



**St. Andrew's**  
Episcopal Church

# Sunday Worship Booklet

March 15, 2026 - 10:30am

4 Lent

## 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

Voluntary

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



Hymnal #437

O Bless the Lord My Soul vs. 1-2, 5-6

## Opening Acclamation

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;  
**His mercy endures for ever.**

## 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.**

Lord, have mercy  
**Christ have mercy**  
Lord have mercy

## The Collect (Prayer) of the Day

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
Let us pray.

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; 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: 1 Samuel 16:1-13***

A Reading from the Book of Samuel

The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the LORD said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.' Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." Samuel did what the LORD commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the LORD." But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart." Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen any of these." Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The LORD said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

## ***Psalm 23***

*Psalm is read/prayed in unison.*

**1 The LORD is my shepherd; \***

**I shall not be in want.**

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- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures \*  
and leads me beside still waters.**
- 3 He revives my soul \*  
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.**
- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I shall fear no evil; \*  
for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**
- 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; \*  
you have anointed my head with oil,  
and my cup is running over.**
- 6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, \*  
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.**

### ***The Second Lesson: Ephesians 5:8-14***

A Reading from Ephesians

Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light—for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, “Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.”

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**



**Hymn 662**

Please stand as able  
Abide With Me vs. 1-2

### ***The Gospel Lesson: John 9:1-41***

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

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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As Jesus walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” Jesus answered, “Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God’s works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man’s eyes, saying to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, “Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?” Some were saying, “It is he.” Others were saying, “No, but it is someone like him.” He kept saying, “I am the man.” But they kept asking him, “Then how were your eyes opened?” He answered, “The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash.’ Then I went and washed and received my sight.” They said to him, “Where is he?” He said, “I do not know.” They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, “He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see.” Some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath.” But others said, “How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?” And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, “What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened.” He said, “He is a prophet.” The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, “Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?” His parents answered, “We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself.” His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, “He is of age; ask him.” So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, “Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner.” He answered, “I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.” They said to him, “What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?” He answered them, “I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?” Then they reviled him, saying, “You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.” The man answered, “Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does

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not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.” They answered him, “You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?” And they drove him out. Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” He answered, “And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him.” Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he.” He said, “Lord, I believe.” And he worshiped him. Jesus said, “I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind.” Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, “Surely we are not blind, are we?” Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, ‘We see,’ your sin remains.”

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.**

**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.**

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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

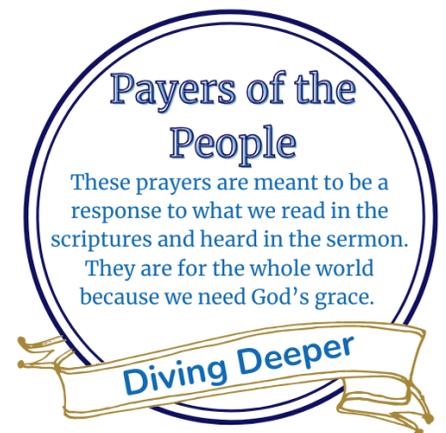
Hear us, Lord;

**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;



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**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.



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# The Liturgy of the Table

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## Offertory Music

**Offertory Music**      Give Me Jesus

Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.

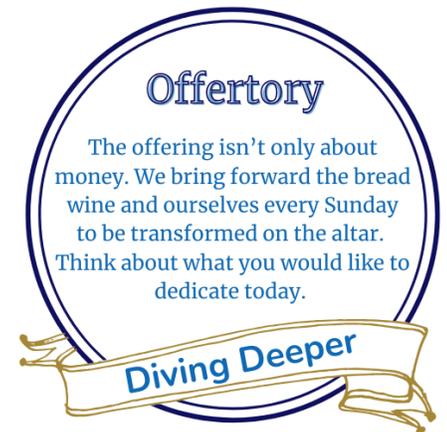
Cast me not away from Thy presence; and take not Thy Holy Spirit

from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, unto me. Up hold

me with Thy free spirit.

Then will I teach transgressors Thy ways; and sinners shall be converted unto Thee. Create in me a clean heart O God.

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



**Hymn 380 v 3**



## *The Great Thanksgiving*

(Eucharistic Prayer A, BCP 361)

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.

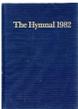
**It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

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

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Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

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-125

## “Sanctus”

The people kneel or stand

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

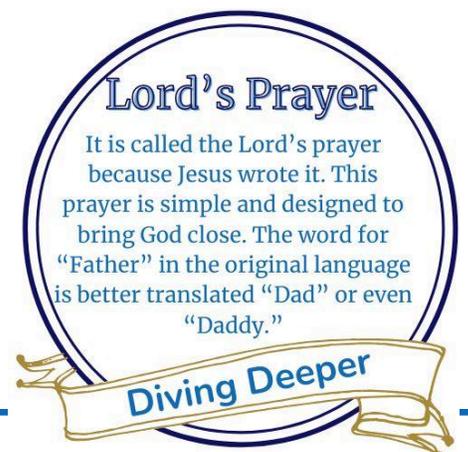
*Celebrant and People*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*The Celebrant continues*



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We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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.**

### *The Lord's Prayer*

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

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

### *The Breaking of the Bread*

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

**Therefore let us keep the feast.**

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.

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## 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

Grant, most merciful Lord, to your faithful people pardon and peace, that they may be cleansed from all their sins, and serve you with a quiet mind; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



**Hymnal #635** If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee

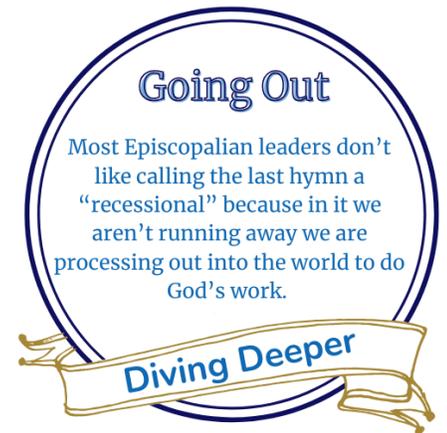
### Dismissal

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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# 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**

|  |         |         |   |          |           |
|--|---------|---------|---|----------|-----------|
| <b>For the Sick and Those in Need:</b> |         |         | <b>For those serving in our Armed Forces:</b> |          |           |
| Catherine                              | Winnie  | Bettie  | Sean  | Fletcher | James     |
| Lisa                                   | Angela  | Janet   | Veronica                                      | Will     | Thomas    |
| Chris                                  | Tiffany | Richard | Jericca                                       | Rodney   | Austin    |
| Jinx                                   | Steve   | Brenda  | Matt  | Jonathan | Landon M. |
| Wayland                                | Allie   | Carolyn | Eric  | Adam     | Dillon    |
| Teresa                                 | Maria   | Debby   | All Veterans                                  |          |           |
| Zanetta                                | Rene    | Jerry   |   |          |           |
| George                                 | Louise  | Ray     |   |          |           |
| Pris                                   | Bobby   | Paula   |   |          |           |
|  |         | Fred    |   |          |           |

**For the Deceased: Brian E. Mathieson**

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

|                                 |                                     |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <b>8 AM</b>                     | <b>10:30 AM</b>                     |
| <b>LAY:</b> Dick Arnow          | <b>LAY:</b> Pete Roy                |
| <b>LEM:</b> Pam Parker-Collwood | <b>LEM:</b> Martha Lamm             |
| Ramona Orzell                   | Elizabeth Pope                      |
| <b>Food Pantry</b>              | <b>Acolytes:</b> Landon & Liam      |
| Betty Bunn                      | <b>Ushers:</b> Brad Earle           |
| Tom Jenkins                     | Skip & Stacey Partington            |
| Stacy Partington                | <b>Vestry Greeters:</b> Tom Jenkins |
|                                 | Carly Thrower                       |

*Why is Lent Important to Christians?*

*Lent starts on Ash Wednesday in western Christian Churches, and climaxes at midnight on Holy Saturday. The week of Palm Sunday through Holy Saturday is called Holy Week. During the 40 days of Lent, Christians remember the time when Jesus went into the desert to fast and pray before beginning his ministry for God.*



# Announcements

## Mark Your Calendars! Lenten Noon Services

Every Wednesday at noon we will celebrate a Lenten service rotating with some of our neighboring churches around Rocky Mount with lunch following the service.

**3/18**

Host Church - First Presbyterian Church  
Preacher - Les Carpenter

**3/25**

Host Church - Church of the Good Shepherd  
Preacher – Nathan Wittman

**4/1**

Host Church - St Andrew's Episcopal Church  
Preacher - David Joyner

## Holy Week Schedule

**4/2**- Maundy Thursday service 7pm

**4/3** - Good Friday service 12pm

**4/5** - Easter Sunday 8am and 10:30am service  
Easter Egg Hunt at 10:10am

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

**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.

**This week it's a potluck dinner so bring your favorite dish to share!**

## Quarter Auction

**Saturday, April 18th**

Doors open at 4:45pm

Dinner starts at 5pm

Auction starts at 6pm

\$25 a ticket - this includes your meal and a paddle. Bring your own quarters to bid. Call, email or come by the office to get your ticket! All proceeds help our preschool!

## Food Pantry

We are packing bags for the food pantry today in the Parish Hall following the 10:30am service.

## Scott Bailey Scholarship

If you are an entering Freshman, Senior or anything-in-between college student from Nash or Edgecombe County, we encourage you to apply for the Scott Bailey Scholarship. Applications can be sent via email or picked up in the church office. **Deadline is May 1, 2026.**

## Healing Service

We will not have healing services during Lent. Please join us for the Lenten noon services instead on Wednesdays!

## Stations Fridays During Lent

**Feb 27-March 27**

**5 PM**

Come to our lay led reflection every Friday during Lent in the Commons.



# St. Andrew's

## Episcopal Church

4 Lent  
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Believe  
Become  
Belong

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

## “Open Your Eyes”

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



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