

St Andrew Presbyterian Church

LOAVES + FISHES

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November 2025

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



November Events @ SAPC



Who doesn't love pumpkin spice? ... Okay maybe don't answer that. Regardless, we are celebrating community with some fall fun this Sunday. Join us this week on November 9th for Celebration Sunday! Sometimes known as Stewardship Sunday, we will be celebrating all of the ways we are called as a community to love our neighbors through the ministry of St. Andrew. It will be a joy-filled service where we solidify our call into the coming year, including special treats during the fellowship hour.

Bring your favorite, weirdest, or coolest pumpkin spice treat to share after worship!
Get pumpkin spicy before we head full steam ahead into the Christmas season.



This year, SAPC is selling fresh cut Christmas trees and wreaths from Westfall Christmas Tree Farm!

All proceeds will be used to purchase new chairs for our Fellowship Hall.

Orders are due by Thursday, November 20th, and trees will be ready for pickup on November 30th from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. Can't pick up during that time? No problem! We can tag your tree and leave it outside for you.

Visit our website to order!

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Nov 30
following worship

Advent is the 4 week period leading up to Christmas, a time when we as Christians prepare for Jesus' birth.

After worship on the 30th, we will be greening the church which includes putting up the Christmas trees and lights, children will make their own Advent craft to take home, and more! ALL AGES are welcome and **many hands are needed!**

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November Calendar

Sun 2	9a 10a	Intergenerational Study for all ages* w/ light breakfast (<i>Fellowship Hall</i>) Worship Service with Communion* Children's Church during worship Worship Committee meets after worship
Mon 3	6-8p	Youth Group (MS/HS)
Tues 4	all day	NLC Closed for Staff Development
Thur 6	6:30p 7p/8p	LCPS Closed, NLC Open for a School's Out Drop-In Day Deacons Meeting Choir/Bells Practice
Sun 9	9a 10a	CELEBRATION SUNDAY & THANKSGIVING BAGS DUE Intergenerational Study for all ages* w/ light breakfast (<i>Fellowship Hall</i>) Worship Service* Children's Church & Minis meet during worship Mission Committee meets after worship
Mon 10	10a	Bible Bunch (<i>Youth Lounge</i>)
Tues 11	6:30p	St Andrew Stitchers (<i>Youth Lounge</i>)
Thur 13	5:30-7p 6:30p	Choir/Bells NLC Board Meeting
Sun 16	9a 10a	Youth Sunday School (6 th -12 th grades, <i>Youth Lounge</i>) Worship Service* Children's Church during worship Session meets after worship
Wed 19	6-8p	Youth Group (MS/HS) - <i>Friendsgiving! Bring a dish to share</i>
Thur 20	10a 7p/8p	Communications Committee Meeting CHRISTMAS TREE ORDERS DUE Choir/Bells Practice
Fri 21	5p	NEWSLETTER SUBMISSION DEADLINE
Fri-Sun 21-23		Keep Awake! HS Retreat to Massanetta
Sun 23	9a 10a	Youth Sunday School (6 th -12 th grades, <i>Youth Lounge</i>) Worship Service* Food on the Fourth Children's Church & Minis meet during worship
Tues 25	11:30a	NLC Thanksgiving Feast
Wed 26	all day	LCPS Closed, NLC Open for a School Age Drop-In Day
Thur 27	all day	Church Office & NLC CLOSED
Fri 28	all day	Church Office & NLC CLOSED
Sun 30	9a 10a 11a-1p	ADVENT FESTIVAL Youth Sunday School (6 th -12 th grades, <i>Youth Lounge</i>) Worship Service* Greening of the Church - all ages child care is available 4 years old & under Christmas Tree Pickup

Please send committee updates, articles, and photos to
newsletter@standrew-pres.org

Sermon Series

Our "Won't You Be My Neighbor?" series has been a beautiful journey exploring what it means to be a community.

We've shared our stories, sought peace, and celebrated the "good feeling" of God's hope, all grounded in the powerful reminder that we are accepted and loved by God "just the way we are." Seeing our children practice this with mirror affirmations is the perfect picture of our call: to be a beacon of peace and love where everybody belongs.



Worship

Your siblings in Christ can share in your joys and concerns when you **provide flowers** for any worship service in honor of birthdays, anniversaries, or graduations, or in memory of a loved one. Sign up in the narthex or email nancy.gilmore@standrew-pres.org.

Liturgists help lead Worship every Sunday by reading Scripture, guiding prayers, and inviting song. Pastor Amanda makes it very easy to be a liturgist – you don't have to be a public speaker, you just have to be able to read! Volunteers for serving as liturgists can contact lynn.krepich@standrew-pres.org

We are especially looking for ushers and door attendants. Thank you, as always, for sharing your time and talents! Email secretary@standrew-pres.org for ways to get involved.



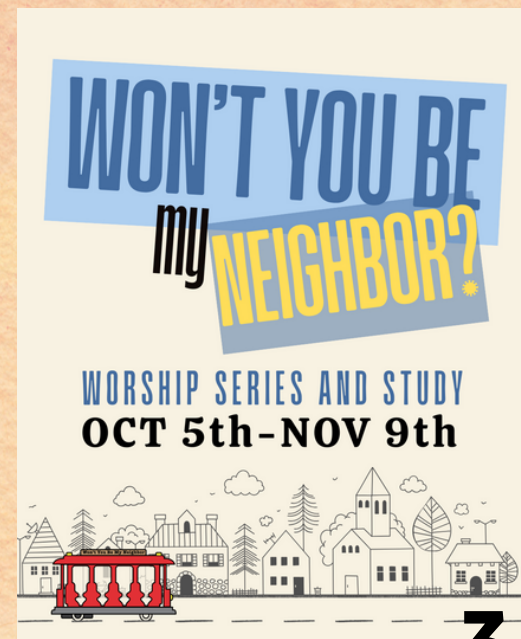
Weekly Intergenerational Study

SUNDAYS THROUGH NOVEMBER 9 @ 9AM
AGES 4-99

We've got something special to share! We'll be doing a study starting October 5th at 9am called "Won't You Be My Neighbor?" based on Mr. Rogers' Neighborhood that brings people of all ages together. We will create meaningful conversations, do fun activities, sing, pray, and foster moments of true welcome and connection.

Whether you want to explore what it means to love the stranger, to feel accepted just as you are, or to build peace where there's conflict, we hope to meet you where you are with this 6-week study. Our goal for these hands-on sessions is to help neighbors become friends and strengthen our Church community.

Breakfast and coffee will be provided, as well as childcare for children 3 and under. Everyone age 4 and above will be joining in the fun with these sessions. Please join us for this time of connection and community.



Youth

November 7 - WHS@LVHS - Find Your Leaders at Football Friday!

November 16 - Friendsgiving - Bring a dish to share

November 21-23 - Keep Awake HS Retreat @ Massanetta

November 23 - Middlers Meeting

November 30 - Advent Festival - Church-wide kickoff for the season

December 7 - Cookie Exchange (bring a dozen of your fave holiday treat, nut free please!) and Pageant Worship Planning

December 20, 3pm - Pageant Rehearsal - Theme is The Friendly Beasts

December 21 - Pageant during worship. Youth will be running worship that Sunday and there will be many roles they can take on, both speaking and not

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Youth Group (MS/HS)

1st and 3rd Sundays

6-8pm

Bring a friend!

SUN NOV 2

SUN NOV 16



HS Massanetta Springs Fall Retreat

Keep Awake! is a super cool opportunity for our high schoolers and our Youth have LOVED it the past two years! This year's dates are **Friday, Nov 21 - Sunday, Nov 23** (weekend before Thanksgiving) at Massanetta Springs Conference Center. We leave after school on Friday and return early afternoon Sunday. clark.seipt@standrew-pres.org



SAVE THE DATE

HS Retreat @Montreat - July 12-18, 2026

This is the date that worked for most of our High Schoolers in the group. More details to come, but add it to your calendar!

Children children's Church

Pre-K through 3rd graders start the worship service sitting with their family. After the Children's Moment, they head to the basement with their teachers for their very own lessons, crafts, and fun time. Please contact Sarah S to volunteer for one or more Sundays with this super fun group.

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Childcare is available for children 4 and under in the Fellowship Hall with Ms. Michelle, one of our awesome NLC teachers. All children are welcome in worship all the time. Don't forget we have coloring sheets and clipboards available in the Narthex.

Minis

2nd & 4th Sundays During Worship

This is a group that exclusively for 3rd-5th graders!

This group will need another volunteer adult to lend a hand as it has grown from last year! If you can help, please contact sarah.read@standrew-pres.org

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT



Christmas Pageant Sign-Up

Calling all Friendly Beasts!

St. Andrew's Children and Youth are taking us to the manger on December 21st during worship! We'll meet some of the animals who were there to welcome Jesus into the world. Rehearsals will happen primarily during worship at Children's Church culminating in a dress rehearsal on December 20th at 3pm with dinner provided after. We'd love to have your children and/or youth of all ages join us!

[Click here](#) or email Lisa Massey for more info or to sign up! lisa.massey@standrew-pres.org

Every Sunday in Advent will have a different theme, so be sure to attend throughout the season!



**4TH SATURDAYS
@ 7:30 PM
@ MEMBERS' HOMES**

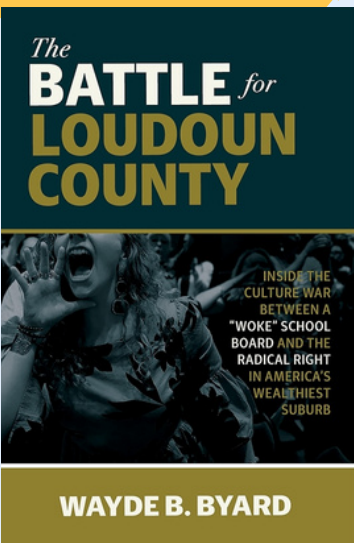
Dec 6

Time of the Child
by Niall Williams

Book Club

Local author, Wayde Byard, discusses his book, *The Battle for Loudoun County*, with the members and guests of the SAPC Book Club at the September 27th meeting.

bookclub@standrew-pres.org



Mission



THANKSGIVING DINNER BAGS

Gather your family and collect Thanksgiving favorites to share with those in need! Please fill a REUSABLE grocery bag with the following NONPERISHABLE items, and return them to St. Andrew by **Sunday, November 9th**:

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

Gift cards ARE NOT being collected. LHR will be providing frozen protein with each bag of food.



Thank you for your generosity!

Loudoun Hunger Relief

Many of our friends and neighbors are facing very difficult times right now. Please consider adding extra items to each grocery trip so worrying about whether they will have enough to eat won't be one of the problems keeping them up at night.

You donated 181 pounds of food in October, which brings the total to 768 pounds YTD

Year-round LHR food list

1. Dry beans
2. Whole grain pasta, rice
3. Fresh fruits & vegetables
4. Whole grain cereal
5. Canned meats (tuna or chicken)
6. Healthy cooking oil (ex: olive)
7. Peanut butter
8. Low Sodium soups (under 350mg per serving)



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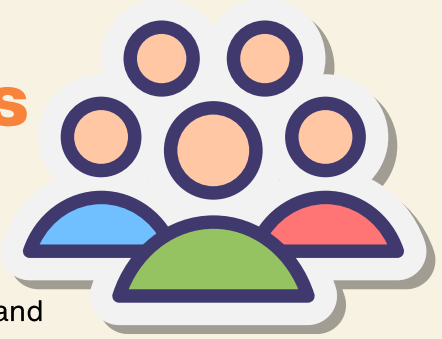


Thank you
to everyone who
attended and/or
lent a hand!



Other Committees & Groups

A/V To help behind-the-scenes with AV at worship services and special events, contact Tom Hill. hillkid@earthlink.net



Fellowship

Everything our Fellowship Committee does provides fun and important times to visit with our 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!
josh.shields@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

- Debra Gutenson (co-chair)
- Sarah Sassak (co-chair)
- Susan Cassuto
- Frank Diehl
- Nancy Gilmore
- Leslie Dragon
- Pat Quinn
- Evan Read
- Katie Schweiger

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 2026

- Stephen Fike
- Daniel Gillispie
- Josh Shields

Class of 2027

- Randy Dragon
- Deborah Hill
- Kyle Hottinger

Class of 2028

- Lynn Krepich
- Sarah Read
- Rob Weaver

session@standrew-pres.org



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

**NOVEMBER 11
DECEMBER 9
JANUARY 13**

**YOUTH LOUNGE
6:30 PM**

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!

ally.fetch@standrew-pres.org

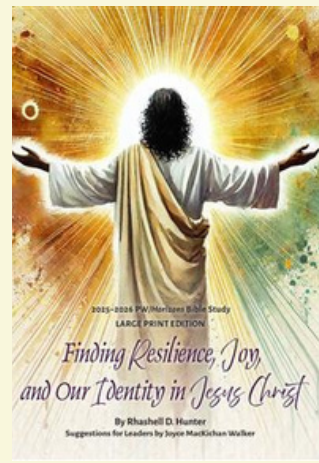


Bible Bunch

**2ND MONDAYS @ 10 AM
IN THE YOUTH LOUNGE**

The Bible Bunch is a member-guided fellowship, study, and prayer group that uses the Presbyterian Women Horizon Bible Study, "Finding Resilience, Joy and Our Identity in Jesus Christ" by Rhashell D. Hunter. This study will explore the above by using several biblical characters, Gospel and epistle writers, as well as Jesus. Please contact Nancy if you would like to join us or have any questions.

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Coffee & Conversation

Did you know Coffee and Conversation meets at 9:15 every Thursday at Doppio Bunny? Whether you drink coffee, tea, hot chocolate, or Diet Coke, come share your thoughts and stories as we tie them to scripture.

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No WAY you already knew this about turkeys!

Judas why don't you carve the turkey since you're so good at stabbing things in the back



- **Gender can be told by their droppings:** Male turkey droppings are J-shaped, while females produce spiral-shaped ones.
- **Turkeys can blush:** The wattle and snood on their head and neck change color when they are excited.
- **They are fast runners:** Some wild turkeys can run up to 25 mph.
- **Male turkeys are the only ones who gobble:** This loud call is used to attract females and can be heard from a mile away.
- **Female turkeys have unique voices:** They make clicking noises to communicate.
- **Benjamin Franklin praised the turkey:** He wrote that the turkey was a more "respectable" bird than the bald eagle.
- **A group of turkeys is called:** A rafter, flock, gaggle, or gang.