



October 24, 2024

 **A Note From Our Rector** 

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peace,
Sara+

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Services at St. Andrew's

This Sunday, October 27

8:00 am: Holy Eucharist in the Chapel

10:00 am: Children's Chapel Upstairs

Children join their parents in the church at the Peace.

10:00 am: Holy Eucharist in the Sanctuary

The service will be **live-streamed and archived on [YouTube](#)**.

The service bulletin can be found on our [website](#).



Parish Notes:

- This Sunday the **children** can have their **Halloween costumes blessed!** They are welcome to wear their costumes to church.
- **Pat Hurd**, of St. Paul's Mt. Lebanon, **will talk with the children** in Church School **about her recent trip to the Mustard Seed Babies Home in Uganda, and Patience and Derrick**, the children we sponsor. She will **also share a Minute for Mission** at the end of the 10 am service. **Pat and her daughter Carolyn will be in Coffee Hour** after the service to share pictures and speak with us individually.
- We would appreciate **contributions of bags of candy** (individually wrapped pieces) for our Halloween **trick-or-treaters**. We're expecting around 250! Please bring the candy to Brooks Hall.
- We have a **guest violinist/violist** coming to this Sunday's 10 am service (October 27th). He will play the **prelude and the postlude** with the organ (music by G. F. Handel) and **also play for the offertory anthem: Creator of Beauty, and Giver of Light**, by Mark Schweizer. **Info about our guest, Dr. Warren Davidson, appears below.**



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🌸 Around St. Andrew's 🌸

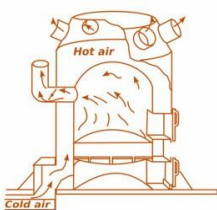
Kickoff of Stewardship 2025: God Is Doing a New Thing

Our **stewardship campaign** is kicking off **this Sunday, October 27**, and will come to a close on **St. Andrew's Day, November 24**, when we celebrate with bagpipers. The Stewardship Team is working to make the pledging and giving experience a simpler one this year.



Dr. Michelle Domeisen will preach the sermon on Sunday, and the topic will be **“Expect the Unexpected.”** Stewardship will be joyfully highlighted in our discussion of Bartimaeus, the blind man who received sight from Jesus.

Church Heating Update



Those in worship this past Sunday might have noticed it was a little chilly; we are **in the midst of examining repair or replacement of the boiler** that services the church. Please **wear your wool socks** to church! If it becomes excessively cold, we will move into Brooks Hall and post a notice.

Memorials and Flowers for All Saints Day — Last Week for Memorials

As we celebrate All Saints' Day on Sunday, November 6, we remember loved ones who have passed. **Memorials will be printed** in our service bulletin, and we will have **special flower offerings** as well. **Names for the All Saints bulletin** must be received **by Sunday, October 27**.



You may **submit names** of departed loved ones by using **either the index cards** for names **or the envelopes for names with a contribution for flowers**. Index cards and envelopes are available at the entrance of the church and may be placed in the collection box.

Checks may be made payable to St. Andrew's Episcopal Church. **Please write All Saints Flowers on your check** memo line.

***Donations for the flowers are not necessary,
but are greatly appreciated!***

Halloween at St. Andrew's



Children's Corner



This month our focus in church school turns to **learning about Moses and the Ten Commandments**. Each year we focus on the old testament in the fall and the new testament in the winter and spring. We are using the Godly Play curriculum with a mixture of other books and videos. And we are continuing to divide the children by age.

As the weather changes, we are reminded that Advent is near. Mark your calendars now for the **Christmas Pageant on December 15** at the 10:00 am service. **If you know a family that might be interested in participating**, please reach out to beckymarinov@gmail.com. Perhaps you have been considering volunteering; **getting involved in the Christmas Pageant is a great way to start**. If you would like to learn more about what you can do, please reach out to beckymarinov@gmail.com.

Election Eve Compline



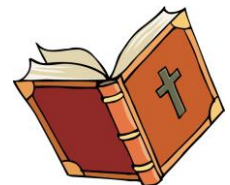
Feeling like you need a dose of hope? Join Rev. Sara for **Compline Night Prayer on the Eve of the Election at 7 pm on Monday, November 4**. We will pray for our community and our world, particularly those who are most vulnerable. It will be a time of beauty and silence to ground us in the fact of God's love that redeems the world, God's "nevertheless" even in the face of brokenness and anxiety.

If you happen to be on Facebook, you can **RSVP for the Compline Prayer Service [here](#)**. Note that this service will be live-streamed, if you cannot attend in person

Help Serve in Worship

Join Rev. Sara **after church on Sunday, November 10**, for a training on **serving as a lector, server, or chalice bearer**.

Email sara@standrewspgh.org if you're interested.



Celebration of Rev. Sara's New Ministry

Please **remember to RSVP** to office@standrewspgh.org! Note that this service will be live-streamed, if you cannot attend in person.



The People of St Andrew's Episcopal Church
invite your prayers and presence:

The Renewal of Ministry with the
Welcoming of Our New Rector

THE REV. SARA IRWIN

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23 @ 11:00 AM
LUNCH TO FOLLOW

Presiding: Bishop Ketlen Solak
Preaching: The Rev. Charles Fischer

Elders: White Stoles

RSVP to office@standrewspgh.org

5801 Hampton St
Pittsburgh, PA 15206





Music Message



Message from Pamela Shaw Interim Organist-Choirmaster



I'd like to **invite folks** who are unable to commit to the entire choir season, September through May, **to join us for the Christmas season**. I'm also hoping **singers home for the holidays** will sing. They can contact me at pam@standrewspgh.org or see me after church on a Sunday.

Dr. Warren Davidson, our violinist/violist today, has performed as soloist, orchestra member, and chamber musician in the US, Italy, Croatia, England, Japan, Korea,



and Taiwan. Dr. Davidson is artistic director of three series of chamber music concerts, and the concertmaster of the Westmoreland Symphony and the Academy Chamber Orchestra. His principal violin teachers were Alan Grishman and Efim Boico. He completed an MM in violin at Duquesne, an MA in Theory and Composition at the University of Pittsburgh, a Certificate of Advanced Studies in Chamber Music at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, and a Doctor of Musical Arts degree in violin performance at West Virginia University where he was granted a Swiger Fellowship.

🌸 Outreach Opportunities 🌸

Amen to Action -- Volunteer Deadline Monday!



This Fall, **thousands of volunteers** and their children will meet at twelve churches and organizations across our city to **pack approximately 1 million meals for distribution by the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank.**

On **Saturday, November 2, from 8:30 am to 12 pm**, we can join with volunteers from other East End congregations to help pack 100,000 meals. We will meet **at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, 616 N Highland Ave.** -- less than a mile from St. Andrew's.

If you are interested in helping with this annual, citywide initiative, **please contact Arthur Noonan (arthurnoonan@gmail.com) or Rev. Sara (sara@standrewspgh.org) by October 28.**

Urgent: Hurricane Relief

[Episcopal Relief & Development](#) is working closely with partners to **support people affected by Hurricanes Helene and Milton.**



The Hurricane Relief Fund is an important tool for responding to immediate needs and supporting long-term recovery. **St. Andrew's Outreach Ministries has already donated \$1,500** towards this massive relief effort. **You can make a gift today at support.episcopalrelief.org/hurricane-relief** and get more information on the many ways you can help.

Thanksgiving Food Drive for Vintage Senior Center



St. Andrew's will be **assisting the Highland Park Community Council** in its **Thanksgiving Food Drive for the Vintage Senior Center.**

We are **collecting the following food items:**

- Canned yams
- Cornbread mix
- Stuffing mix
- Turkey gravy
- Cranberry Sauce

They will also accept **Giant Eagle gift cards.**

Please **drop off donations** in the bin in Brooks Hall **by November 13.** If you have any questions, please contact beckymarinov@gmail.com.

Fall Outreach Calendar

The St. Andrew's Outreach Team has scheduled Outreach events for the fall months. Check out the list to see where you would like to participate!



- **October/November: HPCC Food Drive for Vintage**

Donate food or Giant Eagle gift cards to support the Highland Park Community Council's drive for Thanksgiving food for the Vintage Senior Center. (More information above)

- **November 2: Amen to Action**

St. Andrew's is once again collaborating with other East End congregations and Pittsburgh Theological Seminary to pack 100,000 meals in just three hours **on Saturday, November 2**, for the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank. (More information in coming weeks.)

- **November/December: Clothing Drive for Veterans**

Starting November 10 (just before Veterans Day), we will be collecting men's clothing for the veterans at Shepherd's Heart Veteran's Home, which provides transitional housing for homeless veterans. (More information in coming weeks.)

🌸 Around the Wider Church 🌸

Love Anyway Feast



In the days following the election, let's come to the same table. At a time when the world needs it most, **the Love Anyway Feast encourages us to love beyond boundaries, differences, and disagreements** -- proving that despite it all, we can choose to love anyway.

Date: Friday, November 8

Time: 6:30 to 8:30 pm

Place: Kadel Dining Room, McNaughter Hall
Pittsburgh Theological Seminary
616 N. Highland Ave. 15206

[Click here](#) to register
[here](#) for a printable flyer

Free and open to everyone!
RSVP HERE:



[Click](#)

Diocesan Newsletter *Grace Happens*



Click [here](#) for *Grace Happens*, to read more about:

- The investiture of our new Presiding Bishop
- Our upcoming Diocesan Convention
- Other events in the diocese

👉 In the Wider Community 👈

Halloween in Highland Park

Check out this Halloween events in the neighborhood!



Public Service Announcement: Covid Tests

The website to obtain 4 FREE Covid test kits from the government is www.covidtests.gov.



Parish Email List

**Would you like to receive this *Weekly Update* by email,
and also occasionally receive other email notices from St. Andrew's?**

If so, please send your email address to our Communications Coordinator at communications@standrewspgh.org, and you will be added to our distribution list.

You can opt out at any time. It's the best way
to know what's happening in and around the parish!

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