SAINT ANDREW
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The Beacon

NOVEMBER 2026

MISSION CHRIST IS CALLING ST. ANDREW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH TO BE A BEACON OF PEACE AND LOVE WHERE EVERYBODY BELONGS

VISION AS FOLLOWERS OF JESUS CHRIST, WE ARE BEING TRANSFORMED THROUGH THE COURAGEOUS AND HEALING WORK OF RECONCILIATION

Month At-a-Glance

Wed 11/4 **Wednesday Supper Club | 5:30 - 7:30 pm**
Don't forget to drop in **Wednesday November 4th for Wednesday Night Supper Club.** This month we're getting cozy with a Soup Potluck dinner. There will also be mac-n-cheese for the kids. Click the link in the Enews to sign up. The beauty about soup is that it goes a long way, so even if you can't bring a pot of your favorite recipe just come as you are. There is always enough!

Sat 11/7 **Herndon Handbell Festival! | 6:00 pm**
Come support our St. Andrew Ringers as they play a number of pieces at the handbell festival. See the **Music Update on PAGE 5** for more information.

Tue 11/24 **NLC Thanksgiving Family Feast | 11:30 am**
See the **NLC Update on PAGE 3** for more information

Advent Festival & Greening of the Church!

Sunday, November 29th

Thanksgiving Dinner Bags

Due back
Sunday November 8th

Mobile Hope Gifts

November 23
Last day to order Amazon gifts to the Church

November 29
Last day to drop off gifts in person

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November Calendar

Sun 1	9:00a	Sunday School
	10:00a	**Worship Service* + Communion + All Saints Day**
	10:15a	Children's Church
	11:15a	Worship Committee Meeting
Wed 4	5:30p	**Wednesday Night Supper Club - Soup Potluck**
Thu 5	9:15a	Coffee & Conversation @ Doppio Bunny
	7:00p	Choir Rehearsal
	8:00p	Handbell Choir Rehearsal
Sat 7	6:00 p	**Handbell Choir Festival**
Sun 8	9:00a	Sunday School
	10:00a	**Worship Service***
	10:15a	Children's Church + Minis Youth Group
	11:15a	Mission Committee Meeting
		Property Committee Meeting
Mon 9	10:00a	Bible Bunch
Tue 10	6:30p	St. Andrew Stitchers
Thu 12	9:15a	Coffee & Conversation @ Doppio Bunny
	6:30p	Deacon Meeting
	7:00p	Choir Rehearsal
	8:00p	Handbell Choir Rehearsal
Sun 15	9:00a	Sunday School
	10:00a	**Worship Service***
	10:15a	Children's Church
	11:15a	Property Team Meeting
	6:00p	Youth Group
Thu 19	9:15a	Coffee & Conversation @ Doppio Bunny
	7:00p	Choir Rehearsal
	8:00p	Handbell Choir Rehearsal
Fri 20	All Day	**Keep Awake Retreat (Massanetta Springs)**
Sun 22	9:00a	Sunday School
	10:00a	**Worship + Food on the Fourth**
	10:15a	Children's Church + Minis Youth Group
Tue 24	11:30a	NLC Thanksgiving Family Feast
Sun 29	9:00a	Sunday School
	10:00a	**Worship**
	11:00a	**Advent Festival & Greening of the Church**

***child care is available 4 years old & under**

Want to be included in the next newsletter?

Please send committee updates, articles, and photos to newsletter@standrew-pres.org by **November 18th**

youth & children

Advent Workshop and Children's Church Crafts!

This year, we're working some more sustainable crafts into our Advent Workshop and we need your help! If you have the following lying around, we'd love to have them for crafting together:

- Clean, empty glass jars with or without lids
- Pinecones - all shapes and sizes
- Fabric ribbon
- Tinsel or garland
- Cardboard egg cartons
- Paper towel or toilet paper rolls

Please drop materials in a bag or box in Lisa's office or email her (lisamassey@standrew-pres.org) and she will arrange to pick them up.

Interested in Volunteering?!

Contact Lisa (lisamassey@standrew-pres.org) **with any questions or for more information**.

Would you like to volunteer to help make our ministries happen?

Scan the code to sign-up and let us know!

NLC Update



There's always time for a group hug!



Fun visit from the Purcellville Volunteer Fire Department!

NOV 24

NLC Thanksgiving Family Feast

Families of our 3 and 4-year old classes join us for a special Chapel led by Pastor Amanda, followed by a true Thanksgiving meal - roast turkey and all the trimmings, prepared by our very own NLC cook, Ms. Karen G. The Fellowship Hall will brim with over 200 children and members of their family as we all break bread together in gratitude for the many gifts God has given us.

Trunk-or-Treat!

Thank you to the St Andrew congregation for helping to make Trunk-or-Treat another smashing success. Photos will be shared soon.

USE THE QR CODE TO ORDER!

Christmas Tree Sale

SAPC is selling fresh cut Christmas trees and wreaths
from Westfall Christmas Tree Farm!
All proceeds will go towards youth retreats and scholarships.

Orders are due by November 20th, and trees will be ready for pickup on November 29th from 12 p.m. - 2 p.m.

Can't pick up during that time?
No problem! We can tag your tree and leave it outside for you.

ORDER BY
NOV 20

PICK UP
NOV 29



Order here!

mission

Upcoming Meeting Schedule

Sunday, November 8
Sunday, December 13
January 10
February 14
March 14

Thanksgiving Dinner Bags

We are once again joining with Loudoun Hunger Relief to support families in need over this holiday season.

To participate, pack a REUSABLE grocery bag with the following NONPERISHABLE items:

- 1-2 bags or boxes of stuffing mix
- At least 4 cans of vegetable
- Boxed potatoes
- Gravy (no glass jars, please!)
- Cornbread or biscuit mix
- Cranberry sauce
- Dry dessert mix/ingredients (no ready made pie crusts please!)

Due back on NOVEMBER 8

PLEASE NOTE: LHR is not requesting grocery gift cards this year. We intend to provide frozen protein with the bags you build. To help us do that, use the link below to donate.

Updates

On behalf of the congregation, **the committee recently donated $500 to Children's National Race for Every Child - Brain Tumor Trouncers Team** to help in the fight against brain cancer in children.

In October the committee members **provided food for a coffee hour and a taco dinner for the Youth Group.** At the Youth Group meeting, committee members shared about the Mission Committee's projects and youth group members shared their ideas for projects.

Food on the Fourth!

Please remember to donate food if you can on or before the fourth Sunday each month.
Donated food can be left in the box near the front entrance any Sunday. On the fourth Sunday, food can be brought up to the altar during offering time. A committee member delivers the food to Loudoun Hunger Relief after the fourth Sunday of each month.

Loudoun Hunger Relief saw a 39% increase year over year in households coming to them for food in the July-September period. Every donation helps!

Upcoming Events

Nov 8 Thanksgiving Dinner Bags Due
Nov 23 Last Day to order Mobile Hope Gifts for delivery at the Church
Nov 29 Last Day to bring Mobile Hope Gifts to the Church (ages 10-12)
Wrapping Party for Mobile Hope Gifts at the Advent Festival

worship

Upcoming Events

Nov 22 Pre-Greening of the Church (after worship)
Nov 29 First Sunday of Advent & Greening of the Church
Dec 24 Candlelight Christmas Even Service (5:00p)

Upcoming Meeting Schedule

November 1
December 6
January 3
February 7
March 7
@ 11:15 am





Want to assist in worship?

Let your individual and familial light shine during Sunday morning worship by volunteering to be a **liturgist** who reads Scripture and guides prayers or **an usher** who passes the collection plates. You can even volunteer as a family, serving for an entire month and dividing the Sundays between the roles of readers and ushers. We welcome your radiant volunteer spirit as you offer your talents in serving our faith community!

Please contact **lynn.krepich@standrew-pres.org** if you are interested.

Sanctuary Flower Sign-Ups

Celebrate special occasions and people in your life by providing flowers for any worship service.
Please contact
nancy.gilmore@standrew-pres.org
if interested in displaying a floral arrangement in the sanctuary.

music

SAVE THE DATE

November 7 @ 6:00pm

Support our St. Andrew Handbell Choir

The St.Andrew Handbell Choir will once again participate in the **Herndon Handbell Festival on Saturday Nov. 7, 2026.** We will play a solo piece as well as participate in the combined choir selections.
The public concert is at 6:00 pm. We invite you to come and support our Handbell Choir as well as enjoy the beautiful and uplifting music. This event is free and open to the public.

fellowship & deacons

Upcoming Deacons Meeting Schedule

November 12

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@ 6:30pm

Upcoming Events

Nov 4	Wednesday Night Supper Club - Potluck Soup & Bread!
Nov 7	Herndon Handbell Choir Festival
Dec 12	Purcellville Christmas Parade
Jan 31	Chili Cook-off & Congregational Meeting

Advent Activities!

Nov 29	Advent Festival & Greening of the Church
Dec 6	Ugly Sweater Sunday
Dec 13	Cookie Elves
Dec 20	Hot Chocolate Bar
Dec 24	Christmas Even Service (Cookies & Cider)







Staff Appreciation Sunday!



Fellowship at Harvest Gap Brewery





outreach

Meeting Schedule

4th Sunday of Every Month
After the Service

This committee is all about "getting the Word out" to the congregation and the community about our church and the many ways we are helping others and having fun together. **John Howard** is the Session liaison and current person to contact if you have any questions (john.k.howard@gmail.com)

Update!

Purcellville Community Tag Sale

We made over $600 for the Youth Group at the Tag Sale!
Most of what didn't sell was donated to the Vietnam Veterans of America.
Some families who came to shop even stayed to play on our playground!



THANK YOU!

Huge thanks to: John and Larkin, Allison & her family, Marcia, Kate, Lisa, Youth Group helpers, and anyone else that donated, volunteered their time, or just came to hang out!







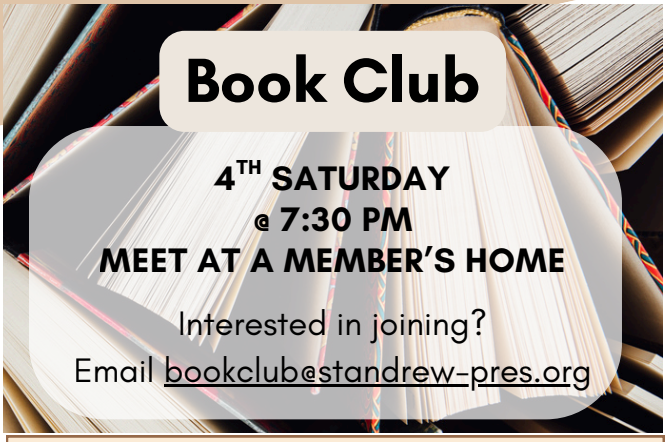
bulletin board



RECYLCLING HELP!

Do you have 15 minutes once or twice a week to help take the recycling from the building to the recycling container at the end of the parking lot?

Contact Josh if you can help!
property@standrew-pres.org



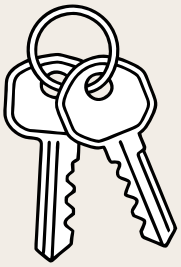
Book Club

4TH SATURDAY
@ 7:30 PM
MEET AT A MEMBER'S HOME

Interested in joining?
Email bookclub@standrew-pres.org

Wednesday Night Supper Club

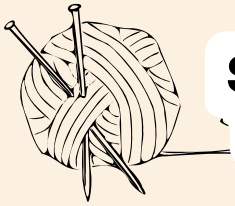
1st Wednesday of the Month
Next Gathering - November 4th
5:30-7:30 pm



Key Fobs

Any member of St Andrew may request a key fob for entry to the church on Sunday mornings for worship! If you would like a fob, please contact Josh Shields or Ally Fetch.

josh.shields@standrew-pres.org
ally.fetch@standrew-pres.org



St. Andrew Stitchers

Bring a project you're working on, and join friends to chat and craft! So far we have quilting, knitting, crocheting, needlepoint, cross stitch, and sometimes even "to do" projects like assembling goodie bags. Come hang out with us!

Interested or have questions?
Email ally.fetch@standrew-pres.org

Bible Bunch



2ND MONDAYS @10 AM IN THE YOUTH LOUNGE

The Bible Bunch is a member-guided fellowship, study, and prayer group. Starting this fall, we will be working through "United Through Christ, Bound to Each Other, Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians."

Interested or have questions?
Email nancy.gilmore@standrew-pres.org)

committees & groups

		CONTACT
A/V	To help behind-the-scenes with AV at worship services and special events, contact Tom Hill.	hillkid@earthlink.net
Fellowship	Our Fellowship Committee seeks to provide fun opportunities to visit together as siblings in Christ!	fellowship@standrew-pres.org
Property	From light bulbs to air conditioners, the Property team makes sure our campus is well kept and welcoming. Hands are always needed!	property@standrew-pres.org
NLC Board	**Church Members** • Suzanne Wade (President) • Leslie Dragon • Kirsten Shields **NLC Parents** • Jessica Cassidy (Treasurer) • Kalena Moore (Secretary)	nlcboard@tnlcenter.com
Deacons	**Class of 2027** • Nancy Gilmore • Susan Cassutto • Debra Gutenson (co-chair) **Class of 2028** • Katie Schweiger • Leslie Dragon • Frank Diehl **Class of 2029** • Marie Cahoon (co-chair) • Robin Laybourne • Pat Quinn **If you or someone you know needs meals, help with errands, rides, or simply prayers, please reach out.**	deacons@standrew-pres.org
Session	**Class of 2027** • Randy Dragon • Sandra McDonnell • Kyle Hottinger • Hailey Shields **Class of 2028** • Lynn Krepich • Sarah Read • Rob Weaver **Class of 2029** • Stephen Fike • Kevin Burel • John Howard	session@standrew-pres.org

Want to join a group or have a question?

Feel free to reach out directly using the contact information above or email the Church Office at info@standrew-pres.org