

**St. Andrew's**  
Episcopal Church

# Sunday Worship Booklet

## September 28, 2025 - 10:30 a.m.

Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost

### Are You New?

We are SO glad you are here!

St. Andrew's is a warm community just waiting to love you. If you like, you will definitely find good friends here.

- This booklet is designed to help you fully join us in our worship experience. If it feels like a lot of words to follow, don't worry. Let go, and listen. It is perfectly OK to let us wash you with our prayers.
- Please fill out one of our **connection cards** (or use this QR Code) so we can let you know how happy we are to meet you.
- More info about the church and what we are up to can be found in the insert to this booklet.



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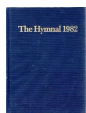
# The Word of God

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## Prelude

Be Glad O Lord

Before the worship begins, the priest greets the people and introduces the first hymn. The people stand, as able, to sing.



Hymnal #550

Jesus Calls Us

## Opening Acclamation

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

## Collect (Prayer) for Purity

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



Hymnal S-280

## The Collect (Prayer) of the Day

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### Procession

The Greek word in the new testament for church means “assembly.” One of the reasons we start our service with a procession is to mark people coming together for this holy time.

*Diving Deeper*

### Collect

A “collect”, pronounced “COLlect”, is a traditional type of prayer. It is written to gather or “collect” the rest of prayers together with a theme. There is a special collect for each Sunday of the church year.

*Diving Deeper*

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The people are seated for the lessons.

## ***The First Lesson: Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15***

A Reading from the Book of Jeremiah

The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord in the tenth year of King Zedekiah of Judah, which was the eighteenth year of Nebuchadrezzar. At that time the army of the king of Babylon was besieging Jerusalem, and the prophet Jeremiah was confined in the court of the guard that was in the palace of the king of Judah, where King Zedekiah of Judah had confined him.

Jeremiah said, "The word of the Lord came to me: Hanamel son of your uncle Shallum is going to come to you and say, "Buy my field that is at Anathoth, for the right of redemption by purchase is yours." Then my cousin Hanamel came to me in the court of the guard, in accordance with the word of the Lord, and said to me, "Buy my field that is at Anathoth in the land of Benjamin, for the right of possession and redemption is yours; buy it for yourself." Then I knew that this was the word of the Lord.

And I bought the field at Anathoth from my cousin Hanamel, and weighed out the money to him, seventeen shekels of silver. I signed the deed, sealed it, got witnesses, and weighed the money on scales. Then I took the sealed deed of purchase, containing the terms and conditions, and the open copy; and I gave the deed of purchase to Baruch son of Neriah son of Mahseiah, in the presence of my cousin Hanamel, in the presence of the witnesses who signed the deed of purchase, and in the presence of all the Judeans who were sitting in the court of the guard. In their presence I charged Baruch, saying, Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Take these deeds, both this sealed deed of purchase and this open deed, and put them in an earthenware jar, in order that they may last for a long time. For thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Houses and fields and vineyards shall again be bought in this land.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

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## ***Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16***

*Psalm is read/prayed in unison.*

**1** He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High, \*  
abides under the shadow of the Almighty.

**2** He shall say to the Lord,  
"You are my refuge and my stronghold, \*  
my God in whom I put my trust."

**3** He shall deliver you from the snare of the hunter \*  
and from the deadly pestilence.

**4** He shall cover you with his pinions,  
and you shall find refuge under his wings; \*  
his faithfulness shall be a shield and buckler.

**5** You shall not be afraid of any terror by night, \*  
nor of the arrow that flies by day;

**6** Of the plague that stalks in the darkness, \*  
nor of the sickness that lays waste at mid-day.

**14** Because he is bound to me in love,  
therefore will I deliver him; \*  
I will protect him, because he knows my Name.

**15** He shall call upon me, and I will answer him; \*  
I am with him in trouble;  
I will rescue him and bring him to honor.

**16** With long life will I satisfy him, \*  
and show him my salvation

## ***The Second Lesson: 1 Timothy 6:6-19***

A Reading from the First Timothy.



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There is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will bring about at the right time-- he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as able



**LEVAS 89**

My Jesus I Love Thee v. 3-4

### ***The Gospel Lesson: Luke 16:19-31***

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.' But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.' He said, 'Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house-- for I have five brothers-- that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.' Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.' He said, 'No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'"

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## ***Sermon: The Rev. Les Carpenter***

*Preacher prays then all sit*

## ***The Nicene Creed***

*All stand as able and say the creed in unison.*

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

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We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

### *Prayers of the People Form IV*

All kneel as able

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;

**For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

For this community, the nation, and the world;

**For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

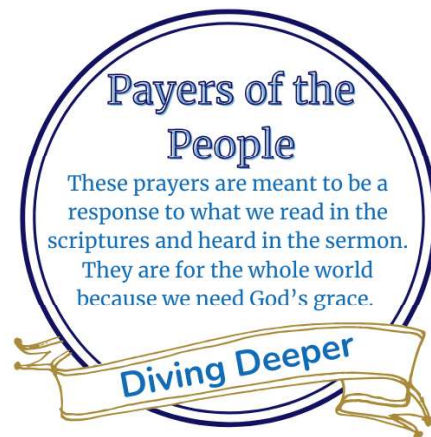
For the just and proper use of your creation;

**For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

**For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;



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**For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

For Sean our Presiding Bishop, and Sam and Jennifer our Bishops; and for all bishops and other ministers;

**For all who serve God in his Church.**

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. (Especially our sick and suffering \_\_\_\_\_)

Silence

Hear us, Lord;

**For your mercy is great.**

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. (We pray especially for those who serve in the armed forces, including \_\_\_\_\_)

Silence

We will exalt you, O God our King;

**And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

We pray for all who have died (Especially \_\_\_\_\_) ,

**that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.**

Silence

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

**Who put their trust in you.**

(Deacon) We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence

**Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

(Celebrant) Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

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## *The Peace*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

The people greet one another and offer their blessings of peace.

## *Welcome and Announcements*

The congregation sits as directed and announcements are shared. If you are new, this is a great time to fill out your Connection Card. There should be a paper one in your pew or you can use the QR code on the front page.

If you want to give electronically to our church the best way is to download the church's app (see last page) or you can make a one time gift through the QR code here.



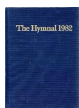
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# The Liturgy of the Table

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## *Offertory Music*

Instrumental. After which the people stand and sing the Doxology.



**Hymn 380 v 3**

## *The Great Thanksgiving*

(Eucharistic Prayer C, BCP 369)

All stand as able

The Lord be with you.

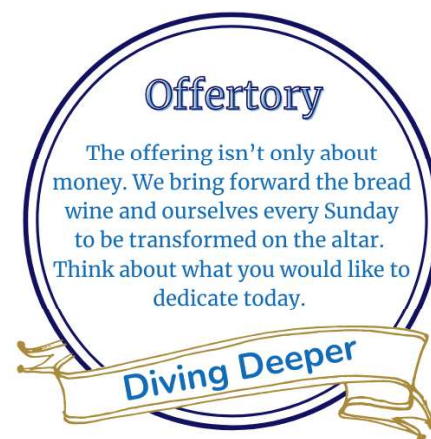
**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give him thanks and praise.**



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God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

**Glory to you for ever and ever.**

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

**By your will they were created and have their being.**

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

**Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

**By his blood, he reconciled us.**

**By his wounds, we are healed.**

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

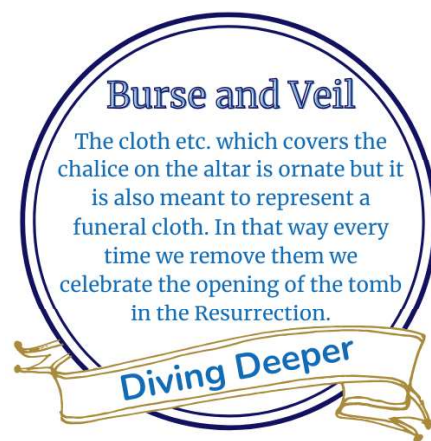


**Hymnal #S-125** "Sanctus"

The people kneel or stand

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."





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After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

**We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.**

Lord God of our Fathers and Mothers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God of Sarah, Rebecca, Rachel, and Leah. God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

**Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

### *The Lord's Prayer*

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver  
us from evil.  
For thine is the  
kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.



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## *The Breaking of the Bread*

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*The people sit*

*Ministers come forward to receive communion before sharing it. The congregation follows as directed by the ushers.*

## *Post Communion Prayer*

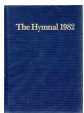
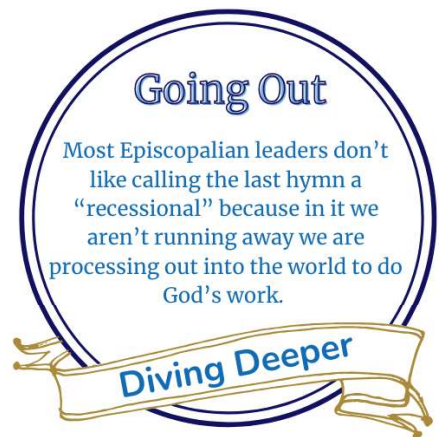
*The people kneel as able*

Let us pray,

**Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## *Blessing*

As you leave this place go forth in peace. Be assured that the past is forgiven. Know that the future is in God's hands. Return no person evil for evil. Remember the poor. Pray for the sick. And make no peace with injustice in this world. And the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you all now and always. **Amen.**



**Hymn 551**

**Rise Up Ye Saints of God**

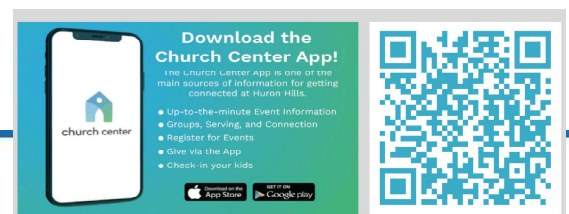
## *Dismissal*

Alleluia! Alleluia! Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit!

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!!**

**Postlude**

**Fanfare**



# Welcome to Worship

## Thank you for joining us!

We have two different regular worship services on Sunday, both of which include Holy Communion. Holy Communion is a sacrament using bread and wine. It reminds us of Jesus, His teachings, His sacrifice on the Cross, and His continued presence in this church. A few more things about Holy Communion.

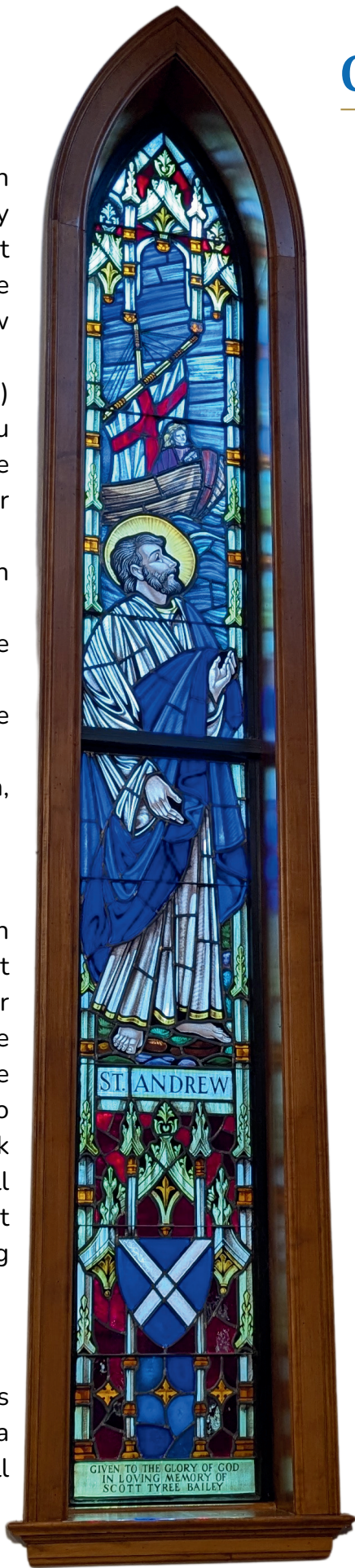
- All baptized people (regardless of Christian Tradition) are invited to receive Communion with us. If you prefer, you can come forward for a blessing. When the minister comes to you, cross your arms across your chest to indicate your preference
- If you don't want to come forward feel free to stay in your seat.
- If you have a gluten sensitivity, Gluten free wafers are available on request.
- If you have mobility concerns tell an usher and we would be happy to bring Communion to you.
- For more info on the basics of the Episcopal church, check out our "Priest Me" podcast on YouTube.

## 8 AM Rite I

Our 8 am service is smaller and more contemplative than our 10:30. Most Sundays, it is spoken (without music). It uses traditional (Old English) language throughout. For those new to this form of worship, it can take some getting used to, but it is also special to pray in the language of Shakespeare. For the service, you will need to use the *Book of Common Prayer*, which is the black book in your pews with the cross on the front. The priest will call out page numbers as we go. We also provide a sheet with today's readings, which will be helpful for praying the psalm and following today's teaching

## 10:30 AM Rite II

This is our principal (largest) service on Sunday. It includes music and singing in addition to prayer. We offer a "Sunday Booklet" to help you follow this service. You will also need the blue "1982 Hymnal" found in the pew.



# Other Regular Offerings

## Children's Chapel/Sunday School/Nursery

Children are always welcome in worship at St. Andrew's! To support our families, we do offer **nursery care** (0-PreK), and **Children's Chapel** (Elementary Age) during the 10:30 service. Ask an usher, and they will tell you where to drop off your kids prior to the service. Your children will join you for Communion.

## Youth Ministries and Acolyting

We love to see our youth grow in service and fellowship with us. There is an active youth group. Indicate your interest on the Connection Card and we would love to reach out to you with more Info. Also, children and youth often participate in our Sunday Worship by serving as acolytes (Those in red robes with a white top). If you are interested in learning more ask Rev. Les or any member of the Vestry (church board)

## Adult Sunday School

Meets at 9:15am in the Rector's Study. It is a lovely and informal Bible study. Join Us!

## Healing Service Wednesdays 10:30 AM

Each Wednesday, we offer an additional prayer service. This includes the option of Unction (prayers with anointing of Healing Oil). This is an ancient and beautiful practice in Christianity.

## Getting Involved

We have so many active ministries, it can be difficult to know where to start. If you want to get more involved here, but aren't sure how to start, fill out one of the **connection cards** in your pew. We will follow up and make sure that you find a meaningful way to start. The Connection card is a way to make sure we have your correct contact info and you are getting the news you want.

# Prayers and Celebrations

## Prayers Requested

| For the Sick and Those in Need: |         |        | For those serving in our Armed Forces: |          |           |
|---------------------------------|---------|--------|----------------------------------------|----------|-----------|
| Catherine                       | Richard | Judy   | Sean                                   | Fletcher | Adam      |
| Lisa                            | Barbara | Helen  | Veronica                               | Jonathan | James     |
| Chris                           | David   | Allie  | Jericca                                | Will     | Thomas    |
| Jinx                            | Barney  | Penny  | Matt                                   | Rodney   | Austin    |
| Wayland                         | Turner  | Ben    | Eric                                   | Jeffery  | Landon M. |
| Teresa                          | Jackie  | Bob    |                                        |          |           |
| Zanetta                         | Eileen  | Janet  |                                        |          |           |
| George                          | Hillary | Maggie |                                        |          |           |
| Pris                            | Justin  |        |                                        |          |           |

## For the Deceased:

## On for Next Sunday? (check it out here)

| 8 AM               | 10:30 AM                        |
|--------------------|---------------------------------|
| LAY: Virgil Evans  | LAY: Jeanie Armstrong           |
| LEM: Ramona Orzell | LEM: Sarah Dial                 |
|                    | Lisa Stone                      |
| Food Pantry        | Acolytes: Walker Wells          |
| Mary Ann Crawford  | Jack Lea                        |
| Diane Dustan       | Ushers: Jan Arnold and John Lea |
| Rachel Dix         | Greeters: Rita Coggins          |
|                    | Brad Earle                      |

  
**Altar Flowers today**  
are given to the **Glory of God**  
by **Tim and Nancy Knapp**  
in honor of their families including their  
**St. Andrew's Family.**





# Announcements

## St. Andrew's Children's Chapel and Youth Programs

Children's Chapel is back! Lora Pons has put together a great program this year. All elementary school youth are welcome to join in the fun in the Parish Hall at 10:30am. Linda Parker is in our nursery for our littlest youth on Sunday mornings.

### Acolytes:

For our older youth who want to participate more in the service, we would love to talk with you about becoming an acolyte!

### EYC - Come Help Plan!

EYC meets the first and third Sunday of the month. EYC are for anyone fifth grader and above. We will be planning an overnight later in the fall and a presentation for our Mission trip to Western NC.



## Backpack Buddies

Please meet in the Parish Hall after the 8am service to pack bags for students at Winstead Elementary.

**Join us Sunday mornings at 9:15am for Adult Christian Ed in the Rector's Study.**

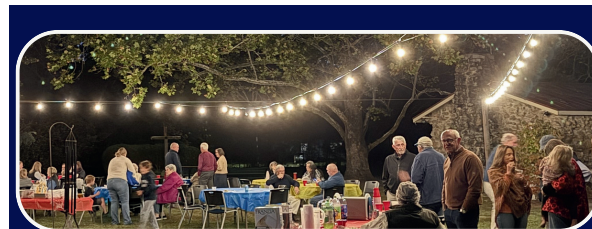
## Volunteers Needed!

Ripe Revival Needs Volunteers to help at their Mobile Carts. One Station is at Station Square on Tuesdays 11-2:30. The other is at Baskerville School on Wednesday 3:30-5:00.

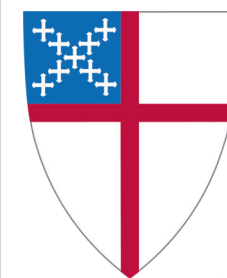
If you are interested in volunteering some time, please let Deacon Susan know. Any help would be greatly appreciated!

## Peacemakers Toy Drive in October

Bags go out Oct. 5<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>. Toys will be for Carriage Court Apartments to shop at the Peacemaker Toy Drive Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>. New toys for all ages.



**Mark Your Calendars! Octoberfest Friday, October 17<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.** Join us outside on the side lawn for lots of food and fun!



# St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

16 Pentecost  
9.28.25



**Believe  
Become  
Belong**

**Led by the Spirit, we lovingly serve God** through worship, fellowship, spiritual growth, and ministry.

## "Crossing the Chasm"

*Title for Today's Homily  
Preacher: The Rev. Les Carpenter*

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