Officers and Vestry

Larry Pasquinelli, Senior Warden
Deane Sobol, Junior Warden
Larry Brett, Treasurer
Harper Lea, Register
Mavis Benz
Georg Dahl
Sarah Deaver
Pat Garris
Charlie Hinsch
JJ Jacobson
Bonnie Johnson
Nancy King
Beth Lloyd
Larry Pasquinelli
James Philput
Derris Raper
Nate Rippel
Deane Sobol

Staff

The Rev. John Rohrs, Rector
jrohrs@standrewsnorfolk.org

The Rev. Andie Rohrs, Associate Rector for Parish Life
arohrs@standrewsnorfolk.org

Harper Bathel, Director of Children's and Youth Ministry
hbathel@standrewsnorfolk.org

Allison Enedy, Director of Communications
aenedy@standrewsnorfolk.org

Maggie Mahloy, Nursery Coordinator
mmah1001@odu.edu

Stephen Leist, Director of Music Ministry
sleist@standrewsnorfolk.org

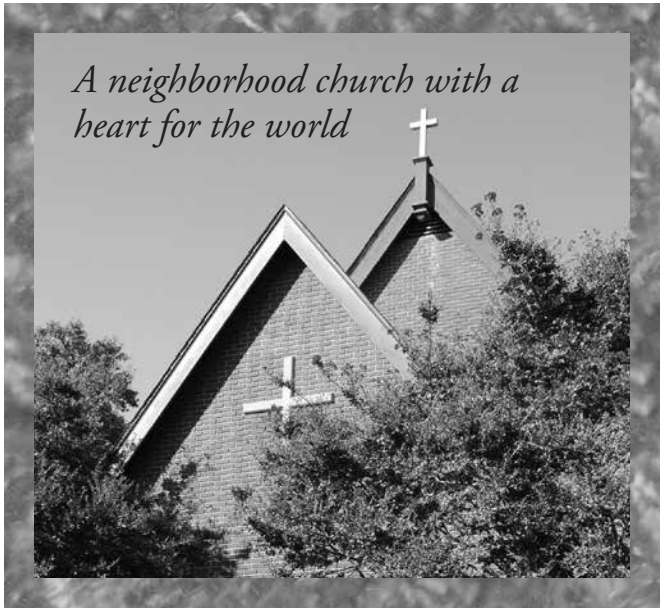
Connie Jones, Priest Associate
wcdjones@infionline.net

Richard Rigg, Associate Director of Music Ministry
rrigg@standrewsnorfolk.org

Dennis Sipes, Parish Administrator
dsipes@standrewsnorfolk.org

JonMichel Sipes, Sexton
jmsipes@cox.net

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church



2021 Visitors Guide

1004 Graydon Avenue, Norfolk, VA 23507
Mail: 1009 Princess Anne Road, Norfolk, VA 23507
Phone: (757) 622-5530 Fax: (757) 622-0812
Email: dsipes@standrewsnorfolk.org
Web: www.standrewsnorfolk.org

Follow us on: @standrewsnorfolk or standrewsnorfolkeyc
Include #standrewsnorfolk when sharing photos or stories.

Words of Welcome

Welcome to St. Andrew's! We are so glad that you have come to worship with us, and we offer you this booklet to help you learn more about our parish family. We pray that you will visit again and that in time you may find a spiritual home here.

If you wish to inquire about membership or to meet with the Rector for any reason, please contact the parish office. We are currently offering worship and programs both online and in-person. Contact the parish office, visit our website, or subscribe to our email list for the latest information.

Perhaps you are looking to get involved, or perhaps you are simply seeking refuge and renewal. Either way, your presence is a blessing.

Our Mission

St. Andrew's is a vibrant, inclusive parish, formed in the fellowship of Christ. We strive to be a place of hope for all people, to reach beyond ourselves, and to manifest God's love in the world.

Children's/Youth Formation and Fellowship

Nursery: We offer qualified, compassionate, and well-staffed nursery care for children ages six weeks to four years.

Children's Chapel: This interactive worship experience for children ages four through second grade takes place in the Guild Room during the first half of the 10:15 a.m. service. Children gather in the church entryway prior to the service.

Sunday School: Sunday School runs from 9:15-10:00 AM most Sundays during the program year. We utilize a variety of activities to nurture our children and youth in their journeys of faith. A schedule is available on the website.

Youth Group: Youth in grades six through twelve gather on Sunday evenings and other times for food, fun, and mission. Check the website for schedules.

Adult Formation and Fellowship

Adult Forum: This is our flagship formation offering for adults. Sunday mornings we gather at 9:15 AM in the Auditorium for discussions on a variety of topics related to the practice of faith. A schedule is available on the church website.

Foyer Dinners: This rotating dinner fellowship program helps members get to know each other in fun and informal settings.

Men's Fellowship Breakfast: This new ministry brings together the men of the church for fellowship and engagement in our community.

Newcomers Class: This four-week class in the winter/spring is for newcomers who would like to learn more about St. Andrew's and the Episcopal Church.

Theology Before Lunch: This small group meets weekly on Thursday mornings to discuss theology and life.

Two or Three Young Women's Fellowship: Two or Three is a fellowship and book discussion group for young women in the church.

Women of St. Andrew's: This is a fellowship and service ministry for all the women of the parish. The Women make grants toward church and community needs and sponsor various special events.

Women of the Way: This book discussion group for all women focuses on deepening faith and supporting each other in life's journeys.

Young Adult Fellowship: Events planned throughout the year bring together young adults and families for formation and fellowship.

Mission and Ministry

Access AIDS Care Cook-In: On the third Sunday, six months of the year, parishioners and others from the community gather at St. Andrew's to prepare meals for families affected by HIV/AIDS.

American Red Cross Blood Drive: St. Andrew's participates with other Ghent-area churches in hosting a monthly blood drive on a rotating schedule.

Catholic Worker Sandwich Ministry: On the fourth Saturday of each month, sandwiches made by parishioners are distributed to those who receive food from the Norfolk Catholic Worker.

Church Mouse: The Church Mouse is a gift shop housed at St. Andrew's and operated by the Women of the Church.

Fall Festival: On All Saints weekend, St. Andrew's celebrates a community festival featuring food, arts and crafts, clothing and household boutiques, and fine choral and instrumental music.

Hands United Building Bridges: HUBB is an interfaith, inter-racial network of clergy and churches working for racial dialogue and justice.

Laundry Love: In partnership with other churches, we host a monthly ministry to launder the clothes of those in need and spread kindness one load at a time.

Mentally Healthy Norfolk: St. Andrew's serves as a convener of this community coalition working to reduce stigma and increase access to mental health care.

Mission and Ministry Commitee: This committee oversees our outreach in the community and determines grant support for local organizations such as Ghent Area Ministries, ForKIDS, Lost Boys Foundation, and many others.

Norfolk Emergency Shelter Team: NEST is a collaboration of local churches that take turns providing a week's worth of overnight shelter to 50-60 homeless men and women. St. Andrew's typically hosts two weeks each year.

Rise Against Hunger: A new annual tradition, this event features St. Andrew's members and friends assembling 12,000 packaged meals for delivery to hungry people around the world.

Sudanese Refugee Ministry: In partnership with The Lost Boys Foundation, we provide support toward the education and health of Sudanese refugees.

Wellness Ministries: We host a weekly yoga class, a twice-weekly women's fitness class, and a weekly centering prayer group.

Our Core Values

Inclusion and Hospitality

We strive to love widely and deeply. We are an inclusive, open, and affirming parish, comprised of people of all stages and walks of life. We bear witness to God's love by aiming to provide a place of hospitality, healing, and hope for everyone who comes through our doors.

Gospel-based Mission and Ministry

We endeavor to reach beyond ourselves and put the gospel into action. The stained glass windows in our sanctuary depict scenes from Matthew 25, in which Jesus commends those who nourish the hungry and thirsty, care for the sick and needy, visit the prisoner, and welcome the stranger. These images inspire and define our call to ministry in the world.

Eucharistic and Baptismal Faith

Each week we come together to seek solace and renewal in the healing power of the Holy Eucharist. Our celebration of thanksgiving for Christ's resurrection binds us as a community and lifts our hearts, and we carry that spirit into our daily lives and work as we live out our baptismal vows.

We bring inquiring minds and open hearts to our journeys of faith.

Spiritual Formation for All Ages

We bring inquiring minds and open hearts to our journeys of faith. We know that we do not have all the answers, and we value thoughtful conversations and genuine community. We are committed to fun and meaningful formation and fellowship for children and youth, as well as adults.

Joy, Beauty, and Wonder

We worship with joy and reverence. We value the elegance and ritual of Episcopal liturgy, the beauty of sacred music, and the comfort and tradition of our sanctuary. We also celebrate the wonder of God's creation by using our flowers and gardens as instruments of praise.

Our History

Founded in 1911 to serve the newly developed Ghent section of Norfolk, St. Andrew's began its life in a small wooden chapel. The rector was The Rev. Myron Marshall, who conducted his first service on December 3, 1911. By the end of 1912, the fledgling parish counted more than 100 families as members, reflecting an emphasis on hospitality and faith formation for all ages that continues today.

The current sanctuary was built in 1921 and was designed by the noted architect John Kevan Peebles, himself a parishioner at St. Andrew's. In 1948, members expanded the 1921 structure with a two-story parish house, which includes the present-day auditorium, classrooms, and church offices; the narthex and parish hall were added in subsequent decades. In 2003, members commissioned 18 new stained glass windows that depict scenes from Matthew 25, a call to service that inspires our ministry in the world.

Putting love into action has long been a central value at St. Andrew's. In the 1980s, The Rev. Charles Joy and several parishioners became key supporters of early HIV/AIDS ministry in Hampton Roads, efforts which evolved into the formation of Access AIDS Care. We continue to support that ministry along with a temporary homeless shelter, a program to feed the hungry, and many other activities in the community. We were also the first Episcopal Church in Virginia to elect a woman to the Vestry, and the first church in our Diocese to bless a same gender union prior to the advent of marriage equality.

St. Andrew's has also been a center for sacred music and the arts. Organ and choir music lifts our hearts in praise, and we regularly host community concerts and other special events. Our annual Fall Festival on the weekend of All Saints is a celebration of art, music, and community fellowship.

In 2011, we celebrated our centennial with a series of events, culminating in a successful capital campaign. Over the last decade, attendance has grown more than 50%, with many new families and expanded ministries within and beyond our walls. With updated facilities and growing numbers, our parish is poised for a new era of faith and service as we enter our second century.

Sunday Worship Schedule

Normal Schedule	8:00 AM	Holy Eucharist
	9:00 AM	Nursery opens
	9:15 AM	Christian Formation for all ages
	10:15 AM	Holy Eucharist
	10:15 AM	Children's Chapel, Guild Room
Summer Schedule	9:00 AM	Holy Eucharist
	10:30 AM	Holy Eucharist

Please search for St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Norfolk on* YouTube *to access our streamed and recorded services.

Music and Choirs

We are blessed with a rich tradition of sacred music at St. Andrew's. Our choirs and musical groups are open to anyone. To learn more, visit our website for information on the Senior Choir, the Youth or Handbell Choirs, or the Gospel Lights String Band. Our music programs are under the guidance of Stephen Leist, our Director of Music Ministry, who works in partnership with Richard Rigg, our Associate Director.

Sacraments and Sacramental Rites

Holy Baptism: Holy Baptism is the sacrament by which a person is born into new life with Christ and received into the community of faith. We celebrate baptisms on Sundays throughout the year and on special feast days.

Holy Eucharist: Holy Eucharist, or communion, is our principal act of corporate worship. We celebrate the Eucharist each Sunday and Wednesday throughout the year, in addition to special feast days. All baptized Christians are welcome to receive the bread and wine at God's altar.

Holy Matrimony: Traditional and alternative services of Holy Matrimony are available to parishioners, family members of parishioners, those interested in membership, and others with special affiliations to this congregation. This includes both same-gender and opposite-gender couples.

Unction (Healing) is offered weekly at the Wednesday Eucharist. **Confirmation** for youth and adults is offered annually. **Reconciliation of a Penitent** (Confession), and **Burial of the Dead** are offered by request. Please contact the parish office.

Planned Giving:
Sally Kellam (623-1107)

Mission and Outreach

Committee Chair:
Robin Kruger (470-9882)
Access AIDS Care Cook-in:
Llew Roberts (423-6310)
Catholic Worker Sandwich Ministry:
Robin Kruger (470-9882)
Church Mouse Gift Shop:
Dana Strew (489-0306)
Ghent Area Ministry:
Jim Kruger (470-9882)
Fall Festival:
Amber Pickrell (627-9258)
Laundry Love:
Marguerite Alley (286-6874)
Lost Boys Foundation:
Betty Wade Coyle (625-3182)
Norfolk Emergency Shelter Team:
Jim Rhodes (627-5980)
Rise Against Hunger:
Betty Wade Coyle (625-3182)
Wellness Ministries:
Andie Rohrs (622-5530)

Parish Life

Committee Chairs:
Andie Rohrs (390-4746)
Breakfast Brigade:
Kacky Bryant (627-5620) and
Becky Ruffin (440-0333)
Coffee Hour:
Deane Sobol (623-0796)
Foyer Dinners:
Mike Whitehurst (483-9898)
Greeter Ministry:
Dennis Sipes (622-5530)
Women of St. Andrew's:
Lois Gail Davis (489-8603)
Young Adult Fellowship:
Andie Rohrs (390-4746)

Pastoral Care

Committee Chair:
Karen Mitchell (423-0065)
Eucharistic Visitors:
Karen Mitchell (423-0065)
Flower Delivery:
John Chappell (963-5850)
Newcomer Ministry:
Andie Rohrs (390-4746)
Prayer Shawl Ministry:
Deane Sobol (623-0796)

Worship

Committee Chair:
John Rohrs (622-5530)
Acolytes:
Doug Tillberg (499-6008)
Altar Guild:
Ellie Ankerson (623-0597)
Brass Polishers:
Ellie Ankerson (623-0597)
Children's Chapel:
Harper Bathel (622-5530)
Flower Guild:
Debbie Goode-Jones (440-9516)
Venessa August (513-505-2100)
Gospel Lights Strings Band:
Richard Rigg (487-3655)
Handbell Choir:
Richard Rigg (487-3655)
Junior Choir:
Richard Rigg (487-3655)
Lay Readers and Chalicers:
Andie Rohrs (622-5530)
Senior Choir:
Stephen Leist (859-338-9361)

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

Getting Involved

A Visitors Guide Supplement to help you get connected and feel at home

1004 Graydon Avenue, Norfolk, VA 23507
Mail: 1009 Princess Anne Road, Norfolk, VA 23507
Phone: (757) 622-5530 Fax: (757) 622-0812
Email: dsipes@standrewsnorfolk.org
Web: www.standrewsnorfolk.org

Follow us on: @standrewsnorfolk or
standrewsnorfolkeyc

Include #standrewsnorfolk when sharing photos or stories.

Welcome!

We are glad that you are here just as you are. In time, if you find that you would like to get involved in our parish ministries and/or consider becoming a member of the church, this insert provides more details. You also may always contact the parish office with any questions.

Membership at St. Andrew's

If you are interested in membership, please let us know by contacting Dennis Sipes at 622-5530 or dsipes@standrewsnorfolk.org. If you are coming from another church we will be happy to assist you with the transfer process. If you are joining St. Andrew's from another denomination, you may wish to be received or confirmed in the Episcopal Church.

We hope that you will find here a loving, spiritual environment for your continuing journey of faith.

Meanwhile, in the pews you will find a small Visitor's Card to fill out and drop in the offertory plate and a larger card that serves as a guide to our worship and Sunday morning activities. We also have annual newcomers classes, a lending library, and other resources to help you feel at home. Our clergy are always up for a cup of coffee and conversation with those who have questions or want to know more. We continue to support that ministry along with a temporary homeless shelter, a Laundry Love program, and many other activities in the community.

Getting Involved

St. Andrew's is a vibrant community full of people who enjoy one another and value working together to live as disciples of Christ. The following list highlights our various areas of ministry and activity and notes contact information for key leaders. Please feel free to contact them to learn more and to join us in service and fellowship.

Administration

The Rector:
The Rev. John Rohrs (622-5530)
Vestry Chair (Senior Warden):
Dr. Larry Pasquinelli (757) 439-4539
Parish Administration:
Dennis Sipes (622-5530)

Buildings and Grounds

Committee Chair:
Deane Sobol (757) 635-6339
Church Sexton:
JonMichel Sipes (622-5530)
Columbarium Committee:
Jim Affeldt (855-2182)

Christian Formation

Committee Chair:
Harper Bathel (622-5530)
Adult Forum:
The Rev. John Rohrs (622-5530)
Children's Chapel:
Harper Bathel (622-5530)
Education for Ministry:
Deane Sobol (623-0796)
Nursery:
Maggie Mahloy (mmah1001@odu.edu)
Sunday School:
Harper Bathel (622-5530)
Two or Three Fellowship:
The Rev. Andie Rohrs (390-4746)
Youth Group:
Harper Bathel (622-5530)

Communications

Committee Chairs:
Allison Enedy (622-5530) and
Jeff Barnum (745-4328)
Office Guild:
Dennis Sipes (622-5530)
Web/Newsletter Support:
Allison Enedy (622-5530)

Finance/Endowment

Committee Chairs:
Jim Rhodes - Finance (627-5980)
and Carter Furr - Endowment
(440-1521)
Treasurer's Office:
Larry Brett (627-1357)
Annual Stewardship:
Kristan Burch (624-1337)
Molly Dey (858-8440)