



**St. Andrew's**  
Episcopal Church

# Sunday Worship Booklet

May 17, 2026 - 10:30am

7 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.



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# The Word of God

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## Prelude

Lord I want to be a Christian

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



LEVAS #219

This is the Day

## 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, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior

## Procession

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

**Diving Deeper**

## Collect

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

**Diving Deeper**

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Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

The people are seated for the lessons.

## ***The First Lesson: Acts 1:6-14***

A Reading from the Book of Acts

When the apostles had come together, they asked Jesus, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven." Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

## ***Psalm 68:1-10, 33-36***

Psalm is read/prayed in response following the asterisk

**1** Let God arise, and let his enemies be scattered; \*

**let those who hate him flee before him.**

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- 2 Let them vanish like smoke when the wind drives it away; \*  
**as the wax melts at the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence  
of God.**
- 3 But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; \*  
**let them also be merry and joyful.**
- 4 Sing to God, sing praises to his Name;  
exalt him who rides upon the heavens; \*  
**YAHWEH is his Name, rejoice before him!**
- 5 Father of orphans, defender of widows, \*  
**God in his holy habitation!**
- 6 God gives the solitary a home and brings forth prisoners into freedom; \*  
**but the rebels shall live in dry places.**
- 7 O God, when you went forth before your people, \*  
**when you marched through the wilderness,**
- 8 The earth shook, and the skies poured down rain,  
at the presence of God, the God of Sinai, \*  
**at the presence of God, the God of Israel.**
- 9 You sent a gracious rain, O God, upon your inheritance; \*  
**you refreshed the land when it was weary.**
- 10 Your people found their home in it; \*  
**in your goodness, O God, you have made provision for the poor.**
- 33 Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; \*  
**sing praises to the Lord.**
- 34 He rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens; \*  
**he sends forth his voice, his mighty voice.**
- 35 Ascribe power to God; \*  
**his majesty is over Israel;  
his strength is in the skies.**

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36 How wonderful is God in his holy places! \*

**the God of Israel giving strength and power to his people!**

**Blessed be God!**

### ***The Second Lesson: 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11***

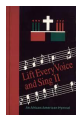
A Reading from 1 Peter

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you. Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as able



LEVAS #216

In My Life Lord, Be Glorified

### ***The Gospel Lesson: John 17:1-11***

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

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life,

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that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed. "I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## ***Reflection: Walker Wells***

*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.**

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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.**

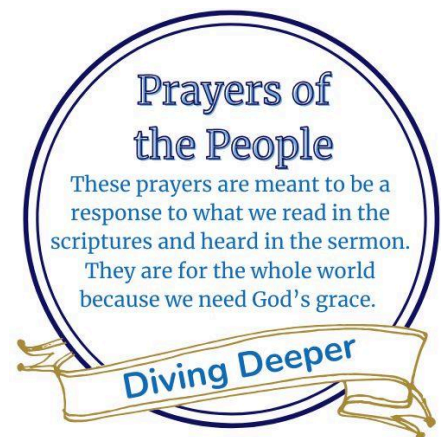
For Sean our Presiding Bishop, and Sam and Jennifer our Bishops; and for all bishops and other ministers;

**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;



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**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.



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# The Liturgy of the Table

## *Offertory Music*

**Offertory Music**

I Lift My Eyes - Psalm 121

### *Offertory*

The offering isn't only about money. We bring forward the bread wine and ourselves every Sunday to be transformed on the altar. Think about what you would like to dedicate today.

*Diving Deeper*

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(Refrain) I lift my eyes to the mountains soaring above. I ask for help, help that only comes from the Lord, the Lord of life, the Good of gods, the maker of all the earth.

God will not let you fall; the garden of your life never sleeps, nor slumbers. The God of Israel will guide your way, will be your hope and stay.

(Refrain)

The sun may not smite you but day, not the brightness of the moon by night, the Lord will protect you. God will guard your life, your going out, your coming in forevermore.

*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.

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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:

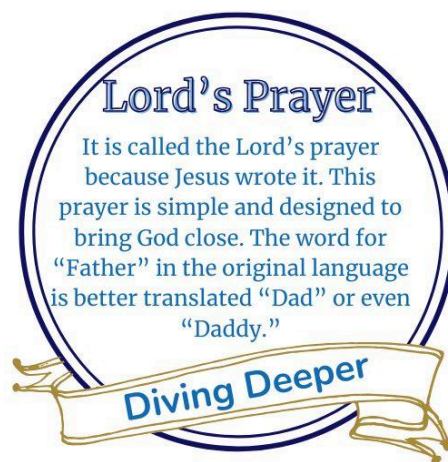
*Celebrant and People*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*The Celebrant continues*



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

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

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### *The Lord's Prayer*

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

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

### *The Breaking of the Bread*

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.**



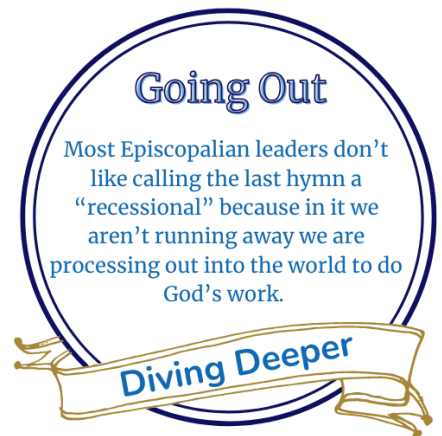
**LEVAS #136** I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

## Dismissal

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

Postlude

I Am Thine O Lord



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# Welcome to Worship

**Thank you for joining us!**

We have two different regular worship services on Sunday, both of which include Holy Communion. Holy Communion is a sacrament using bread and wine. It reminds us of Jesus, His teachings, His sacrifice on the Cross, and His continued presence in this church. A few more things about Holy Communion.

- All baptized people (regardless of Christian Tradition) are invited to receive Communion with us. If you prefer, you can come forward for a blessing. When the minister comes to you, cross your arms across your chest to indicate your preference
- If you don't want to come forward feel free to stay in your seat.
- If you have a gluten sensitivity, Gluten free wafers are available on request.
- If you have mobility concerns tell an usher and we would be happy to bring Communion to you.
- For more info on the basics of the Episcopal church, check out our "Priest Me" podcast on YouTube.

**8 AM Rite I**

Our 8 am service is smaller and more contemplative than our 10:30. Most Sundays, it is spoken (without music). It uses traditional (Old English) language throughout. For those new to this form of worship, it can take some getting used to, but it is also special to pray in the language of Shakespeare. For the service, you will need to use the *Book of Common Prayer*, which is the black book in your pews with the cross on the front. The priest will call out page numbers as we go. We also provide a sheet with today's readings, which will be helpful for praying the psalm and following today's teaching

**10:30 AM Rite II**

This is our principal (largest) service on Sunday. It includes music and singing in addition to prayer. We offer a "Sunday Booklet" to help you follow this service. You will also need the blue "1982 Hymnal" found in the pew.



# Other Regular Offerings

**Children's Chapel/Sunday School/Nursery**

Children are always welcome in worship at St. Andrew's! To support our families, we do offer **nursery care** (0-PreK), and **Children's Chapel** (Elementary Age) during the 10:30 service. Ask an usher, and they will tell you where to drop off your kids prior to the service. Your children will join you for Communion.

**Youth Ministries and Acolyting**

We love to see our youth grow in service and fellowship with us. There is an active youth group. Indicate your interest on the Connection Card and we would love to reach out to you with more Info. Also, children and youth often participate in our Sunday Worship by serving as acolytes (Those in red robes with a white top). If you are interested in learning more ask Rev. Les or any member of the Vestry (church board)

**Adult Sunday School**

Meets at 9:15am in the Rector's Study. It is a lovely and informal Bible study. Join Us!

**Healing Service Wednesdays 10:30 AM**

Each Wednesday, we offer an additional prayer service. This includes the option of Unction (prayers with anointing of Healing Oil). This is an ancient and beautiful practice in Christianity.

**Getting Involved**

We have so many active ministries, it can be difficult to know where to start. If you want to get more involved here, but aren't sure how to start, fill out one of the **connection cards** in your pew. We will follow up and make sure that you find a meaningful way to start. The Connection card is a way to make sure we have your correct contact info and you are getting the news you want.

# Prayers and Celebrations

**Prayers Requested**

<b>For the Sick and Those in Need:</b>			<b>For those serving in our Armed Forces:</b>		
Catherine	Pam	Teresa	Sean	Fletcher	James
Lisa	Billy	Margaret	Veronica	Will	Thomas
Jinx	Ben	Cindy	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: Gene Arnold**

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

<b>8 AM</b>	<b>10:30 AM</b>
<b>LAY:</b> Matt Smith	<b>LAY:</b> Pete Roy
<b>LEM:</b> Ramona Orzell	<b>LEM:</b> Omari Ansong Lisa Stone
<b>Food Pantry</b>	<b>Acolytes:</b> Landon and Liam
Rita Coggins	<b>Ushers:</b> Dan Melnyk Don Mucci
Rosemary Clark	<b>Vestry Greeters:</b> Helen Galligan TBD
Missy Filliettez	



**Altar Flowers today**  
are given to the Glory of God  
by Jan Arnold and Kimberly Haggerty  
In loving memory of Michael Arnold



# Announcements

## Confirmation, Reception, or Reaffirmation at Bishop's Visit June 14, 2026 | 10:30 AM

Is it time to say "Yes"? Are you ready to make a mature, public affirmation of your faith?

During the Bishop's upcoming visit on June 14, we invite you to participate in one of three significant rites:

- Confirmation: For those baptized at an early age who are now ready to claim the faith as their own.
- Reception: A formal welcome for those confirmed in other Christian traditions who wish to join the Episcopal Church.
- Reaffirmation: For those wishing to renew their commitment to Christ during a new stage of their spiritual journey.

Each of these rites involves the laying on of hands by the Bishop and a prayer for the Holy Spirit's strengthening for your lifelong Christian vocation. It is a powerful way to provide your personal "yes" to God and celebrate your unique place in the global and local Body of Christ.

Please contact Rev. Les or register via the church app to learn more about the upcoming preparation sessions

## Healing Service

Our last healing service before the summer break will be **Wednesday, May 20th.**



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## 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.**

## Experimental Eucharist June 6 | 10 AM – Noon

Have you ever been in church and wondered what exactly is happening? Do you know that our worship speaks to you, but you aren't really sure how or why? The "Experimental Eucharist" is a class designed by Rev. Les. Think of it like a Communion service in slow motion—a space where we can pause to think, talk, and ask questions about each of the pieces that make up this miracle of grace. Join us! **This class is highly recommended for those considering Confirmation or anyone who just wants to peek behind the curtain of our liturgy.**

## 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 31<sup>st</sup> 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.



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# St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

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Believe  
Become  
Belong

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

## "God in My Life"

Today's Homily  
Reflection: Walker Wells