



SAINT ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

December 12, 2021 · 10:30 AM
The Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday)
Holy Eucharist, Rite I

Everyone is Welcome at Saint Andrew's

A special welcome to all visitors. We are delighted you have joined us for worship!



Saint Andrew's is a parish of the **Episcopal Church within the Diocese of Upper South Carolina**. Over time, our identity as a parish has come to be defined by our commitment to **worship** in the distinctive splendor of Anglo-Catholic tradition, to **witness** through word and deed to the life changing implications of Jesus Christ's reconciling love, and to **welcome** unreservedly all God's children into Christ's Body, the Church.

If you are not familiar with Episcopal Church worship, we have tried to make our worship bulletin easy to follow. All of the prayers and responses for the congregation are printed in the bulletin. Page numbers that are prefaced by "**BCP**" reference pages in the **red Book of Common Prayer** found in the rack on the back of the pew in front of you. Hymns are referenced by hymn number and can be found in the **blue Hymnal** also in the pew rack.

As you depart worship, we hope you will enter your name and contact information in our **visitor's book** located on a stand in the narthex (the little room that you pass through on your way in and out of the main doors of the church). We would also love to have you join us for **coffee hour** in the Parish Hall immediately after the 10:30 AM mass. Thank you for blessing us with your presence!

Restrooms

are located on the first floor of the Parish House.
Use the door to the left of the church,
closest to the parking lot.

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at 1002 S. Main St. Greenville, SC 29601

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Members of the Vestry

Erin Culbertson, Senior Warden (2022); Scott Chastain,
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Jim Arnau and Helen Farmer (2021);

Cheryl Banks and Ethan Cashwell (2022)

John Rhodes and Charles Shields (2023)

Vestry elect: Allison Giambrone-Wilson,

Riley Owens, and Kelly Proffitt (2024)

Holy Eucharist, Rite I

Voluntary

Chorale Fantasia on *Come now, Savior of the nations*

Nicolaus Bruhns
(1665-1697)

After the opening announcements, the ringing of the bell signals the people to stand for the beginning of the mass.

Advent Prose (sung by the choir)

Antiphon: Drop down, ye heavens, from above, and let the skies pour down righteousness. *Verse 3 (Cantor).* Ye are my witness, saith the Lord, and my servant whom I have chosen; that ye may know me and believe me: I, even I, am the Lord, and beside me there is no Savior: and there is none that can deliver out of my hand. *Antiphon.*

The Word of God

Opening Hymn, No. 59

Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding

MERTON

Opening Acclamation

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

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

Collect for Purity

Celebrant 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.**

Kyrie

Hymnal S89

Hassler, arr. James McGregor

Unison or harmony

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The Collect of the Day (chanted)

Celebrant *People* *Celebrant*

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

Celebrant Stir up thy power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let thy bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be honor and glory, world without end.

All
A - men.

After the Collect, the people sit.

First Lesson

Zephaniah 3:14-20

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! The Lord has taken away the judgments against you, he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more. On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak. The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival. I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it. I will deal with all your oppressors at that time. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes, says the Lord.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn, No. 679

Surely it is God who saves me (Canticle 9)

THOMAS MERTON

Second Lesson

Phillippians 4:4-7

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The people stand.

Sequence Hymn, No. 68

Rejoice! rejoice, believers

LLANGLOFFAN

The Gospel

Luke 3:7-18

Gospeller The Holy Gospel ✠ of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire." And the crowds asked him, "What then should we do?" In reply he said to them, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise." Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, "Teacher, what should we do?" He said to them, "Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you." Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what should we do?" He said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages." As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Rev'd Fr. Gary Eichelberger

After the Sermon, all stand and say together the words of the Creed.

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 X of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People, Form I

Celebrant Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

The people kneel.

Intercessor With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying "Lord, have mercy".

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor For Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Andrew, our Bishop; Daniel, our Bishop-elect; Gary, our Rector; Tommy, our Seminarian; and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord;

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor For our president, Joseph; our governor, Henry; and our mayor, Knox; for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor For this city, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor For Barbara, Bella, Bill, Brett, Chuck, Debbie, Dick, Duane, Ephraim, Ginger, Jahnyah, Jane, Jennie, Jim, Jodi, Joyce, Ken, Leigh Ann, Levi, Lori, Margaret Lee, Marvin, Mary, Meredith, Mike, Miles, Nancy, Patt, Peter, Ray, Raymond, Sandy, Sheila, Steve, Susan, Theresa, Weesie, and Winnie, as well as those whom you are invited to name now, either silently or aloud [*pause for people to add names*], let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor For all who have died X in the hope of the resurrection, especially those whom you are invited to name now, either silently or aloud [*pause for people to add names*], and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

After any additional prayers of intercession and thanksgiving, the Intercessor continues with the following commendation.

Intercessor In the communion of Blessed Mary, Mother of God; Blessed Joseph, her spouse; Blessed Andrew, our patron; and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

People **To thee, O Lord our God.**

After a moment of silence, the Celebrant says a concluding collect before introducing the Confession.

Confession and Absolution

Celebrant Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

A period of silence is observed.

All **Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all men: We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty, provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us, the burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, to the honor and glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Celebrant 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.**

Following the Absolution, the people stand for the Peace.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Then the ministers and people may greet one another with words of Peace and/or a slight bow.

Birthday and Anniversary Blessings

After the exchange of the Peace, the Celebrant invites those celebrating their birthdays or anniversaries to come forward. If anyone comes forward, the Celebrant invites the people to join in the following prayer.

All **Almighty and gracious God, we give thee thanks for each of these thy servants as they celebrate their special day. Watch over them as they begin another year, and give them grace to keep the vows and promises they have made. Bless and guide them wherever they may be; strengthen them when they stand; raise them up if they fall; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; and may thy peace which passes all understanding abide in their hearts all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Commissioning of New Vestry Members

Holy Communion

After the commissioning, the Celebrant says an Offertory Sentence and returns to the sanctuary to begin preparing the Altar. The ushers then bring forward the people's offering of bread and wine as the Offertory Anthem begins. After the people's offering have been brought forward, the people may be seated.

Offertory Anthem

Rejoice in the Lord Always

Anonymous (16th cent.)

Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say, rejoice. Let your softness be known unto all men: the Lord is e'en at hand. Be careful for nothing: but in all prayer and supplication, let your petitions be manifest unto God with giving of thanks. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesu. Amen. – Philippians 4:4-7

As the altar is prepared, other offerings from the people would normally be collected by passing the offering plate. However, we are not passing the plate at this time but are leaving it on a table in the aisle by the font. If you have not already placed your offering in the plate, you are welcome to go and place it there as the Offertory Anthem is sung. (An offering can also be made online at www.standrewsgreenville.org/giving.)

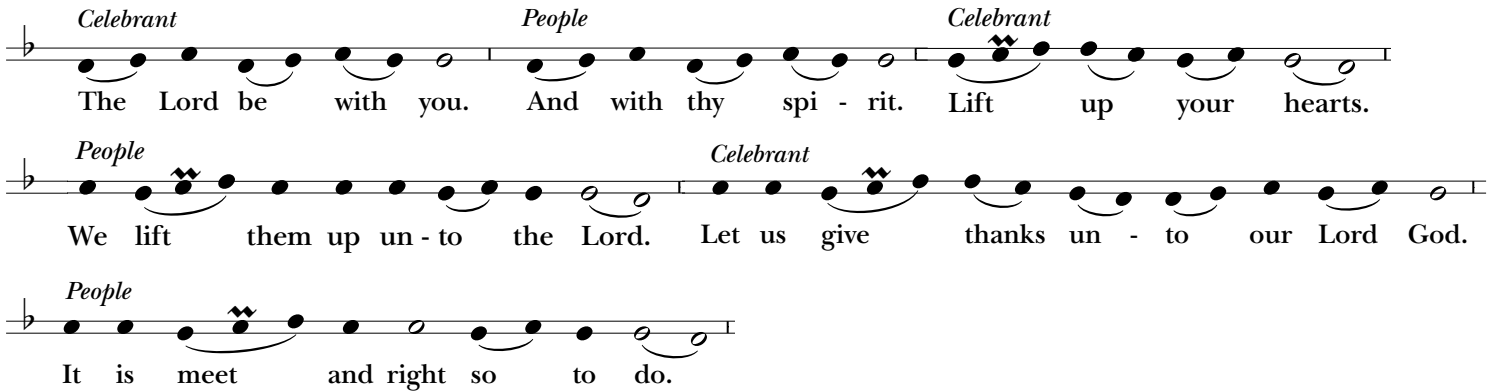
After the Offertory Anthem, the choir is censed. Then the people stand, are censed, and remain standing as the other offerings are brought forward and received with the following words.

Celebrant All things come of thee, O Lord.

People **And of thine own have we given thee.**

The Great Thanksgiving Rite I, Prayer II

The people remain standing for the opening of the Eucharistic Prayer, which can be found on page 340 in the Book of Common Prayer. The responsive portions are provided below.



Celebrant The Lord be with you. *People* And with thy spi - rit. *Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them up un - to the Lord. *Celebrant* Let us give thanks un - to our Lord God.

People It is meet and right so to do.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant chants the Preface and Proper Preface followed by

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

Sanctus/Benedictus

Hymnal S117

James McGregor

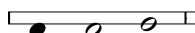
All **Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts; heaven and earth are full of thy glory.**

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 as the Celebrant continues, speaking the Eucharistic prayer on behalf of the people (full text found on page 340 of the prayer book). As the prayer is concluding, the Celebrant chants the following, and the people respond with the Great Amen.

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

All 
A - men.

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

The Lord's Prayer

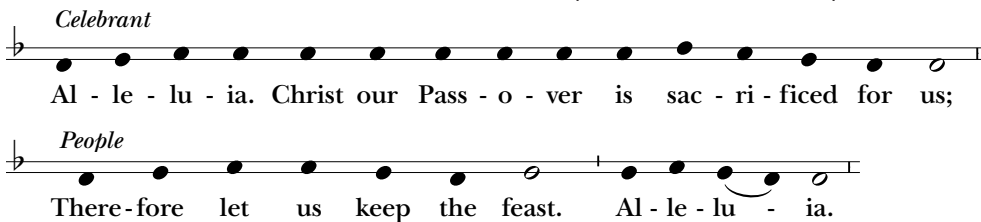
Hymnal S119

Plainsong

All **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.**

The Breaking of the Bread

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



Celebrant Al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;

People There - fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia.

Fraction Anthem

Hymnal S169

Ray W. Urwin

Cantor My flesh is food indeed, and my blood is drink indeed, says the Lord.

All **My flesh is food indeed, and my blood is drink indeed, says the Lord.**

Cantor Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood dwell in me, and I in them.

All **My flesh is food indeed, and my blood is drink indeed, says the Lord.**

Prayer of Humble Access

All **We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.**

Invitation to Communion

Celebrant The Gifts of God ✠ for the People of God.

After the Blessed Sacrament has been distributed to the altar party and the choir, all are welcome to come forward to the altar rail at the direction of the ushers. At the altar rail, all baptized Christians are invited to receive the Blessed Sacrament, and those who are not yet baptized are invited to indicate a desire to receive a blessing by crossing their arms upon arrival at the altar rail. (Our rector is always eager to speak with anyone who is not yet baptized about preparing for and receiving the sacrament of Baptism.)

For those receiving the Blessed Sacrament, a wafer will be placed in the palm of your hand or upon your tongue after which the chalice is offered. If you need a gluten-free wafer, you may request one from the priest at the altar rail. Should you wish to receive wine by intinction (dipping), allow the chalice bearer to take the wafer from your open palm and intinct for you. Should you be unable to manage the steps, please notify one of the ushers so that Holy Communion can be administered at your pew.

Communion Hymn, No. 67

Comfort, comfort ye my people

PSALM 42

Postcommunion Prayer

Upon the Celebrant's invitation to prayer, the people kneel.

Celebrant Let us pray.

All **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.**

Advent Blessing

Celebrant May the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father ✠, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

After the Blessing, the people stand.

Retiring Processional Hymn, No. 72

Hark! the glad sound! the Savior comes

RICHMOND

Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Voluntary

Chorale Prelude: *Come now, Savior of the nations*

Dietrich Buxtehude
(1637-1707)

Thank you for worshipping with us this morning. You are invited to either take your bulletin home or to place it in the recycle bin in the narthex.

The altar flowers are given by Riley Owens
to the glory of God and in loving memory of his mother, Stella Guest Owens.

Announcements & Upcoming Events

Gaudete Sunday Today | This is the Third Sunday of Advent, also known as Gaudete Sunday, which is one of two Sundays in the church year when we use rose-colored vestments in the Mass. The name “Gaudete” is derived from the Latin opening words of an introit antiphon, “Rejoice [Gaudete] in the Lord always,” which was traditionally used on this Sunday. The theme, the vestments, and the flowers on the altar help express the joy of anticipation at the approach of the Christmas celebration and reflect a lifting of the penitential tone of our Advent observance.

Vestry Meeting | Today | 12:30 PM | Our monthly vestry meeting will take place in the upstairs of the Parish House following today’s 10:30 AM Sung High Mass.

ECW (Episcopal Church Women) Meeting | Tuesday, December 14 | 6:30 PM | Parish Hall | All women of the parish are invited to attend! Please bring a heavy hors d’oeuvre and the beverage of your choice.

Thank You to Everyone Who Supported Our 2022 Annual Pledge Campaign! | If you have not turned in your pledge yet, please place your completed pledge card in the offering plate or turn it into the Parish Office as soon as possible. Help us reach our goal of 100 pledges! Thank you to all who have already submitted their pledges! The pledge card can be found online at www.standrewsgreenville.org/pledge

Poinsettias for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Poinsettia dedication forms can be found in your bulletins this week. Deadline for orders is Sunday, December 19. Suggested donation for each plant is \$15. You can also email the Parish Office with your order and dedication.

Ordination to the Priesthood | Wednesday, December 15 | 6:00 PM | Saint James Episcopal Church (301 Piney Mountain Road, Greenville) | Bishop Waldo will be ordaining Elizabeth Ann Prendergast Hendrix, Lathrop Hart Mosley, and David Andrew Rodrick to the Sacred Order of Priests in this diocesan service of ordination. All are invited to attend. **Note that our Wednesday night healing mass will not be held on 12/15 due to the ordinations.**

2022 Ordo Kalendars Available | Reserve yours today! \$5 each. Email: office@standrewsgreenville.org

Coffee Hour Is Back! | After the 10:30 AM Mass | Please sign up to provide refreshments and set up in the weeks ahead. We currently need volunteers for January 2, 23, and 30. A sign up sheet can be found in the Parish Hall or via online at www.standrewsgreenville.org/signup

Saint Andrew’s ECW Christmas Project: “Mittens & More” | Second Sunday Drive-Thru Food Harvest Today | 2-4 PM | Our ECW (Episcopal Church Women) is sponsoring the Second Sunday Food Harvest for United Ministries for contributions of children’s warm clothing as well as snacks for children (see list of suggested items below). Contributions will also be accepted in the basket in the Narthex. ECW volunteers will also be in the parking lot 2-4 PM to accept donations. Drive through and receive a treat as well as a cup of hot cocoa!!

Children’s clothing: Children’s snacks:

- hats
- gloves / mittens
- scarves
- sweaters
- socks
- individual packs of cereal, crackers, pretzels, wheat thins
- cliff bars or granola bars
- fruit cups or jello cups
- fruit gummies
- chips
- juice boxes

Nursery During Worship to Reopen | We are hoping to reopen our nursery in the near future. While we plan to have one staff member in the nursery during the 10:30 AM Mass, we will need at least one parish volunteer each Sunday to serve as our second nursery caregiver. If you have gifts for working with infants and young children – and have “Safe Church” training (and are fully vaccinated), we could use your help! If you are interested, please e-mail office@standrewsgreenville.org. More details to come!

Services Beyond Advent and Christmas:

- **The Feast of Epiphany | Thursday, January 6 | 6:30 PM**
The Feast of Epiphany, one of the Principal Feasts of the Church Year, is when we remember the visit of the Magi to the Christ Child. At our evening mass, we will include the Blessing of the Chalk, an Epiphany tradition.
- **The Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord (Baptismal Sunday) | January 9** | Anyone desiring to be baptized or to have a child baptized, please speak with or e-mail Father Gary (rector@standrewsgreenville.org).

Weekly Schedule

Sundays

8:30 AM, Low Mass, Rite II

10:30 AM, Sung High Mass, Rite I (also via livestream)

Wednesdays*

6:30 PM, Healing Mass, Rite I (*not on 12/15*)

Every Third Wednesday of the Month

5:30 PM Rosary in Church

Every Fourth Wednesday of the Month

Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament follows the 6:30 PM Mass