



St. Andrew's
Episcopal Church

Sunday Worship Booklet

April 19, 2026 - 10:30am

3 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.



Hymnal #178 Alleluia, Jesus is Lord of all the Earth

Opening Acclamation

Alleluia. 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, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of 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

The people are seated for the lessons.

The First Lesson: Acts 2:14a, 36-41

A Reading from the Book of Acts

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, "Let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified." Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" Peter said to them, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him." And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Psalm 116:1-3, 10-17

Psalm is read/prayed in unison.

- 1 I love the LORD, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, *
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.**
- 2 The cords of death entangled me;
the grip of the grave took hold of me; *
I came to grief and sorrow.**
- 3 Then I called upon the Name of the LORD: *
"O LORD, I pray you, save my life."**
- 10 How shall I repay the LORD *
for all the good things he has done for me?**

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- 11 I will lift up the cup of salvation *
and call upon the Name of the LORD.**
- 12 I will fulfill my vows to the LORD *
in the presence of all his people.**
- 13 Precious in the sight of the LORD *
is the death of his servants.**
- 14 O LORD, I am your servant; *
I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;
you have freed me from my bonds.**
- 15 I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving *
and call upon the Name of the LORD.**
- 16 I will fulfill my vows to the LORD *
in the presence of all his people,**
- 17 In the courts of the LORD'S house, *
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.
Hallelujah!**

The Second Lesson: 1 Peter 1:17-23

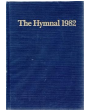
A Reading from 1 Peter

If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God. Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand as able



Hymnal #490

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light vs 1-2

The Gospel Lesson: Luke 24:13-35

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Now on that same day two of Jesus' disciples were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him." Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay

with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?” That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

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;

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.

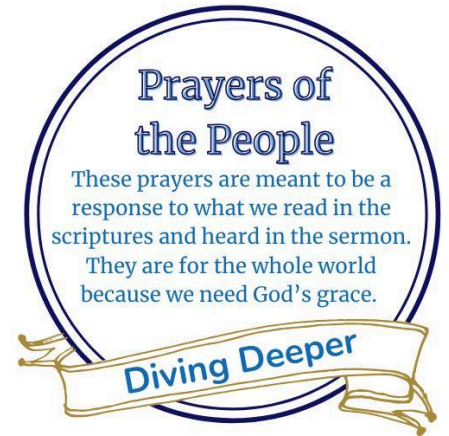
We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

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

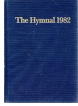
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A Song to the Lamb

Splendor and honor and kingly power are Yours by right, O Lord, Our God.
For You created everything that is, and by Your will they were created and have their being.
And Yours by right, O Lamb that was slain, for with Your blood You have redeemed for God.
From every family, language, people and nation, a kingdom of priests to serve our God.
And so, to Him who sits upon the throne, and to Christ the Lamb, Be worship and praise,
dominion and splendor forever and forever more.

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.

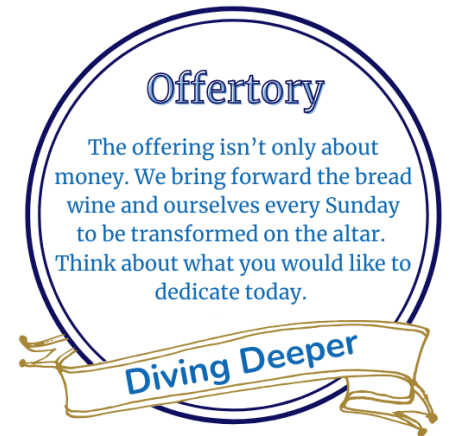
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

The Disciples knew the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread.

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(Verse then repeat refrain)

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.**



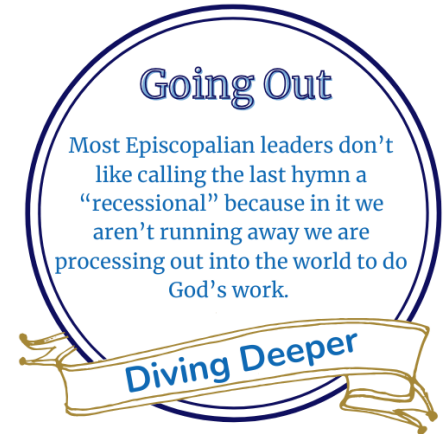
Hymnal #174 At the Lamb's High Feast we Sing vs. 1-2,4

Dismissal

Alleluia! Alleluia! Let us go forth in the name of Christ!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude

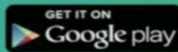
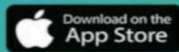
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Welcome to Worship

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

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For the Deceased: George Vargha and Doug Winstead

On for Next Sunday? (check it out here)

<p>8 AM</p> <p>LAY: Dick Arnow</p> <p>LEM: Ramona Orzell</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Food Pantry</p> <p>Diane Dunstan</p> <p>Rachel Dix</p>	<p>10:30 AM</p> <p>LAY: Pete Roy</p> <p>LEM: Omari Ansong</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Elizabeth Pope</p> <p>Acolytes: Landon and Liam</p> <p>Ushers: Brad Earle</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Skip/Stacey Partington</p> <p>Vestry Greeters: Mary Ruffin</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Maria Newcomb</p>
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Altar Flowers today
are given to the Glory of God
by Katie Keeter and Cindy Vargha Stevens
in loving memory of George Vargha



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!



**St. Elizabeth's Guild
3rd Annual Tea Party
May 4th at 12pm in the
Parish Hall**

Please bring a cup or one will be provided. Wear a hat if you have one, wearing gloves is optional. Come and enjoy the fellowship, wonderful food, and LOTS OF LOVE.

**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.

Outdoor Service

Sunday, May 10th at 10:30am
Join us on the side lawn for an outdoor service followed by lunch hosted by the Men's Club.



**Believe
Become
Belong**

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

"Spiritual Hanger"

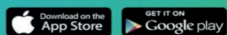
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