



St. Andrew's
Episcopal Church

Sunday Worship Booklet

May 10, 2026 - 10:30am

6 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

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



Hymnal #400 All Creatures of Our God and King vs. 1-3, 7

All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voice and let us sing,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Bright burning sun with golden beams
Pale silver moon that gently gleams
O praise Him, O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Great rushing winds and breezes, soft
you clouds that ride the heavens aloft
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Fair rising morn, with praise rejoice
Stars nightly shining, find a voice
O praise Him, O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Swift flowing water, pure and clear,
Make music for your Lord to hear,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Fire so intense and fiercely bright
you give to us both warmth and light
O praise Him, O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

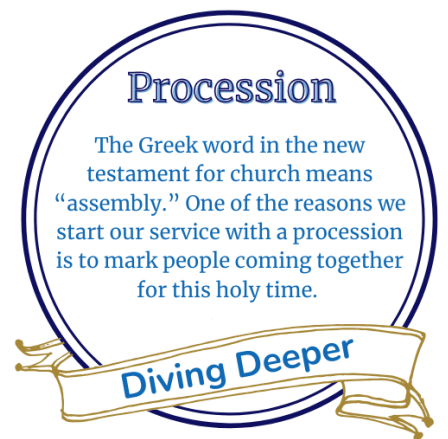
Let all things their Creator bless,
and worship Him in humbleness;
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Praise, God the Father, praise the Son
and praise the Spirit, Three in One;
O praise Him, O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**



The people are seated for the lessons.

The First Lesson: Acts 17:22-31

A Reading from the Book of Acts

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we too are his offspring.' Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Psalm 66:7-18

Psalm is read/prayed in unison.

- 7 Bless our God, you peoples; ***
 make the voice of his praise to be heard;
- 8 Who holds our souls in life, ***
 and will not allow our feet to slip.
- 9 For you, O God, have proved us; ***
 you have tried us just as silver is tried.
- 10 You brought us into the snare; ***
 you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.
- 11 You let enemies ride over our heads;**
 we went through fire and water; *
 but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.
- 12 I will enter your house with burnt-offerings**
 and will pay you my vows, *
 which I promised with my lips
 and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.
- 13 I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts**
 with the smoke of rams; *
 I will give you oxen and goats.
- 14 Come and listen, all you who fear God, ***
 and I will tell you what he has done for me.
- 15 I called out to him with my mouth, ***
 and his praise was on my tongue.
- 16 If I had found evil in my heart, ***
 the Lord would not have heard me;
- 17 But in truth God has heard me; ***
 he has attended to the voice of my prayer.

**18 Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, *
nor withheld his love from me.**

The Second Lesson: 1 Peter 3:13-22

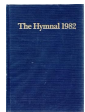
A Reading from 1 Peter

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you-- not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand as able



Hymnal #711

Seek ye First the Kingdom of God

Seek ye first the Kingdom of God
And its righteousness
And all these things shall be added unto you
Allelu, alleluia!

Refrain: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Allelu, alleluia!

Ask and it shall be given unto you
Seek and ye shall find

Knock and the door shall be opened unto you
Allelu, alleluia!

The Gospel Lesson: John 14:15-21

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you." "I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

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

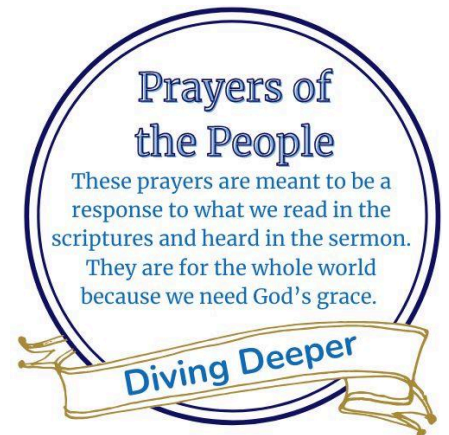
Hear us, Lord;

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

Offertory Music

Offertory Music Instrumental

After which the people stand and sing the Doxology.

Hymn 380 v 3

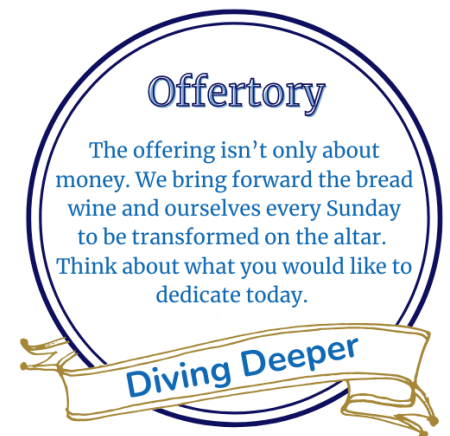


The Great Thanksgiving

(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

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 #555 Lead On O King Eternal

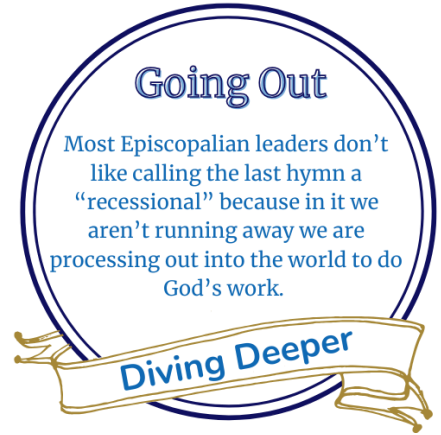
Lead on, O King eternal,
The day of march has come;
Henceforth in fields of conquest
Thy tents shall be our home.
Through days of preparation
Thy grace has made us strong;
And now, O King eternal,
We lift our battle song.

Lead on, O King eternal,
Till sin's fierce war shall cease,
And holiness shall whisper
The sweet amen of peace.
For not with swords' loud clashing,
Nor roll of stirring drums;
But deeds of love and mercy
The heavenly kingdom comes.

Lead on, O King eternal,
We follow, not with fears,
For gladness breaks like morning
Where'er Thy face appears.
Thy cross is lifted over us,
We journey in its light;
The crown awaits the conquest;
Lead on, O God of might.

Dismissal

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



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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	Pam	Teresa	Sean	Fletcher	James
Lisa	Billy	Margaret	Veronica	Will	Thomas
Jinx	Ben		Jericca	Rodney	Austin
Wayland	Pamela		Matt	Jonathan	Landon M.
Teresa	Betty		Eric	Adam	Dillon
Zanetta	Dianna		All Veterans		
Pris	Sherry				
Whit	Dot				

For the Deceased: Mollie

On for Next Sunday? (check it out here)

8 AM	10:30 AM
LAY: Albert Corinth	LAY: Brad Earle
LEM: Ramona Orzell	LEM: Martha Lamm Sandy Suggs
Food Pantry	Acolytes: Lauren and Megan
Rita Coggins	Ushers: Tom Jenkins
Rosemary Clark	TBD
Missy Filliettez	Vestry Greeters: Helen Galligan
	TBD


Altar Flowers today
 are given to the Glory of God
 by St. Andrew's Preschool
 In honor of Lora Pons for being a great mom
 and friend!



Announcements



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S.O.S. Save Our Shelter:
A Community Forum for
United Community Ministries

JOIN THE S.O.S. COMMUNITY FORUM

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Saturday, 2026
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First Presbyterian Church,
153 N Church St, Rocky Mount

From Survival to Sustainability

A strategic effort to address immediate funding needs and long-term organizational health.

Hear from Local Leaders

Featuring perspectives from law enforcement, healthcare professionals, and former UCM clients.

WHY YOUR SUPPORT IS CRITICAL

Bridging a \$300,000 Funding Gap

Immediate community investment is needed to replace lost municipal support.

7,500+

Daily Meals

63 Shelter Beds

UCM provides essential food and housing services that the community cannot afford to lose.

TAKE ACTION: GIVE, PARTNER, ADVOCATE

GIVE
Donate online & support funding

PARTNER
Collaborate with UCM for long-term solutions

ADVOCATE
Raise awareness & mobilize support

Help ensure that no family is forced to choose between shelter and staying together.

Youth Sunday
May 17th at 10:30am service
Practice TODAY after
10:30am service.
The youth and kids will be running the show! **Please arrive by 9:30am on the 17th** so we can practice one more time!

Clangy Collections
The children will be collecting coins May 17th for a good cause! It will be going towards Mental Health resources. The change will be collected before normal offering.

Volunteer Orientation for all Adult and Youth Volunteers for VBS
May 12th at 5:30pm
Lakeside Church

Gatekeepers
July 12-17
Adult and youth applications are in the office or can be emailed to you and need to be turned back in to the office no later than **Monday, May 22nd.**

Wings of Love
May "Wings of Love Bag Ministry" will be for the Lighthouse Home. A residential facility for women who are in transition and need a place to call home as they work towards the next chapter of their lives.



Crayon Covenant
Martha Lamm and Lora Pons will be leading children's crafts after the 10:30 service once a month. The next one will be May 31st, and we will be making stepping stones.

Sunday June 7th 3-5 PM Lakeside
Our VBS ministry partners need some help with setup! Even if working with kids is not the best thing for you we need people to move stuff, decorate, etc. It is a great way to lend a hand, meet some other Rocky Mount Ministry leaders, and do it all snot free.



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

"Coin Flip"

Today's Homily
Preacher: Rev. Les Carpenter

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