

**St. Andrew's**  
Episcopal Church

# Sunday Worship Booklet

January 25, 2026 - 10:30am

3 Epiphany

## 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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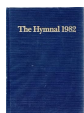
# The Word of God

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## Prelude

## Sanctos Echoes

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



**Hymnal #616** Hail to the Lord's Anointed vs. 1-2, 4-5

### *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-236**

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

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; 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*

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The people are seated for the lessons.

## ***The First Lesson: Isaiah 9:1-4***

A Reading from the Book of Isaiah

There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness— on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

## ***Psalm 27: 1, 5-13***

*Psalm is read/prayed in unison.*

- 1 The LORD is my light and my salvation;  
whom then shall I fear? \*  
the LORD is the strength of my life;  
of whom then shall I be afraid?**
- 5 One thing have I asked of the LORD;  
one thing I seek; \*  
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life;**
- 6 To behold the fair beauty of the LORD \*  
and to seek him in his temple.**
- 7 For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his shelter; \*  
he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling  
and set me high upon a rock.**
- 8 Even now he lifts up my head \*  
above my enemies round about me.**

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**9 Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation  
with sounds of great gladness; \*  
I will sing and make music to the LORD.**

**10 Hearken to my voice, O LORD, when I call; \*  
have mercy on me and answer me.**

**11 You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face." \*  
Your face, LORD, will I seek.**

**12 Hide not your face from me, \*  
nor turn away your servant in displeasure.**

**13 You have been my helper;  
cast me not away; \*  
do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.**

## ***The Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18***

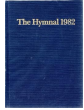
A Reading from 1 Corinthians

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power. For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**





**Hymn 707**

Please stand as able  
Take My Life and Let it Be

## ***The Gospel Lesson: Matthew 4:12-23***

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

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: “Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.” From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.” Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him. Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## ***Sermon: 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.**

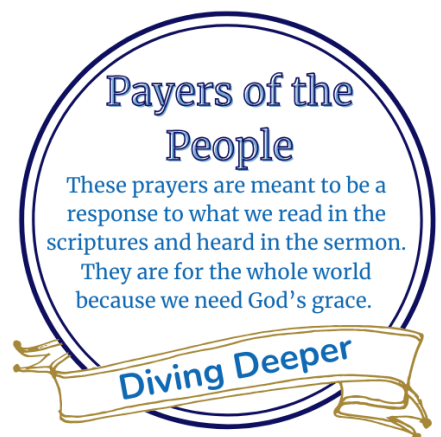
For the just and proper use of your creation;

**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 \_\_\_\_\_, 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.

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**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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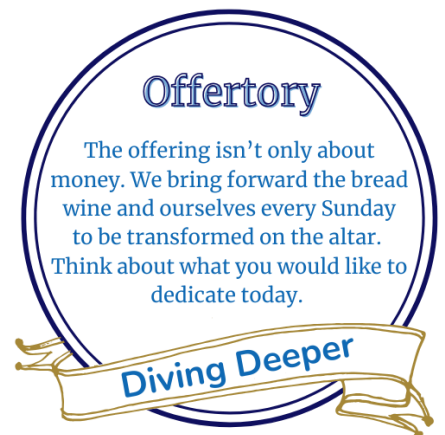
## *Offertory Music*

**Offertory Music**      Give Me Jesus

Soloist: Kimla Brant

In the morning when I rise,  
Give me Jesus.  
You may have all this world; Give me Jesus.  
Oh, when I am alone, Give me Jesus.  
You may have all this world;  
Give me Jesus.  
Oh, when I come to die; Give me Jesus.  
You may have all the world;  
Give me Jesus.

After which the people stand and sing the Doxology.



**Hymn 380 v 3**

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## *The Great Thanksgiving*

(Eucharistic Prayer B, BCP 367)

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.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

For you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

### **Hymnal #S-128** “Sanctus”

The people kneel or stand

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, “Take, eat: This is

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my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.” After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, 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.”

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People*

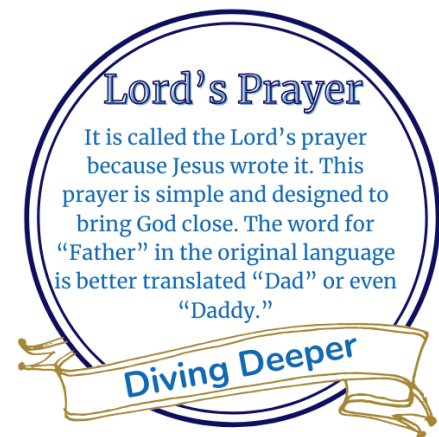
**We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;**

*The Celebrant continues*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with [ \_\_\_\_\_ and] all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.  
**Amen.**



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## *The Lord's Prayer*

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

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

## *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.

### *Going Out*

Most Episcopalian leaders don't like calling the last hymn a "recessional" because in it we aren't running away we are processing out into the world to do God's work.

*Diving Deeper*

## *Blessing*

May the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**



**Hymnal #550**

Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult vs. 1-2, 4-5

## *Dismissal*

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

**Postlude**

O Praise Ye the Lord



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- 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.

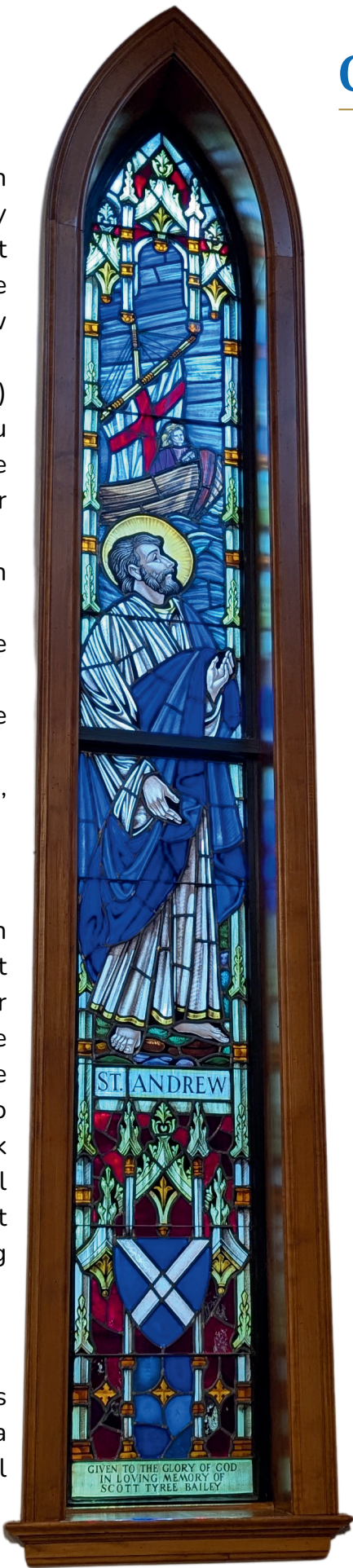
- All baptized people (regardless of Christian Tradition) are invited to receive Communion with us. If you prefer, you can come forward for a blessing. When the minister comes to you, cross your arms across your chest to indicate your preference
- If you don't want to come forward feel free to stay in 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 Alva Phil  
Lisa Dana Turner  
Chris Marissa Mary Frances  
Jinx Pat Janet  
Wayland Omari Luke  
Teresa Wayne Mandi  
Zanetta Donna Mrs. Hudson  
George Gary  
Pris Sawyer

### 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: Doris Burns

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

### 8 AM

LAY: Dick Arnow  
LEM: Tim Knapp

### 10:30 AM

LAY: Sarah Dial  
LEM: Sarah Dial  
Brandon Rollings  
Acolytes: Walker Wells  
Jack Lea  
Ushers: Billy Suggs & Steve Thurkill  
Vestry Greeters: Nancy Knapp  
Sarah Dial

## Food Pantry

Diane Renck  
Martha Gallop



**Altar Flowers today**  
are given to the **Glory of God**  
by **St. Andrew's**





# Announcements

**Series: Lent through the eyes of a child.**

**March- Wednesdays February 25-March 25**

**5:30-7 pm**

This year our Lenten Series will be unique! We will have food at 5:30 and program starting at 6. Some Wednesdays we will be having a program for all ages some Wednesdays we will be separating it out. More details to come, but put it on your calendars now.





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**RISE Against Hunger**  
**Saturday, Feb 7th**  
**10am-12pm**  
**Church of the Good Shepherd**

Join us in packaging over 15,000 meals to support nutrition, education, and health for children and families facing hunger right now around the world. Register online or on the app.

Lunch will be held for the youth at St. Andrew's after the event.

**Discipleship: A Conversation with the Diocese.**

**February 14th 11am-12:30pm**

We will pray, share a meal, get to know one another and explore a question at the heart of our collective ministry: What is a disciple? Please register on the app.

**EYC - Youth meeting TODAY**  
**Sunday, January 25**  
**11:45am-1:45pm**

**Shrove Tuesday - Pancake Supper**

**Feb 17<sup>th</sup> at 6pm**

Join us in the Parish Hall. Our friends from Good Shepherd have been invited and it will be a fun party!

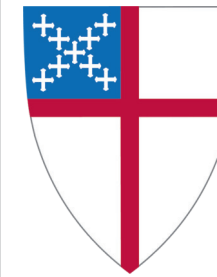
**Ash Wednesday**  
**Feb 18th**

Services at 7am, 10:30am, and 7pm



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## St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

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**Believe  
Become  
Belong**

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

### "Fishing Expedition"

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