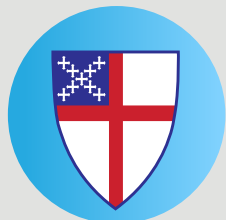


Welcome, Visitors! We're Glad You're Here!

Use this guide to learn about the St. Andrew's experience and begin to enjoy the serenity and fellowship that can be found in our community.



Do I have to be an Episcopalian to attend this church?

No! Worship services at St. Andrew's are open to all: atheists, agnostics, skeptics, seekers, liberals and conservatives. Many of our members come from other faith traditions or none at all. St. Andrew's is a community united in its journey to know God and to love and serve others.



Where Can I Find...?



- **Bathrooms** (church office & downstairs)
- **Nursery** (near the front door)
- **Fellowship Hall** (coffee & meals – downstairs under the sanctuary)
- **Classrooms** (building next to the main church)

Standing, Sitting,



Kneeling...What do I do?



Feel free to use whichever posture you feel most comfortable with during every part of the service; there is no wrong way to participate. Generally, we sit while we are listening, we stand while we are singing, and we kneel while we are praying.

How do I participate in the service?

You can find the entire service in your bulletin, including all the prayers and scripture readings. The page numbers indicate where the music can be found in the separate hymnal book.



What is going on when the congregation "Passes the Peace" to one another?



Just before communion starts, it is customary to greet those around you by saying "Peace be with you," or otherwise sharing our joy and harmony with fellow worshippers.

Is there child care during the service?

Your children are welcome to stay with you throughout the whole service; we are happy they are sharing their Sunday with us. If they just need some space to settle down, you can take them to the foyer at the back of the church. The youngest ones can be taken to the nursery to be cared for by our professional staff. Elementary age kids can go to the Children's Church after the opening song. Ask the usher for details.



Don't stop – there's more great info on the back!



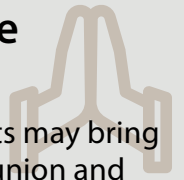


Am I welcome to take the Bread and Wine for Communion?

All baptized persons are welcome to come forward to receive the Bread and Wine. Those who are not baptized are asked to come up with everyone else to receive a blessing. Don't worry about protocol; just do it!

Can children take Communion?

Yes! Additionally, parents may bring their children to Communion and indicate to the priest to the child a blessing instead of the actual Communion.



What is the guiding vision for St. Andrew's community outreach?

Our programs are guided by what we call the *"Four Loves."* Some of our ministries are listed below, organized under one of the Love categories:



Love of the Poor



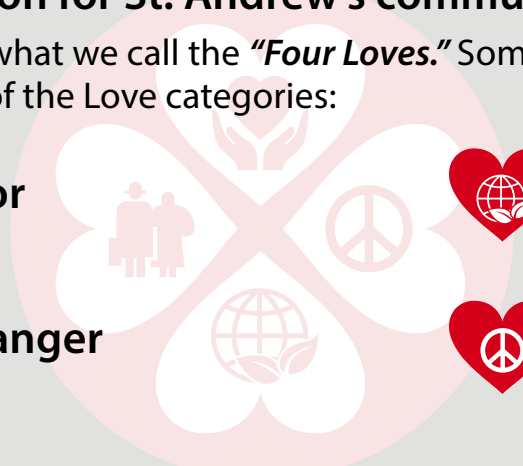
Love for the Planet



Love of the Stranger



Love of Peace



How can I join the St. Andrew's Community?

1 Be Baptized (if you are not already), or be Confirmed into the Episcopal Church

This liturgy is the initiation into the Christian Way. Then later during the visit of our Bishop, you will be recognized and welcomed by him. The bishop will perform one of the following rites : Confirmation, Reaffirmation, or reception.

2 Attend a 45-minute Orientation Class

- Fill out an information sheet so your name can be added to the Parish Directory.
- Learn about the ministries at St. Andrew's.
- Fill out a survey to help you consider how to contribute your time, talents, and finances to the community life and ministries of this church.

3 Participate in the "Welcome Liturgy"



Consider taking the Essential Story class!

This nine-part course places the Christian story in a cosmic context! If you are curious about spirituality, the Essential story might be a new way for you to see the old faith.



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