

## Sunday Worship Booklet

November 9, 2025 - 10:30 a.m.

22 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 <u>find good friends</u> 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

#### Adagio in D Flat

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



**Hymnal #718** God of Our Fathers

#### **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.** 





Hvmnal S-280

#### The Collect (Prayer) of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with 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.

power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom;

where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.** 

The people are seated for the lessons.

#### The First Lesson: Haggai 1:15b-2:9

A Reading from the Book of Haggai

In the second year of King Darius, in the seventh month, on the twenty-first day of the month, the word of the LORD came by the prophet Haggai, saying: Speak now to Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and to the remnant of the people, and say, Who is left among you that saw this house in its former glory? How does it look to you now? Is it not in your sight as nothing? Yet now take courage, O Zerubbabel, says the LORD; take courage, O Joshua, son of Jehozadak, the high priest; take courage, all you people of the land, says the LORD; work, for I am with you, says the LORD of hosts, according to the promise that I made you when you came out of Egypt. My spirit abides among you; do not fear. For thus says the LORD of hosts: Once again, in a little while, I will shake the heavens and the earth and the sea and the dry land; and I will shake all the nations, so that the treasure of all nations shall come, and I will fill this house with splendor, says the LORD of hosts. The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, says the LORD of hosts. The latter splendor of this house shall be greater than the former, says the LORD of hosts; and in this place I will give prosperity, says the Lord of hosts.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

#### Psalm 98

Psalm is read/prayed in unison.

1 Sing to the Lord a new song, \*
for he has done marvelous things.

2 With his right hand and his holy arm \* has he won for himself the victory.

- 3 The Lord has made known his victory; \*
  his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.
- 4 He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, \* and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.
- 5 Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; \* lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
- 6 Sing to the LORD with the harp, \* with the harp and the voice of song.
- 7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn \* shout with joy before the King, the Lord.
- 8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, \* the lands and those who dwell therein.
- 9 Let the rivers clap their hands, \*
  and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD,
  when he comes to judge the earth.
- 10 In righteousness shall he judge the world \* and the peoples with equity.

#### The Second Lesson: 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

A Reading from 2 Thessalonians

As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here. Let no one deceive you in any way; for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction. He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, declaring himself to be God. Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you? But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. For this purpose he called you through our proclamation of the good news, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and

hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter. Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand as able



Hymn 662

Abide With Me V. 3-4

#### The Gospel Lesson: Luke 20:27-38

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to Jesus and asked him a question, "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies, leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. Now there were seven brothers; the first married, and died childless; then the second and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. Finally the woman also died. In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her." Jesus said to them, "Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage; but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. Indeed they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. Now he is God not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all of them are alive."

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.

## Prayers of the People Form IV

All kneel as able

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

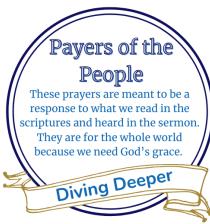
Amen.

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 a	nd
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 <u>best</u> 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**

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The Lord's Prayer

Tunisia Bullock, soloist

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

### Offertory

The offering isn't only about money. We bring forward the bread wine and ourselves every Sunday to be transformed on the altar.

Think about what you would like to dedicate today.



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-130 "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. Burse and Veil

The cloth etc. which covers the chalice on the altar is ornate but it is also meant to represent a funeral cloth. In that way every time we remove them we celebrate the opening of the tomb in the Resurrection.



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,
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

#### 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.

Lord's Prayer

It is called the Lord's prayer
because Jesus wrote it. This
prayer is simple and designed to
bring God close. The word for
"Father" in the original language
is better translated "Dad" or even
"Daddy."

Diving Deeper

The people sit

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

#### **Post Communion Prayer**

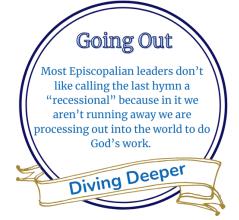
The people kneel as able

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**.



The Hymnal 1982

Hymnal #556

Rejoice You Pure in Heart

#### Dismissal

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

#### Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!!

Postlude Stanley Postlude in G Minor





## 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 todays 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.



#### 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 Involed**

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 Vickie Joan
Lisa Linda Barbara
Chris Blake Phyllis
Jinx Bob Jeff
Wayland Steve

Teresa Ben
Zanetta Kellie
George Melinda
Pris Marie

For those serving in our Armed Forces:

Sean Fletcher James
Veronica Will Thomas
Jericca Rodney Austin
Matt Jonathan Landon M.
Eric Adam
All Veterans

For the Deceased: Jimmy Parker

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

8 AM

10:30 AM LAY: Brad Earle

LAY: Ramona Orzell
LEM: Ramona Orzell

LEM: Forrest Mericle

Michelle Richwalski
Acolytes: The Mericles

**Food Pantry** 

Rita Coggins Rosemary Clark

Missy Fillietez

**Ushers:** Angela Reid and Tom Jenkins

Vestry Greeters: Ashley Newcomb

Helen Galligan



## **Altar Flowers today**

are given to the Glory of God by Mary and Rick Ruffin in thanksgiving for their many blessings



#### **Christmas Pageant**

Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am service.

We are starting to fill our roles for the Christmas pageant this year. If you already know what you want to be please let the office know.



### Family Advent Wreaths

Sunday, November 23rd after the 10:30am service in the Parish Hall.







#### **Shrimparoo**

Join Us Friday Nov. 14<sup>th</sup> at 6pm in the Parish Hall for shrimp, oysters and hamburgers! Suggested donation of \$20 per person. Kids eat free! RSVP with the church office.

#### Learn and Ring!

We are recruiting ringers for Handbells starting up on Mondays at 5:30 pm (for those who know how to read music) and Thursdays at 4:00 pm (for those with no music experience). If interested please contact Polly Beaver 713.855.2226 (Text) or email at Musicpcb0107@gmail. com

252-443-2070

standrewsrmt.org

#### 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:
<a href="https://rockymountpeacemakers.org/donate/">https://rockymountpeacemakers.org/donate/</a>

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

"Landing"

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