



November 16, 2023

🌸 Services at St. Andrew's 🌸

🕯️ St. Andrew's Day 🕯️

This Sunday, November 19, Consecration Sunday

10:00 am: Church School Upstairs

Children join their parents in the church at the Peace

10:00 am: Choral Eucharist in the Church

This service is live-streamed on [Facebook](#), posted on [YouTube](#)

The **bulletin for the live-streamed service** is on our [website](#)



Coffee Hour in Brooks Hall



All are welcome to **join us in Brooks Hall** for coffee or a cold **beverage after the 10 am service** on Sunday. This is an opportunity for us to **greet each other** and **introduce ourselves** to people we haven't met yet.

Service Notes:

- **This Sunday, November 19**, all are welcome to attend our **single combined service at 10:00 am for Consecration Sunday and St. Andrew's Day** (details below). **The Rev. Canon Dr. Jay Geisler** will lead the service, assisted by Jodie Moore, M. Div.
- **Next Sunday, November 26**, we will also have a **single combined service at 10:00 am** as our bishop, **the Rt. Rev. Ketlen Solak, joins us for Confirmation and Reception** of new members. She will be assisted by Dr. Wesley Rohrer.



Vestry Corner



Two reminders for this weekend (which are also mentioned elsewhere):

- Please **bring in your completed pledge form**, to submit near the end of the service on Sunday.
- Remember to **return your completed homemade Christmas tree ornament** either this Sunday (19th) or next Sunday (26th), so that we can decorate the tree for Advent.

Attached are the schedule of service leaders through the end of the year **and the bios** of service leaders who have already served. This week, **the Rev. Charles Fischer's bio has been added**. This document will continue to be available every week for your reference.

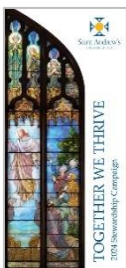
Your Vestry



Around St. Andrew's



Consecration Sunday *and* St. Andrew's Day — This Sunday!



At the 10 am service on **November 19**, we're invited to **turn in our completed 2024 Pledge Forms**. If you didn't receive or have misplaced your pledge packet, **the pledge brochure and pledge form are available at the entrance to the church**.

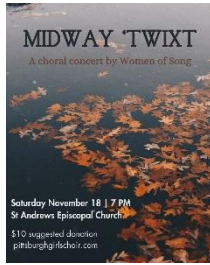


Also this Sunday, we will be **celebrating St. Andrew's Day with two bagpipers and drummer** from the Syria Highlanders.

We will continue the celebration with a **festive luncheon** after the service and music, with pasta, meatballs, salads, and fruit. As always, vegetarian and gluten-free options will be provided.

We're also **reviving the tradition of a cookie table** for St. Andrew's Day! Please **sign up [here](#) if you can contribute 1 dozen cookies (or more)**. No nuts, peanuts or peanut butter, please.

Women of Song Concert — This Saturday



Join us **Saturday, November 18th at 7 pm** for “Midway ‘Twixt,” a **choral concert by Women of Song**.

Featuring texts about transition and the autumnal season, the music inspires us to embrace the “in between,” and find beauty amidst darkness and uncertainty. The concert culminates with Jackson Berkey’s ethereal South Dakota Shadows Suite, painting landscapes with choir, piano and string quartet. Other featured pieces include Jacob Narverud’s Ad Astra, Elaine Hagenberg’s Shadow River, and My November Guest by James Baas.

"Evening at the Opera" Recital — This Sunday!

Our lead soprano, **Sydney Kaczorowski**, will present a **vocal recital** in the church on **Sunday, November 19 at 5:00 pm**.

Sydney will be singing **arias from bel canto operas**, such as *Carmen*, *Der Freischütz*, *La Traviata*, and *La Boheme*, to name a few. She will be **accompanied by Fabio Gentili** at the piano.



Bring in Ornaments -- This Sunday!



We're ready to start work on the St. Andrew's Christmas tree! All we need are the handmade ornaments that you have been busily crafting. **Please bring in your handmade ornaments this Sunday (Nov. 19) or next Sunday (Nov. 26)**. The St. Andrew's Christmas Tree will be **on display starting Dec. 3**, the first Sunday in Advent. We can't wait to see this work of art!

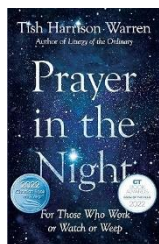
Confirmations and Reception on November 26 with the Bishop

On Sunday, November 26, St. Andrew's will welcome our Bishop, the **Rt. Rev. Ketlen Solak**, for her **annual visit**. During the service, we will have **three confirmations and one reception**.

We will celebrate the confirmations and receptions with a cake during Coffee Hour, in addition to the regular snacks.



Prayer in the Night Book Study



The Growth in Spirit group has chosen *Prayer in the Night: For Those Who Work or Watch or Weep* by local author Tish Harrison Warren, for its next book study starting on November 29. This book is available from Amazon and Thrift Books in hardcover and paperback, and Amazon also offers Kindle and audio versions.

The book study group **meets via Zoom on Wednesdays at 9 am**. To join the group or for more information, **contact Wes Rohrer at wrun@pitt.edu**. **All are welcome!**

Light-Up Night on December 2



This year, St. Andrew's is co-sponsoring **Highland Park Light-Up Night**, along with the Highland Park Community Club. The event will be **Saturday, Dec. 2, from 5-7 pm**. Maps of all of the sites will be available at the Bryant St. Parklet and on HPCCPgh.org. **St. Andrew's will be passing out treats and will once again have a special guest:**



St. Nicholas! Check us out!

Volunteers Working with Children and Youth



Is there the possibility that you might volunteer to supervise children or teens (any minors under age 18) at St. Andrew's? This could be anything from assisting in the Church School, to helping with a craft at one of our events, to supervising The Neighborhood Academy students who are raking leaves for their service day. If so, Becky Marinov, our Church School Director and Safe Church Coordinator, has provided us with information on clearances that you would need. A form with information is attached.

Help Wanted: Nursery Attendant



The Church School is looking to hire a **Sunday morning nursery attendant**. This paid position will be **every Sunday morning from 9:45 to 11:30**. Applicants must be able to provide or be able to obtain current PA State Police, Childline, and FBI clearances as well as complete safe church classes. Please email Becky Marinov at beckymarinov@gmail.com to apply or for more information.

Christmas Flower Donations

The St. Andrew's Flower Guild has begun collecting **donations for the 2023 Christmas trees and flowers**. The **collection box and envelopes are in the narthex**.



Christmas Flower Offerings

All contributions for the Christmas flowers and trees are greatly appreciated!

Memorials and Thank Offerings will be printed in the Christmas service leaflets.



Checks may be made payable to: **St. Andrew's Episcopal Church**
Please write **CHRISTMAS FLOWERS** on the memo line.

🌸 Around the Diocese 🌸

Report on Diocesan Convention



The **2023 Diocesan Convention** was held on Saturday, November 11, at Trinity Cathedral. St. Andrew's representatives were **Wes Rohrer, Steve Stagnitta, Anthony Crisafio, and Sheila Stagnitta**. Sheila provided this picture, which shows Bishop Ketlen Solak flanked by convention secretary Rev. Canon James Shoucair and Parliamentarian Andy Roman. **Sheila also provided this report:**

"Nurturing Joy was the theme. In her address, the bishop described new opportunities for reflection, prayer, and fellowship, and potential new Episcopal communities. The diocese's vision statement is Grounded in Christ / Growing Anew. Much more will be communicated on this."

Further communications on the convention provided this [link to the bishop's address](#). An **offering that was collected to benefit the [Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem](#)** totaled \$934. That will be matched by a United Thank Offering (UTO) **[Challenge Grant](#)** for a total of \$1,868 going to help churches, schools, medical facilities, and other ministries in the diocese. This contribution will help support their important work across the Middle East through the current heartbreaking conflict.

🌿 In Our Community 🌿

Prayer Service for a Fair Farm Bill -- This Sunday!

On **Sunday, November 19, at 2:00 pm**, join local Christians from many denominations **at the Warren United Methodist Church** (2606 Centre Ave.) in the Hill District for **A Thanksgiving Prayer Service for a Fair Farm Bill** with Bread for the World.

We will give **thanks for the abundance we have received** from God and **pray that our nation will share resources so that all people can eat**. The service will include dynamic music, preaching from the Rev. Canon Eric McIntosh, and an “offering of letters” as together we urge Congress to pass a Farm Bill that helps end hunger.



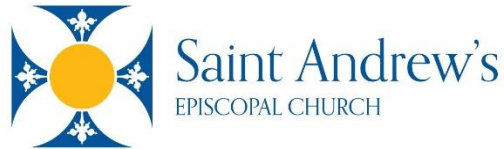
Parish Email List

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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- 10/1/23 Rev. Carol Henley (8:00 am and 10:00 am)
- 10/8/23 Rev. Carol Henley (8:00 am and 10:00 am)
- 10/15/23 Lay Minister: Dr. Wesley Rohrer (8:00 am)
Lay Minister: Jodie Moore, M. Div. (10:00 am)
- 10/22/23 Rev. Carol Henley (8:00 am and 10:00 am)
- 10/29/23 Lay Minister: Dr. Wesley Rohrer (8:00 am)
Lay Minister: Dr. Michelle Domeisen (10:00 am)
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- 11/5/23 Rev. Charles Fischer (8:00 am and 10:00 am)
- 11/12/23 Rev. Carol Henley (8:00 am and 10:00 am)
- 11/19/23 The Rev. Canon Jay Geisler; Server: Jodie Moore, M. Div (10:00 am –
Combined for Consecration Sunday, St. Andrew's Day)
- 11/26/23 The Right Rev. Ketlen A. Solak; Server: Dr. Wesley Rohrer
(10:00 am – Combined for Confirmation)
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- 12/3/23 Rev. Charles Fischer (8:00 am and 10:00 am)
- 12/10/23 Rev. Carol Henley (8:00 am and 10:00 am)
- 12/17/23 Lay Ministers: Dr. Michelle Domeisen, Jodie Moore, M. Div.
(10:00 am – Combined for Christmas Pageant)
- 12/24/23 Rev. Carol Henley (10:00 am – Combined for Lessons & Carols)
Rev. Carol Henley (7:00 pm – Eucharist Service)
- 12/31/23 Lay Minister: Dr. Wesley Rohrer
(Combined at 10:00 am)

Bio and Message from the Rev. Carol Henley

"Dear Friends at St. Andrew's,

"I look forward to being your supply priest during your time in transition. I'm not a stranger to St. Andrew's, as I have been with you at various times in the past. But for newer St. Andreans, here is my background in a nutshell:

"I graduated from General Theological Seminary in New York City in 1982, and was ordained priest in 1983. I've served in parishes in Beverly Hills, CA; Madison, NJ; Winston-Salem, NC; and Pittsburgh, PA. I am currently retired and spend most of my time taking classes at the Lifelong Learning Institute at the University of Pittsburgh, playing my harp, and watercolor painting. I am also singing again (post pandemic) with the Balkan Babes. If you don't know about the Balkan Babes, just ask me!

"God bless you and see you all soon, Carol"

Bio: Dr. Wes Rohrer

Wes Rohrer retired as Associate Professor Emeritus from the University of Pittsburgh, Graduate School of Public Health, after 40 years as academic administrator, scholar, teacher, and student mentor in the areas of organization theory & behavior, leadership, health care administration, and health policy. Throughout his adult life, Wes had considered a religious vocation but decided that various forms of lay ministry were his real calling. After completing his MBA and Doctoral degrees from the University of Pittsburgh, Wes earned a Master of Arts in Religion degree from the (former) Trinity Episcopal School for Ministry in Ambridge PA.

Having been an active lay leader in the Roman Catholic Church much of his adult life, Wes became a member of St. Andrew's in 2004/2005. He has served on the Vestry several times and has been the Parish Treasurer. He has also been licensed as a Chalicist, as a member of the lay visiting Eucharistic team, and recently licensed as a lay minister and preacher.

Bio: Jodie Moore

A native of St. Louis, Jodie Moore began her career as an interior designer and project manager. In the late 1980's, hearing a call to ministry, she channeled her entrepreneurial spirit into the fight for urban education and social justice. She founded the Larimer Avenue Youth Club, a street ministry working with at-risk youth in some of Pittsburgh's most distressed neighborhoods. Concurrently, she studied for her Master of Divinity at the Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. In 2016 she received PTS's Distinguished Alumna Award for Excellence in Mission.

Jodie recruited the Rev. Tom Johnson to work with her youth club, and they founded and ran a summer school for at-risk teens. This provided a testing ground for educational ideas that Jodie and Rev. Johnson used in establishing The Neighborhood Academy, a faith-based independent, college-prep middle and high school for Pittsburgh's low-income youth that opened in Garfield in 2001 and is now located on a 7.8-acre campus in Stanton Heights.

Professionally, Jodie continues to create interiors for a few long-standing clients. In addition to being a Lay Minister, Church School Coordinator, Lay Reader, and Chaliceist at St. Andrew's, she also volunteers with The Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank, the Garden Club of Allegheny County/Environment Committee, and the Women's Committee of the Carnegie Museum of Art. She was inducted by the Governor as a Distinguished Daughter of PA in 2016.

Bio: Dr. Michelle Domeisen

Dr. Michelle Keane Domeisen is a Senior Vice President with Colliers, an international commercial real estate firm. Selected as one of Pennsylvania's 50 Best Women in Business, she is the Chair of St. Margaret Foundation and a Board member of the University of Pittsburgh Alumni Association. Past appointments include Chair of the Pitt Katz Business School Alumni, Vice Chair of the Rebecca Residence Foundation, Board member of Rebecca Residence and of Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, and Trustee of the Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh.

Dr. Domeisen holds a BA and MBA from the University of Pittsburgh and a MA and Doctor of Ministry (D. Min) from Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. She was the seminarian for four years at Trinity Cathedral under Rev. Dr. Canon Catherine Brall and served as a Chaplain under Rev. Dr. Charles Starr at Shadyside Hospital. Michelle currently serves on the Vestry at Saint Andrew's. She is also a Penn State Master Gardener and a contributing gardening author for the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette.

Bio: The Rev. Charles Fischer

The Rev. Charles L. Fischer III, a native of New Jersey and a lifelong Episcopalian, is currently serving as the Vice President for Seminary Advancement for the Pittsburgh Theological Seminary.

Rev. Fischer received his undergraduate degree in finance from Morehouse College. After several years of working in New York City, he returned to his alma mater, serving as the Associate Director of Alumni Relations and Annual Giving Programs. He continued his studies at the Virginia Theological Seminary (VTS) in Alexandria, VA, where he earned a Master of Divinity degree. Rev. Fischer is a fellow of the Black Theology and Leadership Institute at Princeton Theological Seminary. He has also studied at Wesley Theological Seminary, Howard University Divinity School, Columbia Theological Seminary, Princeton Theological Seminary, Bexley Seabury, and the Kellogg School of Management, Northwestern University.

Rev. Fischer has served parishes in the Diocese of Atlanta, the Diocese of Maryland, and the Diocese of Washington. He also served as the Associate Vice President of Institutional Advancement and Development & Special Assistant to the President at Saint Augustine's University in Raleigh, NC.

Rev. Fischer was proudly inducted into the Martin Luther King, Jr. International College of Ministers and Laity at Morehouse College in April 2012. He is also an inaugural member of The Martin Luther King Jr. International College of Pastoral Leadership. Rev. Fischer has served on the Board of Trustees for the Holy Innocents Episcopal School in Atlanta, GA, WellStar Atlanta Medical Center Regional Health Board, as well as the Alumni Association Executive Committee for the Virginia Theological Seminary, Alexandria, VA.

Bio: The Rev. Canon Dr. Jay Geisler

The Rev. Canon Dr. Jay Geisler recently retired as Rector of St. Peter's in Brentwood. In addition to working as a supply priest, he is also the Canon overseeing Formation for the diocese. He brings an interesting background to his work as a priest.

Canon Jay is well known in Pittsburgh for leading the J&L Steelworkers in a series of protests in the 1980's when their health benefits denied and their pensions threatened. The steelworkers' protests culminated in several U.S. Congressional "Pension Reform" bills and a U.S. Supreme Court decision in their favor.

Canon Jay is also one of the region's foremost experts in addiction and recovery. He co-founded the Oasis Recovery Center, opened a "Serenity House" for women in need of housing, and renovated a home in Carrick that is used to provide job training and housing for people in recovery.

Dr. Geisler earned a Doctorate in Ministry from the Pittsburgh Theological Seminary and a Masters of Divinity and a Masters of Biblical Studies (Summa Cum Laude) from the Roman Catholic Pontifical College Josephinum.

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If so, Becky Marinov, our Church School Director and Safe Church Coordinator, has provided us with information on clearances that you would need. The state of Pennsylvania mandates that volunteers supervising minors must have two clearances, which can be completed online, often with instant approval:

- [Pennsylvania Child Abuse History Clearance](#)
- [Pennsylvania State Police Criminal History Clearance](#)

Volunteers supervising minors need an FBI clearance if you have lived in Pennsylvania for less than 10 years:

- [Federal Bureau of Investigations \(FBI\) Criminal History Clearance](#) (note: cost of \$23.25 for fingerprinting)

Or, if you have lived in Pennsylvania for more than 10 years, you can complete this disclosure form and return it to Becky Marinov (beckymarinov@gmail.com):

- [Disclosure Statement for Volunteers](#)

Once you have completed this process, please give confirmation of the clearances and a copy of disclosure form (if applicable) to Becky Marinov (beckymarinov@gmail.com). Note that these clearances need to be renewed every 60 months. Any questions, contact Becky.

*We strongly recommend that you get the clearances ahead of time!
Why not now?*