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**St. Andrew's Episcopal Church shares the love of Christ through compassionate acceptance with all God's children.**

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**THE FEAST OF THE  
PRESENTATION OF  
OUR LORD**

**February 2, 2025  
10:00 a.m.**

The Right Reverend Peter Eaton, Bishop  
The Reverend Cori Olson, Rector  
The Reverend Sonley Joseph, Priest  
The Reverend Bob Sullivan & The Reverend April Alford-Harkey, Deacons

Jean Howard, Acolyte & Reader  
Judy Taylor, Reader  
Kelly Kollar-Dye & Nancy Sanon, Ushers  
Mary Nelson, Organist  
James Balmer, Choir Director

Choir: Lucretia Alexandru, Marie Alford-Harkey, Ron Bukley, Linda Crisman,  
Jon Flath, Alicia Longwell, Deb McNerney, Twig Morris, Jean-Claude Sanon,  
John Shepherd, Carol Sink, Kathi Smith, Linda Sullivan, Alice Van Lennep,  
Sandy Wertz

Bama Lutes Deal – AVL Board    Kathrine Kollar-Dye, Vestry Person of the Day

*\*Altar flowers in Honor of Martin & Sarah Hadsell's Birthday  
from Barbara Hadsell\**

*Prelude – Communion ..... Louis Vierne*

**Processional Hymn #435 – At the Name of Jesus Every Knee Shall Bow**

[1] *“At the Name of Jesus every knee shall bow, every tongue confess him King of glory now; 'tis the Father's pleasure we should call him Lord, who from the beginning was the mighty Word.”*

[2] *“Humbled for a season, to receive a Name from the lips of sinners, unto whom he came, faithfully he bore it spotless to the last, brought it back victorious, when from death he passed.”*

[3] *“Bore it up triumphant, with its human light, through all ranks of creatures, to the central height, to the throne of Godhead, to the Father's breast; filled it with the glory of that perfect rest.”*

[4] *“Name him, Christians, name him, with love strong as death, name with awe and wonder and with bated breath; he is God the Savior, he is Christ the Lord, ever to be worshiped, trusted, and adored.”*

[5] *“In your hearts enthrone him; there let him subdue all that is not holy, all that is not true; crown him as your Captain in temptation's hour; let his will enfold you in its light and power.”*

[6] *“Christians, this Lord Jesus shall return again, with his Father's glory, o'er the earth to reign; for all wreaths of empire meet upon his brow, and our hearts confess him King of glory now.”*

**Acclamation**

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

*People* **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen**

*Celebrant* Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Gloria – S280

*Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.*

*Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

## The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY AND EVERLIVING GOD, we humbly pray that, as your only-begotten Son was this day presented in the temple, so we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts by Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

## The Lessons

### **A Reading from the Book of Malachi, chapter 3, verses 1-4**

Thus says the Lord, See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight-- indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

*Reader* Here ends the lesson.      2

## Psalm 84

[1] How dear to me is your dwelling, O Lord of hosts! \*  
My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the Lord;  
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

[2] The sparrow has found her a house  
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; \*  
by the side of your altars, O Lord of hosts,  
my King and my God.

[3] Happy are they who dwell in your house! \*  
they will always be praising you.

[4] Happy are the people whose strength is in you! \*  
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.

[5] Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, \*  
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.

[6] They will climb from height to height, \*  
and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.

[7] Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; \*  
hearken, O God of Jacob.

[8] Behold our defender, O God; \*  
and look upon the face of your Anointed.

[9] For one day in your courts is better than a thousand in my own room, \*  
and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God  
than to dwell in the tents of the wicked.

[10] For the Lord God is both sun and shield; \*  
he will give grace and glory;

[11] No good thing will the Lord withhold \*  
from those who walk with integrity.

[12] O Lord of hosts, \*  
happy are they who put their trust in you!

## **A Reading from the Book of Hebrews, chapter 12, verses 14-18**

Since God's children share flesh and blood, Jesus himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore, he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord

*People* **Thanks be to God**

### **Gradual Hymn S260 – The Song of Simeon**

[1] *“Lord, you now have set your servant free to go in peace as you have promised”*

[2] *“For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, whom you have prepared for all the world to see.”*

[3] *“A Light to enlighten the nations, and the glory of your people Israel.”*

[4] *“Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.”*

[5] *“As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever.” Amen.*

**The Holy Gospel** of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ**

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, the parents of Jesus brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord"), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons."

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

"Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace,  
according to your word;

for my eyes have seen your salvation,  
which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,  
a light for revelation to the Gentiles  
and for glory to your people Israel."

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed-- and a sword will pierce your own soul too."

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

*People Praise to you Lord Christ*

[1] *"Lord, you now have set your servant free to go in peace as you have promised"*

[2] *"For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, whom you have prepared for all the world to see."*

[3] *"A Light to enlighten the nations, and the glory of your people Israel."*

[4] *“Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.”*

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**The Sermon**

**Reverend Cori Olson**

**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 of  
the world to come. Amen.**

## The Prayers of the People – Form IV

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**



Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

*Silence*

Lord in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

**Please remember in your prayers:**

*Henrietta, Stefan, Hank, Dominic, Mary, Jason, Jim, Joan, Gary, Sergio, Selvyn & Winnifred, Lester & Ronnie, Susan, Janet, Ronna, Anne, Christine, Ruby, Victoria & Family, April & Marie, Bob, John R., Jim, Benjamin, Lenny, Dave, John O., Larry, John W., Harriett, Jeff, William, Toni, Peter, Jose, Deacon Pat, Rev. Chris Kelly. Please pray also for our companion Dioceses: Cuba, Dominican Republic, Haiti, Madagascar & Toliare.*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. *Silence may be kept.*

*Minister and People*

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

*Minister*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you

*People* **And also with you.**

**The Peace/Announcements/Welcome of Visitors/ Installation of New Vestry Members**

**The Holy Communion**

**Offertory Anthem – Here I Am Lord ..... arr. Ovid Young**

**Doxology: *Praise God from whom all blessings flow.***

***Praise Him all creatures here below.***

***Praise Him above the heavenly host.***

***Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.***

**\*Blessing of the pledge cards\***

## **The Great Thanksgiving**

*The people remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and says:*

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

*Here a Proper Preface is sung or said on all Sundays, and on other occasions as appointed.*

Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

*Celebrant and People S130*

***Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,  
Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.***

***Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.***

*The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.*

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,  
*Celebrant and People*

We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;

*The Celebrant continues*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you,  
O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this  
bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with [\_\_\_\_\_ and] all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. **AMEN.**

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to sing,

*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, forever and ever. Amen*

**The Breaking of the Bread** – *silence is kept*

*Celebrant* Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

**Agnus Dei – S164**

*Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us. Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us. Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world: give us your peace, give us your peace.*

*Celebrant* The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

### **Communion Hymn LEVAS #184– Blessed Assurance**

[1] *“Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine! Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of His spirit, washed in His blood.”*

[Refrain] *“This is my story; this is my song. Praising my savior all the day long. This is my story; this is my song. Praising my savior all the day long.”*

[2] *“Perfect submission, perfect delight. Visions of rapture now burst on my sight. Angels descending, bring from above, echoes of mercy, whispers of love.”*

[Refrain]

[3] *“Perfect submission, all is at rest. I in my savior am happy and blest. Watching and waiting, looking above, filled with His goodness, lost in His love.”*

[Refrain]

Chant: *“My peace I leave you, my peace I give you: Trouble not your heart. My peace I leave you, my peace I give you: Be not afraid.”*

Day by Day - #654

*“Day by day, dear Lord, of thee three things I pray: to see thee more clearly, love thee more dearly, follow thee more nearly, day by day.”*

### **Post Communion Prayer**

Let us pray.

**Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.**

**Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### **The Blessing**

**Recessional Hymn #436 – Lift Up Your Heads**

[1] *“Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates; behold, the King of glory waits!  
The King of kings is drawing near; the Savior of the world is here.”*

[2] *“O blest the land, the city blest, where Christ the ruler is confessed!  
O happy hearts and happy homes to whom this King of triumph comes!”*

[3] *“Fling wide the portals of your heart; make it a temple, set apart  
from earthly use for heaven's employ, adorned with prayer and love and joy.”*

[4] *“Redeemer, come! I open wide my heart to thee: here, Lord, abide!  
Let me thy inner presence feel: thy grace and love in me reveal.”*

[5] *“So come, my Sovereign; enter in! Let new and nobler life begin;  
thy Holy Spirit guide us on, until the glorious crown be won.”*

**Dismissal**

*Postlude – A Trumpet Minuet ..... Alfred Hollins*

## Announcements

**\*\*If you need personal prayer, Deacon Bob Sullivan will be available to pray with you near the altar after the service.**

**In case of emergency, call Rev. Cori at 561.788.5125.**

The **envelopes** in the pews this weekend go to support the Way Cafe.

## February Happenings!

**On Saturday, February 8<sup>th</sup>** we will be holding a **Legacy Giving Seminar** from noon until 2PM. Lunch will be included. Learn about all the ways you can ensure that St. Andrew's will be here for future generations.

Please **RSVP** by February 2 to the office by phone or email.

**February 1<sup>st</sup>** begins the **28 Days of Anti-Racism** and on **Friday, February 28<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm**, St. Andrew's is collaborating with the Lake Worth Interfaith Network (LWIN) in presenting ***Black and Beautiful***, a celebration of inclusive style and cuisine. The event is part of LWIN's annual "28 Days of Anti-Racism", a series of community-building programs in Lake Worth Beach. All are welcome for a potluck supper – bring a dish that celebrates your culture, family, or ethnicity.

Ted Brownstein, a local historian and Old Testament scholar, will make a brief presentation, **Black and Beautiful: Skin Color in the Biblical Song of Songs.**

The talk explores biased racial inferences in several popular Bible translations, exhibiting disparaging views of dark-skinned peoples. Brownstein's talk presents a more accurate understanding of controversial passages in the Song of Songs. All are encouraged to wear clothing representative of their ethnic

background. African garb is especially encouraged.

For more detail, call Margot Emery, 561-310-3230.



**On February 9, 2025, The Right Reverend Peter Eaton, our Bishop, will be with us at the 10:00a.m. service. Anyone interested in confirmation, reception or reaffirmation please contact Rev. Cori ASAP!**

**[revcori@standrewslwb.org](mailto:revcori@standrewslwb.org)**

**Friday, February 21<sup>st</sup> is Game Night.** Get your family and friends together to play **Friendly Feud!** We will have more information about this fun event coming soon!

**FYI... Ash Wednesday is March 5<sup>th</sup>!!!**

**The Choir practices on Thursdays at 7:00p.m.**

Please see James or Mary if interested.

Want to donate **altar flowers** in memory of a loved one or in celebration? Sign up in the Parish Hall or call the office at 561.582.6609.

**The Daughters of the King** meets the **first Sunday** of each month following the service. If you would like to donate to the Daughters, please make checks payable to **DOK Mary and Martha**. Prayer request cards and the travel-size toiletry donation basket are in the Narthex.

**Care Committee:** The committee meets the **third Sunday** of the month after coffee hour. If you or someone you know is in need of prayers, visits, or other assistance, we encourage you to contact us by email at [care@standrewslwb.org](mailto:care@standrewslwb.org), or by calling either Brian McDonnell at 561.339.0147, or Alison Albury at 315.681.8867 to arrange assistance.

**The Way Café is looking for donations for our outdoor food pantry.** You can either place items directly in the food pantry, located on N. Palmway, or leave them in the Narthex. Thank you!

### **Christian Education Opportunities**

Bible Study with Deacon Bob on Sundays at 9:00a.m. and with Rev. Cori on Wednesdays immediately following the 10:00a.m. service. And the Wednesdays at 6:00p.m. via Zoom with Rev. Cori, it is on hiatus until January 8<sup>th</sup>. **We will be studying the Book of Psalms.**

**2025 Pledge Cards** are available in the Narthex.

**Mon-Fri**: Join Rev. Cori for Morning Prayer at 7:30 a.m. live on Facebook.

