ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, NEW PALTZ

PARISH & COMMUNITY NEWS

NOVEMBER 5, 2026

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Readings: Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25; Psalm 78:1-7; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Matthew 25:1-13

[For readings see: www.lectionarypage.net]

Worship Schedule

Sunday	Mon.	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat
9:30 am Eucharist (in-person & livestreamed) **Coffee hour** (following the service) **10:30 am – 11:30 am** – **Sunday School** on the 1st & 3rd Sundays of each month at Redeemer Lutheran Church (fall schedule begins October 4)		**10:00 am Morning Prayer** on Zoom **12:30 – 2 pm –** Body & Soul: The **Tuesday Book Group** on Zoom		**10:00 am Morning Prayer** on Zoom		

Church YouTube Live Stream link for Sunday services:
https://www.youtube.com/@standrewsepiscopalchurch-n6936

Church ZOOM link: https://zoom.us/j/570270415

A PRIEST'S PONDERINGS… The Rev. Allison Moore

We will hear the parable of "the wise and foolish bridesmaids" this Sunday. It annoys me because half the women are wise because they are prepared; they have extra oil for their lamps, so no matter how long it takes the bridegroom to arrive they will be ready. I am all too often one of the foolish ones, who has forgotten keys or to buy extra oil or is late and rushing . .

Here is another interpretation, from an unnamed author at *The Salt Project.org* "Christian life is largely a matter of being ready to welcome Jesus when he arrives, and arrives, and arrives..."

> Bernard of Clairvaux, the twelfth-century abbot and theologian, wrote eloquently of "three Advents": first of all, the Incarnation, the Advent on Christmas Day; and last of all, the *Parousia*, the Advent at the end of the age (Matthew's subject in this week's passage). And the second or "middle" Advent, the one in between these other two, is the everyday arrival of Jesus: the knock at the door, the still small voice, the lonely prisoner, the hungry mother, the weary refugee, the migrant worker, the asylum seeker . . . In other words, Jesus is coming, again and again and again. With this in mind, Christian life is largely a matter of being ready to welcome him when he arrives, and arrives, and arrives...

What helps keep us ready to welcome Jesus in our everyday life? The blue United Thank Offering boxes are one tool: reflect on the day, and share coins for every blessing received or given. More about that below—the UTO ingathering is on November 29.

Weekly or monthly pledges to St. Andrew's are another tool to help us welcome Jesus when he "arrives, and arrives, and arrives." The *Salt Project* commentator observed that many lamps are needed for the sake of joy, to keep the party going. Try this metaphor. The celebration for which light is needed is the weekly, monthly, annual running of St. Andrew's—worship on Sundays, heat and lights during the week, salaries for clergy and musicians and our administrator and our cleaning service, etc. etc. Parishioners who pledge are sharing their oil for the survival and thriving of our congregation. Perhaps this is too nitty-gritty, but pledges are what help the vestry budget because we can depend on their bringing extra oil!

Many people give without making a pledge, and the church's well-being depends on those gifts too, but all too often the appeals you hear for fundraisers and special collections are signs that we collectively are running low on oil, and depend on everyone to be as prepared as they can be so that the celebrations can continue.

I find that setting aside a percentage of my income that the church receives regularly helps me prepare for Jesus' arrival again and again and again. It goes with setting aside regular time and regular sharing of work, often fun, sometimes not, that keeps our congregation going. And the joy of congregational life helps me in turn be more and more able to recognize the ongoing Advent of Jesus in the world around me. Why not be wise?

PARISH SUMMIT

This Sunday, November 8, there will be a Parish Summit after church to discuss the renovations of the church and a warming center. Your opinions are important. Please attend. Information has been emailed to everyone (email was sent on Tuesday). Please read!

SCHEDULE AT ST. ANDREW'S FOR SUNDAY (November 8)

LEM:	Jen Cutter
Lector:	Julie Mazur
Usher:	Martin Bend
Altar Guild:	Susan Piowaty
Organist:	Janet Frommer
Live Stream Tech:	Jane Conger

NOTE!!

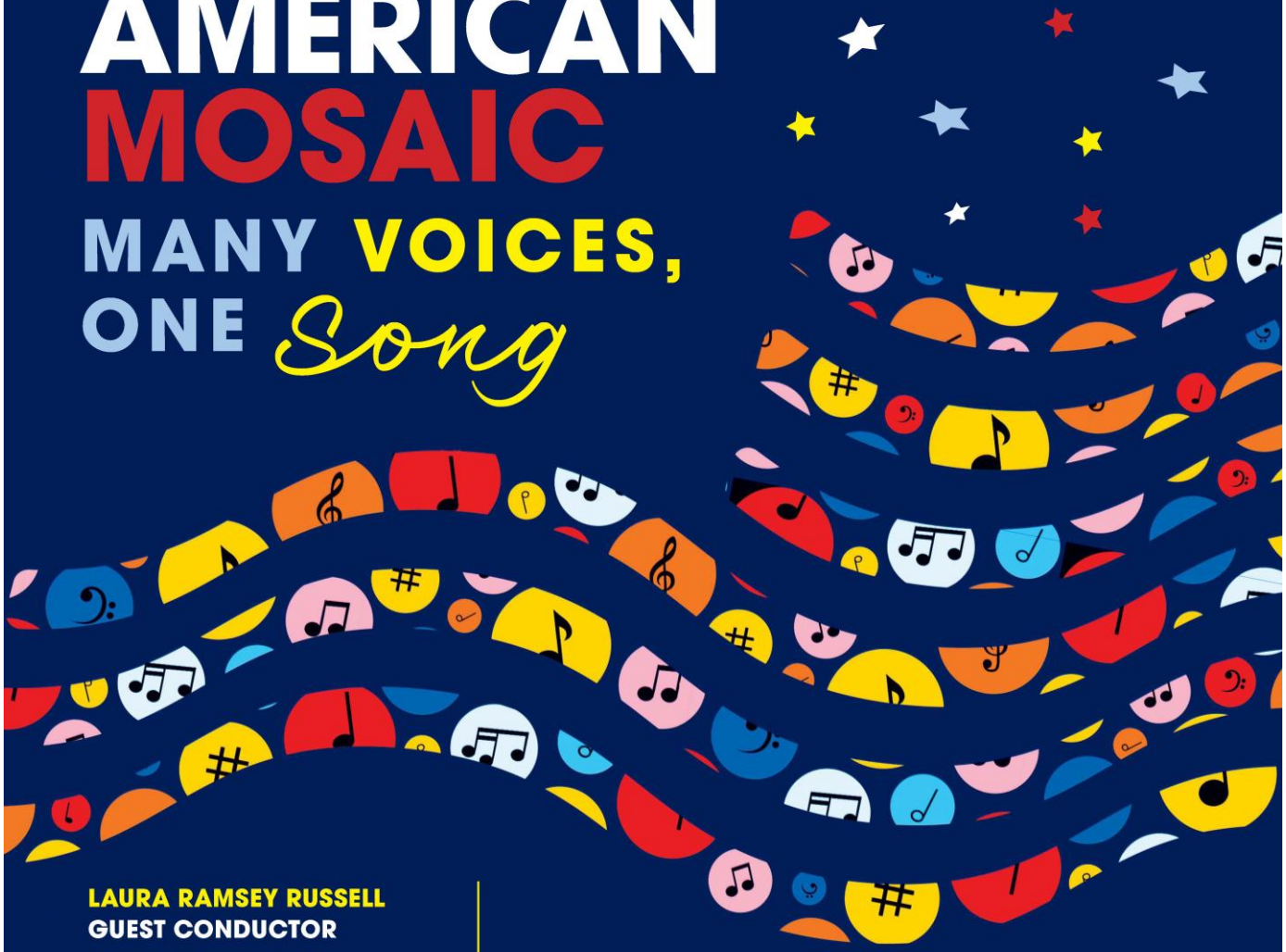
WINTER WEAR CLOTHING SALE

HAS BEEN POSTPONED UNTIL NEXT YEAR

Updates as we know them

AMERICAN MOSAIC

MANY VOICES, ONE *Song*



LAURA RAMSEY RUSSELL
GUEST CONDUCTOR

MUSIC BY
Christopher Aspaas, Margaret Bonds, Aaron Copland, Shawn Kirchner, Undine Smith Moore, Gwyneth Walker, and others

TEXTS BY
The Book of Revelation, St. Francis of Assisi, Benjamin Franklin, Abraham Lincoln, Emma Lazarus, Teddy Roosevelt, Katharine Lee Bates, E. E. Cummings, and Langston Hughes

Cappella Festiva

SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 15
2026

3:00 P.M.
Christ Episcopal Church
At the corner of Academy St. & Barclay St.
20 Carroll St., PoughkeepsieNY 12601

This concert celebrates the many voices of the colorful mosaic of our United States of America. Through a rich variety of musical styles and texts, it reflects the cultures and traditions that have shaped our nation over the past 250 years.

TICKET PRICES

Premium Reserved Seating: **$40** | General Admission: **$30** at the door; **$27** in advance
Senior Citizen: **$25** at the door; **$22** in advance | Student: **$10**

For discounted tickets, purchase in advance at www.cappellafestiva.org or contact us: cappellafestiva@gmail.com

THANKSGIVING SERVICE

Morning Prayer on Zoom on Thanksgiving morning, 10:00am



UTO - UNITED THANK OFFERING

Ingathering of Blue Boxes November 29

How UTO Works

Gratitude is a pretty simple concept, but is something that many people find hard to practice. Being grateful requires simply noticing something good in your life and responding with thanks. Noticing more good things, feeling gratitude for them, and thanking the people who made those good things possible builds positivity and happiness in both the grateful person and the thanked people. This creates a spreading circle of gratitude and kindness.

Because learning to be grateful requires practice, UTO provides materials and creates opportunities for anyone to begin or deepen a gratitude practice. There are many good things that happen in our lives that we can't say thank you for, such as a beautiful sunrise or recovery from illness. In these moments, UTO members make a thank offering either online or in a Blue Box as a way of sharing their gratitude.

COFFEE HOUR

Please sign up to make coffee, heat tea water, either bring food to share or see what we have in the kitchen cupboard., and clean up afterwards. There is a sign-up sheet downstairs near the kitchen counter--please help!

There are generous donors to coffee hour who can, from time to time, stock the fridge and bins with cookies and cakes, etc., so some Sundays it's just about someone making coffee and helping to assist with cleaning up.

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ACTION CORNER

Steps you can take to work on justice. Ideas welcome!!

Actions for this week

See previous actions on the church website

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SAVE THE DATE

Thanksgiving INTERFAITH SERVICE

A SHARED SACRED SERVICE OF MANY FAITHS
TO HONOR THE SEASON OF GIVING THANKS

THIS IS AN OPEN, FREE COMMUNITY EVENT
FOR ALL PERSONS OF ANY FAITH OR LACK THEREOF

17 NOV 2026

7PM

Redeemer Lutheran Church
90 Route 32 South
New Paltz, NY 12561

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS TO FOLLOW

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SAVE THE DATE

November 7	**Grief Support Project 1-4pm Community Center**
November 8	**Parish Summit (after church)**
November 26	**Thanksgiving Morning Prayer on Zoom at 10:00am**
December 21	**Longest Night Service at New Connexions Methodist Church**

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BUILDING RENOVATION NEWS

Parish Summit
Sunday, November 8, after church
Information and discussion of renovations and warming center

FOOD COLLECTION

There is a basket at the entryway to the church where we ask that you place **non-perishable food items** for distribution to those who come by for Free Fresh Food as well as to Family of New Paltz.

SAFE CHURCH

The Diocese is asking all parishes and organizations to renew our commitment to maintaining "Safe Church" practices. We want to reduce if not eliminate the possibility of people being harassed, abused, or mistreated in church.

The National Church has mandated that all clergy, lay leaders, anyone who works with children, and even building users complete 5-10 online training modules through Praesidium Academy. St. Andrew's has started by inviting vestry members and staff to complete this work; if you would like to help us create a safer environment email or call Judy and she will ensure that Praesidium sends you an email link.

The online software is clunky at best. So the Diocese has purchased Chromebooks and organized gatherings in each region for people who wish to work in the presence of a trained software expert. And you get lunch and company! They will be held at Christ the King, Stone Ridge on Nov. 7 and St. Gregory's, Woodstock on Nov. 21

Judy and I are gradually generating emails from Praesidium Academy for folks in our congregation who need to complete the training.

THANK YOU to all those who served at St. Andrew's this week especially Brenda, Kappa, Martin, Jennifer, Janet, Jane, Bruce, Valerie, Charlene, and Luba. Thank you to those who help with the free fresh food project, those who tend to the grounds of the church and vicarage, and those who are helping with the live streaming of the Sunday service.

Church Office Hours

Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays

9:30 am – 2:30 pm

If you need to reach someone when the office is closed, contact The Rev. Allison Moore at 845-633-8272 or by email to standrewsrev@gmail.com; Julie Mazur, Senior Warden at 845-853-3708; or David Slingerland, Junior Warden at 845-702-2552.

ON-GOING EVENTS, MEETINGS, ETC.

FREE FRESH FOOD!	Free Fresh Food 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. 1st Sundays: Reformed Church of New Paltz; 2nd Sundays: Redeemer Lutheran Church; **3rd Sundays: St. Andrew's Episcopal Church**; 4th Sundays: Methodist Church; 5th Sundays: New Paltz Friends Meeting, 8 N. Manheim
Andy's Peeps	Online forum for St. Andrew's community https://www.facebook.com/groups/andyspeeps/
Sunday School	**First & third Sundays, 11:00 a.m. at Redeemer Lutheran Church**

St. Andrew's Website (www.standrewnp.org)

Facebook page (https://www.facebook.com/standrewsnp/)



Our Parish Prayer List:

We continue to pray for especially ***Charles, Edna, Sheila, Lisa, Mary, Gabriel, Joan, Gwenn, Nancy, Patricia, Ola, Joe, Janet, Charles, Martha, Elizabeth, James, Linda, Christine, Jen, Jacob, Gisela, Miles, Rodger, Jennifer, Ann, Laura, Terrell, Davette, Sally, Charlene.***