sacraments of thee, that be caring, helping, giving, we may true disciples be. Alleluya! Alleluya! We will serve thee faithfully.*

## General Thanksgiving

Book of Common Prayer, pg. 101

## Prayer of St. Chrysostom

## Concluding Versicle

Hymnal, no. S-54

## Closing Hymn: *God of Grace*

Hymnal, no. 594

## Postlude: *Sonata Quarta for Violin and Continuo*

Johann Heinrich Schmelzer (1623-1680)

Nathaniel Cornell, Violin

# Calendar

## Sunday, October 18

### Flu Shots

8:30-11:30 am in the Chapel

### Virtual Church School

8:45 am on Zoom

### Morning Prayer

10:00 am on YouTube

### Virtual Coffee Hour

10:45 am on Zoom

## Wednesday, October 21

### Handbell Rehearsal

6:30 pm in the Church

### Virtual Youth Groups

7pm MS / 8pm HS on Zoom

## Thursday, October 22

### Bible Study

10:00 am on Zoom

### Cherub Handchimes

4:30 pm in the Church

### Jr. Handbell Choir

5:15 pm in the Church

### Adult Choir Handbell Lesson

7:30 pm in the Church

## Sunday, October 25

### Virtual Church School

8:45 am on Zoom

### Morning Prayer

10:00 am on YouTube

### Virtual Coffee Hour

10:45 am on Zoom

**Masks are required for all in-person events**



## 2021 ANNUAL GIVING

We have heard from 86% of our Early Givers. A total of 37 families have committed \$285,938 for 32% of the \$900,000 goal for 2021.

*These 37 leadership gifts represent just 6% of our 600 families while contributing 32% of our goal.*

physical distancing. The HVNS accepts BC/BS, Aetna, Cigna and Medicaid/MI-Child; Medicare, Blue Care Network, Priority Health, and HAP are also accepted with no co-pay required. Bring your insurance card with you. Self-pay? The cost is \$33 for the regular vaccine and \$37.60 for the "high dose" (cash, check and credit cards accepted).

## Today

### Send In Your Pledge Card!

Today is Stewardship Sunday; if we were in church this would be the day you completed and turned in your pledge card.

**We ask that you take time this week to prayerfully consider your gifts and how you can respond, as generously as you are able, to help maintain our church home and ministries with a pledge to the 2021 Annual Giving Campaign.** There is no deadline for turning in your pledge, but doing so by October 25th will help us save postage on follow-up mailings!

### Flu Shots at the Church Today

Reminder: Flu Shots have been scheduled at the church TODAY from 8:30 to 11:30 am. If you've made a appointment, you should have gotten a reminder. We can accommodate a *limited number* of walk-ins, the earlier in the day, the better.

#### Please make sure you:

- Park in the parking lot
- Enter via the Memorial Garden
- Have your insurance cards (*if needed*)
- Wear a mask
- Bring your own pen

Members of the Episcopal Health Ministry will be present that morning to aid in flow and with

## Supporting St. Andrew's

Once you've submitted your pledge card for 2021, we have several different methods of financial giving!

### Automatic Withdrawal of Offerings (ACH)

ACH withdrawal is made once per month from your bank account. If you are interested in establishing ACH as your giving method please visit [standrewsaa.org/donate.html](http://standrewsaa.org/donate.html).

### Give Online with WeShare

Did you know you can pay your pledge or give a general offering to St. Andrew's online? Visit [standrewsaa.weshareonline.org](http://standrewsaa.weshareonline.org) to set up recurring or one-time donations!

### Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCD)

If you are 72 years old or older, have an IRA, and pay taxes, you can make pledge payments directly from your IRA to St. Andrews via QCD. Contact Kim Tucker-Gray at [ktuckergray@standrewsaa.org](mailto:ktuckergray@standrewsaa.org) to get started.

### Traditional Payments

Pledge payments and other financial giving can still be sent to the church by mail. Please indicate in the memo line of your check if your gift is for your pledge payment.

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