



St. Andrew's
Episcopal Church

Sunday Worship Booklet

April 12, 2026 - 10:30am

2 Easter

Are You New?

We are SO glad you are here!

St. Andrew's is a warm community just waiting to love you. If you like, you will definitely find good friends here.

- This booklet is designed to help you fully join us in our worship experience. If it feels like a lot of words to follow, don't worry. Let go, and listen. It is perfectly OK to let us wash you with our prayers.
- Please fill out one of our **connection cards** (or use this QR Code) so we can let you know how happy we are to meet you.
- More info about the church and what we are up to can be found in the insert to this booklet.



The Word of God

Prelude

Organ Voluntary

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



LEVAS #184

Blessed Assurance

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.**



Hymnal S-280

The Collect (Prayer) of the Day

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

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Procession

The Greek word in the new testament for church means "assembly." One of the reasons we start our service with a procession is to mark people coming together for this holy time.

Diving Deeper

Collect

A "collect", pronounced "COLL-ect", is a traditional type of prayer. It is written to gather or "collect" the rest of prayers together with a theme. There is a special collect for each Sunday of the church year.

Diving Deeper

The people are seated for the lessons.

The First Lesson: Acts 2:14a, 22-32

A Reading from the Book of Acts

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, “You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know— this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him, ‘I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover my flesh will live in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption. You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence. “Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, ‘He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.’ This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Psalm 16

Psalm is read/prayed in unison.

- 1 Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; ***
I have said to the LORD, "You are my Lord,
my good above all other."
- 2 All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, ***
upon those who are noble among the people.

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- 3 But those who run after other gods *
shall have their troubles multiplied.**
- 4 Their libations of blood I will not offer, *
nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.**
- 5 O LORD, you are my portion and my cup; *
it is you who uphold my lot.**
- 6 My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; *
indeed, I have a goodly heritage.**
- 7 I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel; *
my heart teaches me, night after night.**
- 8 I have set the LORD always before me; *
because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.**
- 9 My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; *
my body also shall rest in hope.**
- 10 For you will not abandon me to the grave, *
nor let your holy one see the Pit.**
- 11 You will show me the path of life; *
in your presence there is fullness of joy,
and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.**

The Second Lesson: 1 Peter 1:3-9

A Reading from 1 Peter

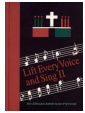
Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith-- being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire-- may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an

indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand as able



LEVAS #38

The Old Rugged Cross

The Gospel Lesson: John 20:19-31

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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.

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;



Prayers of the People

These prayers are meant to be a response to what we read in the scriptures and heard in the sermon.

They are for the whole world because we need God's grace.

Diving Deeper

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Sean our Presiding Bishop, and Sam and Jennifer our Bishops; and for all bishops and other ministers;

For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. (Especially our sick and suffering _____, and those who serve in the armed forces especially_____).

Silence

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

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

Silence

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died (Especially ____),

that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

The people greet one another and offer their blessings of peace.

Welcome and Announcements

The congregation sits as directed and announcements are shared. If you are new, this is a great time to fill out your Connection Card. There should be a paper one in your pew or you can use the QR code on the front page.

If you want to give electronically to our church the best way is to download the church's app (see last page) or you can make a one time gift through the QR code here.



The Liturgy of the Table

Offertory Music

Offertory Music

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

Instrumental

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.

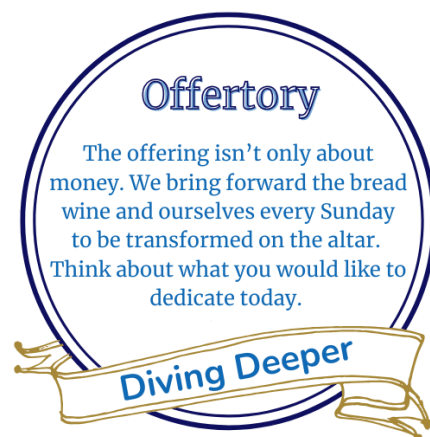
Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

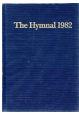
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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:



Hymnal #S-128

“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.

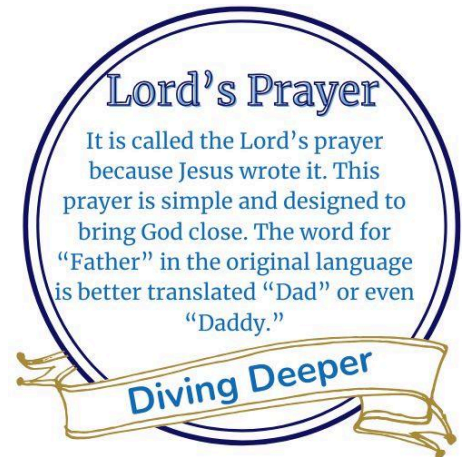
Christ will come again.

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.**



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

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.

Post Communion Prayer

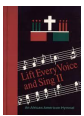
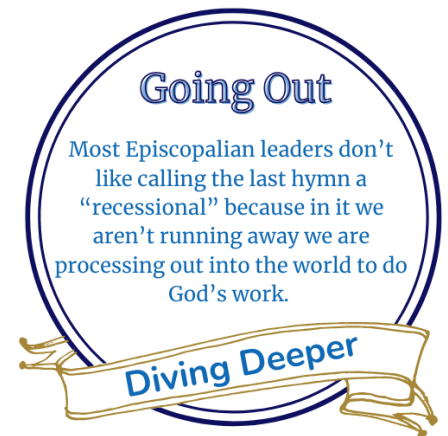
The people kneel as able

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.**



LEVAS #189

Great is Thy Faithfulness

Dismissal

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

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude

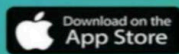
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Welcome to Worship

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

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

For the Deceased:

On for Next Sunday? (check it out here)

8 AM	10:30 AM
LAY: George Earp	LAY: Sandy Suggs
LEM: Tim Knapp	LEM: Forrest Mericle
	Michele Richwalski
Food Pantry	Acolytes: The Mericles
Mary Ann Crawford	Ushers: Dan Melnyk
Diane Dunstan	Don Mucci
Rachel Dix	Vestry Greeters: Mary Ruffin
	Maria Newcomb


Altar Flowers today
 are given to the Glory of God
 by Rosemary Clark
 In loving memory of Robert C. Clark



Announcements



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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!

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.

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.



Believe
Become
Belong

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

"Scars"

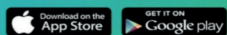
Title for Today's Homily
Preacher: Rev. Les Carpenter



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