



**St. Andrew's**  
Episcopal Church

Jesus said to her,  
"Mary."  
John 20:16

# Easter Worship Booklet

April 5, 2026 - 10:30am

## Are You New or Visiting?

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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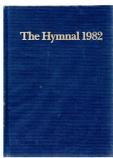
# The Word of God

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**Prelude:** Morning Has Broken

**Introit:** He is Risen, He is Risen  
Ring the Easter Bells

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



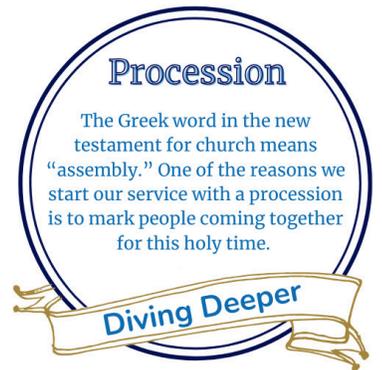
**Hymnal #182**

Christ is Alive! 1-3, 5

## Opening Acclamation

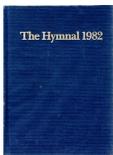
Alleulia. Christ is risen.

**The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**



## Collect (Prayer) for Purity

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



**Hymnal S-280**

## The Collect (Prayer) of the Day

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

O God, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of our enemy: Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The people are seated for the lessons.

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## The First Lesson: Acts 10:34-43

A Reading from the Book of Acts

Peter began to speak to Cornelius and the other Gentiles: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ-- he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

### Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

Psalm is read/prayed in unison.

**1 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; \***  
his mercy endures for ever.

**2 Let Israel now proclaim, \***  
"His mercy endures for ever."

**14 The Lord is my strength and my song, \***  
and he has become my salvation.

**15 There is a sound of exultation and victory \***  
in the tents of the righteous:

**16 "The right hand of the Lord has triumphed! \***  
the right hand of the Lord is exalted!  
the right hand of the Lord has triumphed!"

**17 I shall not die, but live, \***  
and declare the works of the Lord.

**18 The Lord has punished me sorely, \***  
but he did not hand me over to death.

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19 Open for me the gates of righteousness; \*  
I will enter them;  
I will offer thanks to the Lord.

20 "This is the gate of the Lord; \*  
he who is righteous may enter."

21 I will give thanks to you, for you answered me \*  
and have become my salvation.

22 The same stone which the builders rejected \*  
has become the chief cornerstone.

23 This is the Lord's doing, \*  
and it is marvelous in our eyes.

24 On this day the Lord has acted; \*  
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

## The Second Lesson: Colossians 3:1-4

A Reading from Colossians

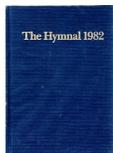
If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as able

The Day of Resurrection!



**Hymn 210**

## The Gospel Lesson: John 20:1-18

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

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went

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into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes. But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

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.**

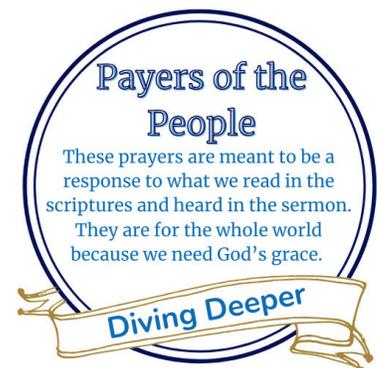
We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence

We will exalt you, O God our King;

**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.**



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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.

## 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 Word of God

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## Offertory Music

Offertory Music

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

**Vs1 (Congregation and Choir)**

**Christ the Lord is Risen today,**

**Alleluia**

**All creation, join to sing**

**Allelujah**

**Raise your joys and triumphs high,**

**Alleluia**

**Sing ye heavens, earth reply,**

**Alleluia**

Stanza 2 (Choir only)

Love's redeeming work is done,

Alleluia

Fought the fight, the battle won

Alleluia

Death in vain forbids him rise

Alleluia

Christ has opened paradise

Alleluia

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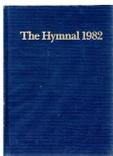
**Stanza 3 (all)**

Lives again our glorious King  
Alleluia  
Where, O death, is now thy sting?  
Alleluia  
Once he died our souls to save  
Alleluia  
Where thy victory O grave?  
Alleluia

**Stanza 4 (all)**

Soar we now where Christ has led  
Alleluia  
Following our exalted Head  
Alleluia  
Made like him, like Him we rise  
Alleluia  
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies  
Alleluia  
(Choir only)  
And He shall reign forever and ever. Hallelujah

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.**

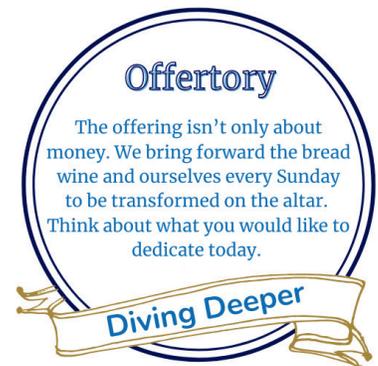
Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**

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.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus  
Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has  
taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his  
rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

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:



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## 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*

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.**

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## 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.

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

The God of Peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

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## Recessional Hymn

## Hallelujah Chorus

**Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! :|**

**|: For the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth.**

**Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! :|**

**For the Lord God omnipotent reigneth.**

**|: Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

**Hallelujah! :|**

**The kingdom of this world**

**Is become the kingdom of our Lord,**

**And of His Christ, and of His Christ;**

**And He shall reign for ever and ever,**

**For ever and ever, forever and ever,**

**King of kings, and Lord of lords,**

**|: King of kings, and Lord of lords, :|**

**And Lord of lords,**

**And He shall reign,**

**And He shall reign forever and ever,**

**King of kings, forever and ever,**

**And Lord of lords,**

**Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

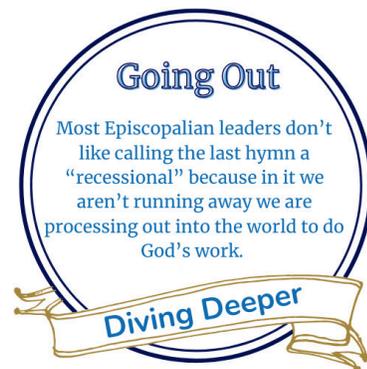
**And He shall reign forever and ever,**

**|: King of kings! and Lord of lords! :|**

**And He shall reign forever and ever,**

**King of kings! and Lord of lords!**

**Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**



## Dismissal

Alleluia! Alleluia! Let us go forth in the name of Christ!

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

## Postlude

## Fanfare

We welcome the following musicians:

James Dodson, 1<sup>st</sup> Trumpet

Alison Graham, 2<sup>nd</sup> Trumpet

Oliva Gable, Soprano

Handbells Ringers:

Rita Coggins

Hellen Galligan

Tim Knapp

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# St. Andrew's Episcopal Church



## Flowers are Given to the Glory of God in Honor and Memory Of:

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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**

<p><b>For the Sick and Those in Need:</b></p> <p>Catherine Lisa Jinx Wayland Teresa Zanetta George Pris Tiffany</p>	<p>Brenda Carolyn Debby Jerry Ray Paula Fred Allen Whit</p>	<p>Dan Penny Patti Janet Gwen</p>	<p><b>For those serving in our Armed Forces:</b></p> <p>Sean Veronica Jericca Matt Eric All Veterans</p>	<p>Fletcher Will Rodney Jonathan Adam</p>	<p>James Thomas Austin Landon M. Dillon</p>
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**For the Deceased:**

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

<p><b>8 AM</b></p> <p><b>LAY:</b> Forrest Mericle</p> <p><b>LEM:</b> Pam Parker-Collwood</p>	<p><b>10:30 AM</b></p> <p><b>LAY:</b> Paul Stone</p> <p><b>LEM:</b> Lisa Stone Martha Lamm</p> <p><b>Acolytes:</b> Lauren and Megan</p> <p><b>Ushers:</b> Billy Suggs Steve Thurkill</p> <p><b>Vestry Greeters:</b> Mary Ruffin Maria Newcomb</p>
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**Food Pantry**

<p>Mary Ann Crawford</p> <p>Diane Dunstan</p> <p>Rachel Dix</p>
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**Altar Flowers today**  
 are given to the **Glory of God**  
 by **Patsy Ferebee**  
 In thanksgiving for her **St. Andrew's family**



# Announcements



**St. Andrew's**  
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Easter Sunday  
4.05.26

**BAPTISMAL COVENANT RETREAT 2026**  
Episcopal Youth of the Rocky Mount Convocation

ARE YOU READY FOR AN OVERNIGHT YOU WON'T FORGET?

📍 St. Andrew's Episcopal Church  
301 S Circle Drive  
Rocky Mount, NC  
📅 April 24 • 7:00 PM to 📅 April 25 • 2:30 PM

**LIVE YOUR BAPTISM**

This isn't just another church event. It's:

- ⚡ Real Talk Breakout Sessions
- 🎮 High-Energy Games
- 👉 Hands-On Local Outreach Project
- 🌙 Late-Night Fun & Fellowship
- 🙏 Worship That Hits Different
- 🗨️ Small Groups That Go Deep

📌 **WHAT TO BRING:**

- ✓ Sleeping bag & pillow
- ✓ Comfortable clothes
- ✓ Toiletries
- ✓ A friend (seriously — invite one!)

🌟 **OPEN TO ALL YOUTH**

6th grade to high school  
Spots are limited — don't miss it!

🌟 **NO COST-** Donations for Migrant Farmers

Use the QR Code on the right to register!



## 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!

## 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.**

## Save the Date!

**SAVE THE DATES**  
**COMMUNITY**  
**VBS 2026**  
June 8-12  
Lakeside Church  
8:45 a.m. - 12 noon  
Ages 3 - Current  
5th Graders  
Registration is now open  
using the QR code!

Join us for an exciting winter sports challenge where kids gear up for frosty games, snowy surprises, and hands-on lessons about resilience and faith.

Co-sponsored by Church of the Good Shepherd, First Presbyterian, First United Methodist, Lakeside Baptist, and St. Andrew's Episcopal Churches.

**Church office is closed on Monday, April 6th.**

## April's "Wing of Love" Bag Ministry is for the local migrant farmers.

You can also clean out your closets and storage by donating gently used items for the farmers. Those items include, lightweight men's pants, Long sleeve shirts, hats, and boots to wear in the field. They also need pillows, blankets, and towels. Spring cleaning feels refreshing, especially when you are donating to others in need.



**Believe**  
**Become**  
**Belong**

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

**"Jesus Said to Her"**

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



**Download the Church Center App!**

The Church Center App is one of the main sources for getting connected at St. Andrew's.

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- Groups, Serving, and Connection
- Register for Events
- Give via the App
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