

St. Andrew's

Episcopal Church

Sunday Worship Booklet

October 26, 2025 - 10:30 a.m.

Twentieth 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.

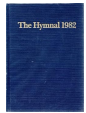


The Word of God

Prelude

Glory to God in the Highest

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



Hymnal #401 The God of Abraham Praise

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-278

The Collect (Prayer) of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and 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 “COLL-ect”, 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

The people are seated for the lessons.

The First Lesson: Joel 2:23-32

A Reading from the Book of Joel

O children of Zion, be glad and rejoice in the LORD your God; for he has given the early rain for your vindication, he has poured down for you abundant rain, the early and the later rain, as before. The threshing floors shall be full of grain, the vats shall overflow with wine and oil. I will repay you for the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter, my great army, which I sent against you. You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the LORD your God, who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall never again be put to shame. You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I, the LORD, am your God and there is no other. And my people shall never again be put to shame. Then afterward I will pour out my spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions. Even on the male and female slaves, in those days, I will pour out my spirit. I will show portents in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and columns of smoke. The sun shall be turned to darkness, and the moon to blood, before the great and terrible day of the LORD comes. Then everyone who calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved; for in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be those who escape, as the LORD has said, and among the survivors shall be those whom the LORD calls.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Psalm 65

Psalm is read/prayed in unison.

- 1 You are to be praised, O God, in Zion; ***
to you shall vows be performed in Jerusalem.
- 2 To you that hear prayer shall all flesh come, ***
because of their transgressions.

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- 3 Our sins are stronger than we are, ***
but you will blot them out.
- 4 Happy are they whom you choose**
and draw to your courts to dwell there! *
they will be satisfied by the beauty of your house,
by the holiness of your temple.
- 5 Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness,**
O God of our salvation, *
O Hope of all the ends of the earth
and of the seas that are far away.
- 6 You make fast the mountains by your power; ***
they are girded about with might.
- 7 You still the roaring of the seas, ***
the roaring of their waves,
and the clamor of the peoples.
- 8 Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at your marvelous**
signs; *
you make the dawn and the dusk to sing for joy.
- 9 You visit the earth and water it abundantly;**
you make it very plenteous; *
the river of God is full of water.
- 10 You prepare the grain, ***
for so you provide for the earth.
- 11 You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; ***
with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.
- 12 You crown the year with your goodness, ***
and your paths overflow with plenty.
- 13 May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing, ***
and the hills be clothed with joy.
- 14 May the meadows cover themselves with flocks,**
and the valleys cloak themselves with grain; *
let them shout for joy and sing.

The Second Lesson: 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

A Reading from Second Timothy.

I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing. At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand as able



Hymn 48

O Day of Radiant Gladness V. 1-2

The Gospel Lesson: Luke 18:9-14

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other;

for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."

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.

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;

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 _____, and those who serve in the armed forces especially_____).

Silence

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

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 _____) ,

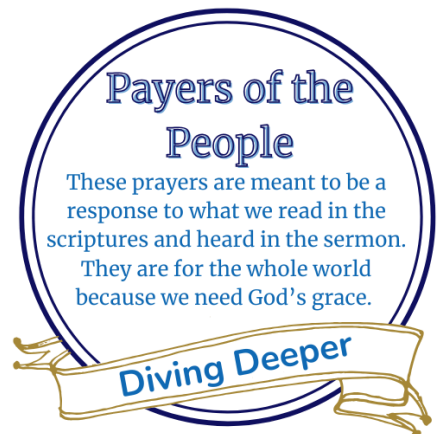
that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

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.**

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.

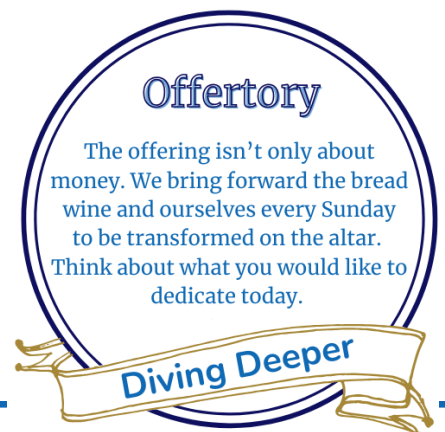


The Liturgy of the Table

Offertory Music

Offertory Music Gracious Spirit Dwell With Me

*Gracious Spirit, dwell with me, I would gracious be;
Help me now thy grace to see, I would be like Thee;
And, with words that help and heal, Thy life would mine reveal;*



*And, with actions bold and meek, For Christ, my Savior speak.
Truthful Spirit, dwell with me, I would truthful be;
Help me now Thy truth to see, I would be like Thee;
And, with wisdom kind and clear, Thy life in mine appear;
And, with actions brotherly, Speak Christ's sincerity.
Holy Spirit, dwell with me, I would holy be;
Show thy mercy tenderly, Make me more like Thee;
Separate from sin, I would and cherish all things good,
And whatever I can be give Him who gave me Thee.
Mighty Spirit dwell with me, I would mighty be;
Help me now thy power to see, I would be like Thee;
'Gainst all weapons hell can wield, Be thou my strength and shield;
Let Thy word my weapon be, Lord, Thine the victory
Gracious Spirit, dwell with me, I would be like Thee!*

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.

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-129 "Sanctus"

The people kneel or stand

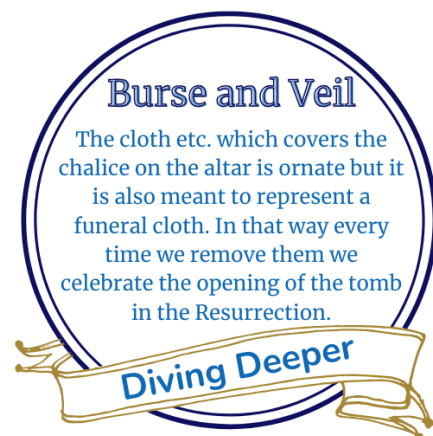
And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

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."

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,	as we forgive those
hallowed be thy Name,	who trespass against us.
thy kingdom come,	And lead us not into temptation,
thy will be done,	but deliver us from evil.
on earth as it is in heaven.	For thine is the kingdom,
Give us this day our daily bread.	and the power, and the glory,
And forgive us our trespasses,	for ever and ever. Amen

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

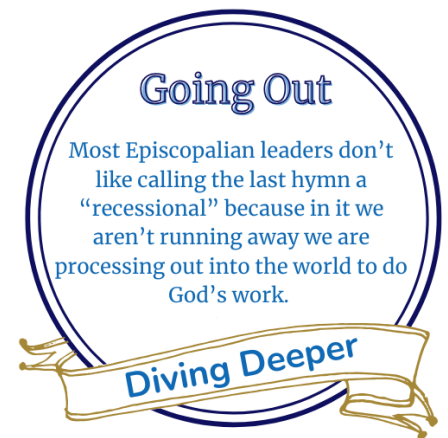
The people kneel as able

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.**



Hymnal #368

Holy Father, Great Creator

Dismissal

Alleluia! Alleluia! Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!!

Postlude

Allegretto



Download the Church Center App!

The Church Center App is one of the main sources of information for getting connected at Huron Hills.

- Up-to-the-minute Event Information
- Groups, Serving, and Connection
- Register for Events
- Give via the App
- Check-in your kids





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.

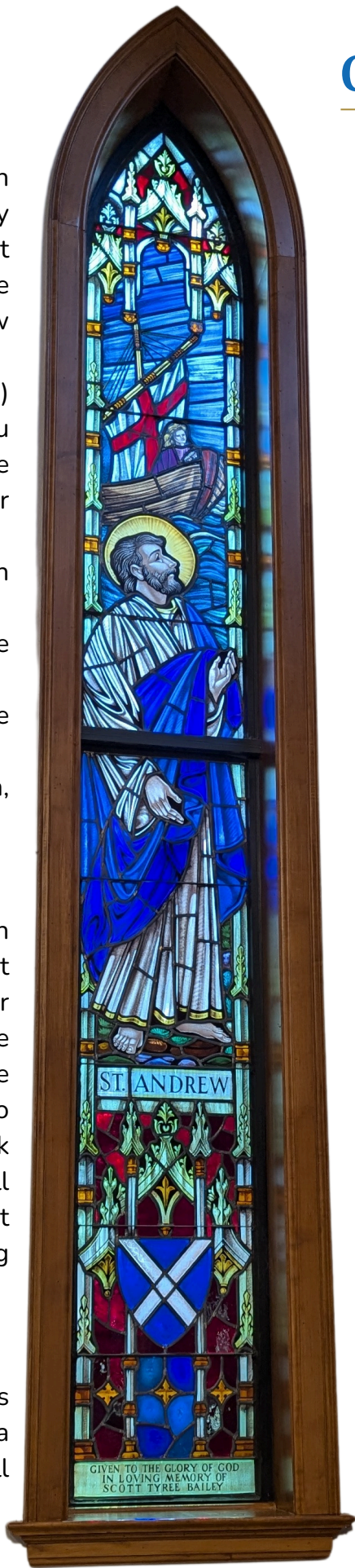
- All baptized people (regardless of Christian Tradition) are invited to receive Communion with us. If you prefer, you can come forward for a blessing. When the minister comes to you, cross your arms across your chest to indicate your preference
- If you don't want to come forward feel free to stay in 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:

Catherine
Lisa
Chris
Jinx
Wayland
Teresa
Zanetta
George
Pris

Richard
Penny
Ben
Bob
Janet
Maggie
Cindy
Vickie
Linda

Blake
Bob
Steve
Ben
Kellie
Melinda
Marie
Joan
Barbara

For those serving in our Armed Forces:

Sean
Veronica
Jericca
Matt
Eric
All Veterans

Fletcher
Jonathan
Will
Rodney
Jeffery

Adam
James
Thomas
Austin
Landon M.

For the Deceased:

On for Next Sunday? (check it out here)

8 AM

LAY: Tim Knapp
LEM: Ramona Orzell

10:30 AM

LAY: Terry Shackelford
LEM: Sarah Dial

Omari Ansong

Food Pantry

Rita Coggins
Rosemary Clark
Missy Fillietez

Acolytes: Walker Wells

Jack Lea

Ushers: Brad Earle and TBD

Vestry Greeters: Ashley Newcomb
Helen Galligan



Altar Flowers today

are given to the Glory of God
by Martha and Wooten Lamm
In honor of our cherished daughter Anne



Announcements



BBQ PORK FUNDRAISER

ST. ANDREWS EPISCOPAL CHURCH
PRESCHOOL & KINDERGARTEN

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7 11AM-1PM

LUNCH PLATES \$12

BBQ PORK, GREEN BEANS, POTATOES & ROLL

DELIVERY IS AVAILABLE FOR ORDERS OF 10 PLATES OR MORE!!

TICKETS PROVIDED AT TIME OF PURCHASE OR THE CHURCH OFFICE. CASH, CHECK OR FOR ELECTRONIC GIVING/PAYMENT



Volunteers Needed for BBQ Plates

If you would like to sign up please use the QR code below



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!

Commitment Sunday

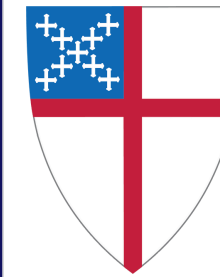
Please pray about your annual financial commitment to our church and come prepared to turn in a pledge card on Nov. 9th.

Outreach

Toys for Peacemakers Christmas Store donation box created by the Sunday School, will be in the commons near the tea table. In case you missed the opportunity. The store is open December 5th & 6th. Signup to help on Peacemakers website: <https://rockymountpeacemakers.org/donate/>

Boxes for Children in Armenia

Englewood Methodist Church is collecting items in a shoebox. If you would like to donate, get a box and top with a list of items. The boxes are on the round table on the Commons



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20 Pentecost
10.26.25



**Believe
Become
Belong**

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

“Lift”

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

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