

# THE PIPER

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# A Message from Our Senior Warden

The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me;  
because the LORD hath anointed me  
to preach good tidings unto the meek;  
he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted,  
to proclaim liberty to the captives,  
and the opening of the prison to them that are bound.

**Isaiah 61:1**

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## *Giving thanks . . .*

The words of the Prophet Isaiah written 800 years before Christ were what Christ taught his followers. This simple Bible reading from Isaiah sums up what Christianity is all about, what St. Andrews mission should be, what we who define ourselves as Christians should be about. It's a simple verse. However, it is the heart of Christianity.

When you think about it, we are all bound up by some kind of prison. Chains shackle us in our daily work. Our drive to control situations and others is destructive and describes many peoples behaviors. Our pride defines many of our actions. Our ambition gets in the way of helping others at times. Our lack of compassion for others chains us to the wall of indifference. Our prejudice for others not like us causes our actions to be hateful and spiteful. Our insistence on doing things our way stops progress from even starting.

St. Andrew's has been here since 1901 according to the sign on the side of the church. That indicates a church which has stood the test of time. The church has seen good leaders and staff and others that have created problems. What we don't realize is that St. Andrew's is fragile. St. Barnabas and All Saints church was much like St. Andrew's. It was an Episcopal Church of similar architecture and longevity. Eventually the youth grew up and it no longer met their needs, The congregation became older and older. The pensioners were no longer able to afford a rector.

They hired a retired priest part time. Everyone loved him. He got older and eventually passed away. Skipping to the conclusion of this church. It is now “The Drama Studio.” I think many of the people who were left when it sold, don’t go to church anymore. I don’t know what could have saved it. Change wasn’t possible as too many of those who had been there so long, didn’t want to see that. Perhaps it was its destiny. Perhaps its time had passed. If I ever go back east to visit, I will drive by and look upon the church with fond memories. Perhaps I will even go see a play there. I don’t know.

There is a poem by Shelly called Ozymandias. The narrator says “Look on my mighty works and despair.” Eventually those mighty works were victims of erosion, weather, decay and time. It ends “nothing beside remains” only the sand. It talks about how mighty rulers created empires, monuments, cities, and today they are but rubble and buried. We are on this earth for such a short time.

How we spend that time is what is important. I thought a lot about that while I was in the hospital. What to do with life?

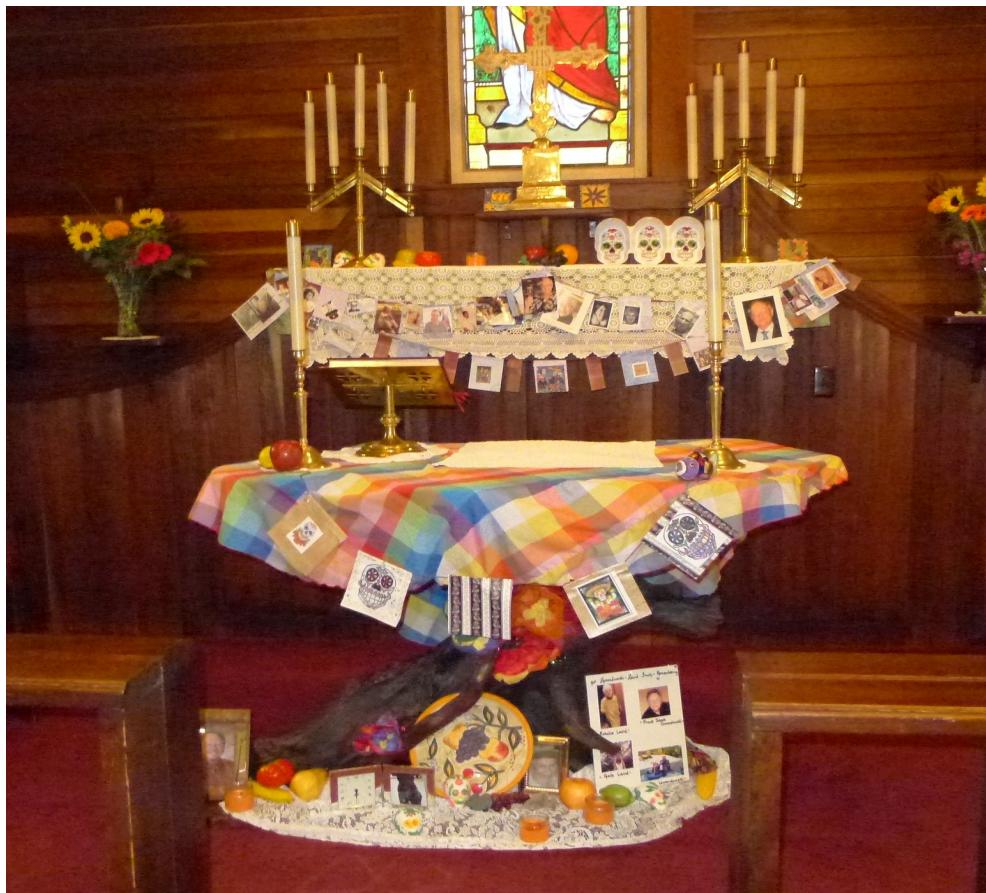
Should we spend it building monuments to sleetng success or trying to make this a better world to live in. I think about my life and take a piece of paper. I draw a line down the middle. On one side I write the things I have done in life to help others. On the other side, I write those things that I have done out of pride, a desire for immortality, or a product of selfishness. I haven’t finished the exercise, and I am not sure I want to. I think the more productive thing I could do take the few years I have left and try and add to the good side.

Yes, St. Andrew’s is fragile. I don’t know if 10 years from now it will become something else like Grace Episcopal did in Boulder Creek, or the doctor’s office in Ben Lomond. Or the Drama Studio in Massachusetts. I am sure the people in those places said that would never happen. I am also sure that I alone do not have the answer. Plato said the true wise man is the one who knows he knows nothing. I think the answer lies in the collective wisdom of those willing to break their chains and work to keep the mission of St. Andrew’s alive.

This brings us back to Isaiah. The spirit of the Lord is upon me. I think the message here is real and will keep us going. If we are doing the work of the Lord, how can that not be a success within its self? Jesus said “feed my sheep,” and “what you do to the

lest of my brothers, you do to me," and "forgive as often as you are asked to forgive," and love God and love your neighbor." These are all actions that define us as Christians. This is the mission of Christianity. This is what will keep us alive. Let go of the chains that bind you! The spirit of the Lord is upon all of us! Let it in.

Yes, St. Andrew's is fragile. We can make it stronger.. We do that when we focus on the mission of spreading God's love in all ways. We do that we the focus of our church life is not about who's in charge of what but who is feeding whom. AMEN



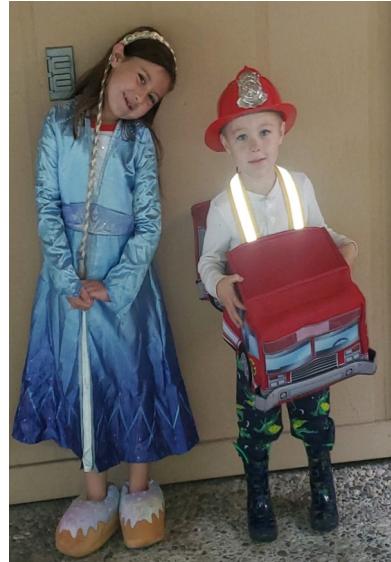
St. Andrew's altar decorated for Dia de los Muertos.



While we didn't open the church, Halloween was a success and we gave 100's of people treats and ended up using all the candy. Thanks to Cathy for organizing the event and to her wee helpers Sue, Jim, Sharon, and Jerry.



Reports of Elsa from the *Frozen* movie and this junior firefighter in his own little fire truck are just a small sample of the children that came by St. Andrew's for some special treats. Thank you to all that contributed candy treats.



# Pilgrim Facts



Prior to deciding to start a new colony in America, the Pilgrims had moved from England to Holland when the king of England refused to allow them religious freedom to start their own church.

Plymouth Colony was the second successful English colony in America. The first was Jamestown, Virginia, settled in 1607. Although briefly abandoned in 1610 it was soon resettled and repopulated.

The Pilgrims at Plymouth Colony soon met a man named Squanto, a Native American who spoke English, from the Pawtuxet tribe. Squanto acted as an interpreter between the Pilgrims and Native American tribes such as the Wampanoag.

The Pilgrims shared a feast with the Wampanoag tribe to celebrate the harvest in autumn of 1621. This is considered to be the first Thanksgiving Day. They didn't actually refer to the holiday as Thanksgiving until 1623.

The Pilgrims landed at Plymouth where there is a rock that was later named Plymouth Rock. This rock is only about 1/3<sup>rd</sup> of its original size as people have been chipping off pieces for many years as souvenirs of this important place in the history of the United States.

[https://www.softschools.com/facts/us\\_history/pilgrims\\_facts/2672/](https://www.softschools.com/facts/us_history/pilgrims_facts/2672/)



# Garden of Eatin'



## Cornbread Stuffing



13"x9" pan of cornbread	1 12ounce package of sausage
1/2 cup margarine	1 large onion
1 cup chopped celery	fresh chopped parsley
1 tsp. dried thyme	1 tsp of sage
1 cup chicken broth	1 tsp. salt (optional)

Heat oven to 350. Cut cornbread into 1" cubes and bake on a cookie sheet for 30minutes, turning every 10 minutes. Cool. Over medium heat cook sausage. Add margarine, onion and celery until translucent. Stir in parsley, thyme and sage. In a large bowl mix the sausage mixture, cornbread and broth. Stuff turkey or bake in a greased casserole dish covered for 30 min. and uncovered for 15 more minutes.

## Easy Pumpkin Cookies

15-oz canned pumpkin (or 2 cups fresh pureed pumpkin)

2 tsp pumpkin pie spice

1 box white cake mix

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

Mix all ingredients. Drop by spoonful onto cookie sheet sprayed with non-stick spray.

Bake approx. 15-20 minutes (or until they are firm).

Pour glaze on cookies while still warm.



### Glaze:

2 cups Confectioners Sugar (Sifted)

3 tablespoons Milk

1 tablespoon Unsalted Butter (melted)

1/2 teaspoons Pure Orange Extract



## **The Kirking of the Tartans**

**Saturday November 20, 2021**

**6pm**

**Come and celebrate the Feast of St. Andrew, the patron saint of Scotland, with song, bagpipes and kilts. Bring your clan/family tartan to be blessed. If you are participating via zoom have your tartan with you to be blessed virtually**

**St. Andrew's Episcopal Church**

**101 Riverside Drive, Ben Lomond**

Due to covid restrictions seating in the church is limited  
And masks must be worn  
Reservations are required you may register at [staofice@sbcglobal.net](mailto:staofice@sbcglobal.net) or call 831-247-5572  
The service will also be zoomed the zoom # is 885 7966 1356  
ID 276445

This is a fundraiser for Valley Churches United Missions.  
Please send your donation to St. Andrew's at P O box 293, or bring it to the service. We will make sure to get the funds for VCUM

**Mulled cider and shortbread cookies will be served after the service.**