

ST. ANDREWS HAS A “LITTLE” SECRET

I’ve said it many times, but it's worth repeating—the thing that sets our parish apart from so many others is the love and appreciation we have for children.

From All God’s Children to an inviting Sunday School to Easter Egg hunts, AdVenture and Christmas pageants, we strive to encourage our youngest members to realize that they are just as important as any member of our church family. Kids rule at St. Andrew’s!

Even during coffee hour, everyone considers what our little ones might appreciate. Sometimes God’s love can be found in a sugary cupcake!

The message is abundantly clear: “You matter—to God and everyone else at this church.”

That’s not a sentiment found everywhere. Tyler and I came to St. Andrews when he was five years old (it’s still hard for me to understand that he is now 17!). His dad and I wanted to find a place where he could learn about God, but also develop a moral compass. We tried other places but here, we realized he could learn about Jesus words but also because it’s a place that leads by example. This place talks the talk but more importantly, walks the walk.

When he was about 6 I asked Tyler what he liked about St. Andrew’s and like a good Episcopalian he said the coffee hour! But then he added that everyone loved him there. I had no trouble agreeing with him.

For me it is a community where people genuinely care for each other with a desire to help others beyond our walls. No matter what stage of life you are in, no matter what your status is outside of the church walls—here you are more than enough to cherish. Sometimes God’s love can also be found in someone simply holding your hand and asking how things have been.

There is an adage that says: “Having somewhere to go is a home. Having someone to love is a family. Having both is a blessing.” From the start St. Andrew’s has been a blessing and I will continue to reciprocate in gratitude for myself, my child and all of our children. I hope we can count on you to do the same.

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