



**St. Andrew's**  
Episcopal Church

# Sunday Worship Booklet

June 7, 2026 - 10:30am

2 Pentecost

## 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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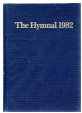
# The Word of God

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Prelude

Organ Voluntary

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



Hymn #376

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

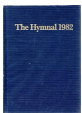
## Opening Acclamation

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

## 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, from whom all good proceeds: Grant that by your inspiration we may think those things that are right, and by your merciful guiding may do them; 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 "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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The people are seated for the lessons.

## **The First Lesson: Genesis 12:1-9**

A Reading from the Book of Genesis

Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother's son Lot, and all the possessions that they had gathered, and the persons whom they had acquired in Haran; and they set forth to go to the land of Canaan. When they had come to the land of Canaan, Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. Then the LORD appeared to Abram, and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built there an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him. From there he moved on to the hill country on the east of Bethel, and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east; and there he built an altar to the LORD and invoked the name of the LORD. And Abram journeyed on by stages toward the Negeb.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

## **Psalm 33:1-12**

Psalm is read/prayed in unison

- 1 Rejoice in the LORD, you righteous; \***  
it is good for the just to sing praises.
- 2 Praise the LORD with the harp; \***  
play to him upon the psaltery and lyre.
- 3 Sing for him a new song; \***  
sound a fanfare with all your skill upon the trumpet.
- 4 For the word of the LORD is right, \***  
and all his works are sure.
- 5 He loves righteousness and justice; \***  
the loving-kindness of the LORD fills the whole earth.

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- 6** By the word of the LORD were the heavens made, \*  
by the breath of his mouth all the heavenly hosts.
- 7** He gathers up the waters of the ocean as in a water-skin \*  
and stores up the depths of the sea.
- 8** Let all the earth fear the LORD; \*  
let all who dwell in the world stand in awe of him.
- 9** For he spoke, and it came to pass; \*  
he commanded, and it stood fast.
- 10** The LORD brings the will of the nations to naught; \*  
he thwarts the designs of the peoples.
- 11** But the LORD's will stands fast for ever, \*  
and the designs of his heart from age to age.
- 12** Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD! \*  
happy the people he has chosen to be his own!

## ***The Second Lesson: Romans 4:13-25***

A Reading from Romans

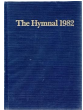
The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations") —in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith

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“was reckoned to him as righteousness.” Now the words, “it was reckoned to him,” were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**



**Hymn #235**

Please stand as able

Come Sing, Messengers of God

## ***The Gospel Lesson: Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26***

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

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, “Follow me.” And he got up and followed him. And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?” But when he heard this, he said, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, ‘I desire mercy, not sacrifice.’ For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners.” While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader of the synagogue came in and knelt before him, saying, “My daughter has just died; but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live.” And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, for she said to herself, “If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well.” Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, “Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well.” And instantly the woman was made well. When Jesus came to the leader’s house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, he said, “Go away; for the girl is not dead but sleeping.” And they laughed at him. But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. And the report of this spread throughout that district.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

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## 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.**

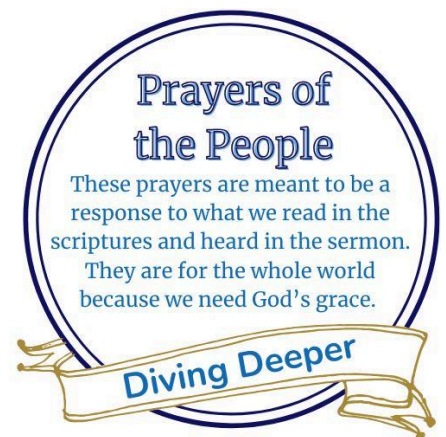
For this community, the nation, and the world;

**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;



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**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.**

## ***Confession and Absolution***

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

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## 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

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## Offertory Music

**Offertory Music**      Great is Thy Faithfulness

After which the people stand and sing the Doxology.



**Hymn 380 v 3**

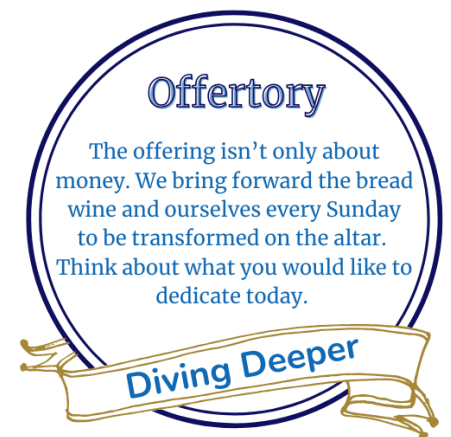
## The Great Thanksgiving

(Eucharistic Prayer D, BCP 372)

All stand as able

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.



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**We lift them to the Lord.**

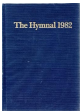
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing:



**Hymnal #S-128**

“Sanctus”

The people kneel or stand

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new. And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he took bread, and

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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."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

*Celebrant and People*

**We praise you, we bless you,  
we give thanks to you,  
and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

*The Celebrant continues*

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with St. Andrew and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

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## *The Lord's Prayer*

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

Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy Name,

thy kingdom come,

thy will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those

who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom

and the power, and the glory,

for ever and ever. Amen.

## *The Breaking of the Bread*

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The people sit

Ministers come forward to receive communion before sharing it. The congregation follows as directed by the ushers.

**Distribution of Communion**

O Love of Whom is Truth and Light

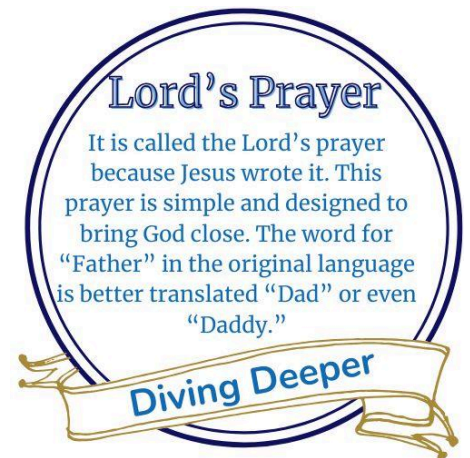
Soloist: Kimla Brandt

## *Post Communion Prayer*

The people kneel as able

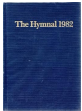
Let us pray,

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

This life is short, and we do not have too much time to gladden the hearts of those who travel the way with us. So be swift to love, and make haste to be kind. And may the blessing of the God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be with you this day and always. **Amen**

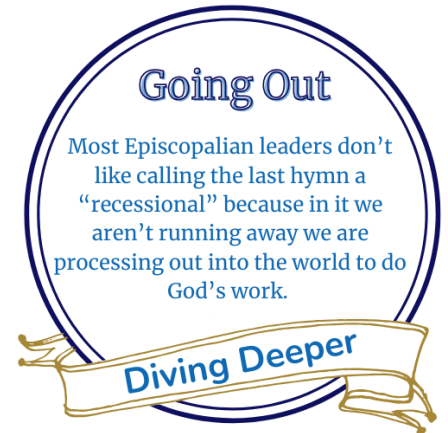


**Hymn #497**      How Bright Appears the Morning Star

## Dismissal

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

**Postlude**                      Organ Voluntary



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

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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!

**Getting Involved**

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

# Prayers and Celebrations

## Prayers Requested

<p><b>For the Sick and Those in Need:</b></p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr><td>Catherine Lisa Jinx Wayland Teresa Zanetta Pris Cindy Kelly</td><td style="width: 33%; vertical-align: top;">Shirley Brenda Allen Mark Diane Logan Anna Trevor Judy</td><td style="width: 17%; vertical-align: top;">Cindy G. Barbara Austin Julian Clark Hope</td></tr> </table>	Catherine Lisa Jinx Wayland Teresa Zanetta Pris Cindy Kelly	Shirley Brenda Allen Mark Diane Logan Anna Trevor Judy	Cindy G. Barbara Austin Julian Clark Hope	<p><b>For those serving in our Armed Forces:</b></p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr><td>Sean Veronica Jericca Matt Eric</td><td style="width: 33%; vertical-align: top;">Fletcher Will Rodney Jonathan Adam</td><td style="width: 17%; vertical-align: top;">James Thomas Austin Landon M. Dillon</td></tr> <tr><td colspan="3" style="text-align: center;">All Veterans</td></tr> </table>	Sean Veronica Jericca Matt Eric	Fletcher Will Rodney Jonathan Adam	James Thomas Austin Landon M. Dillon	All Veterans		
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**For the Deceased: Sherry and Kelly**

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

8 AM	10:30 AM
<p><b>LAY:</b> Forrest Mericle</p> <p><b>LEM:</b> Tim Knapp</p>	<p><b>LAY:</b> Pete Roy</p> <p><b>LEM:</b> Sandy Suggs</p> <p style="text-align: center;">TBD</p>
<b>Food Pantry</b>	
<p>Elizabeth Mosley</p> <p>Kaye and Tim Dowd</p> <p>Diana Pridgen</p>	<p><b>Acolytes:</b> Lauren and Megan</p> <p><b>Ushers:</b> Angela Reid</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Tom Jenkins</p> <p><b>Vestry Greeters:</b> Pam Parker-Collwood</p> <p style="text-align: center;">TBD</p>

**Altar Flowers today**

are given to the Glory of God by

Susie Jones

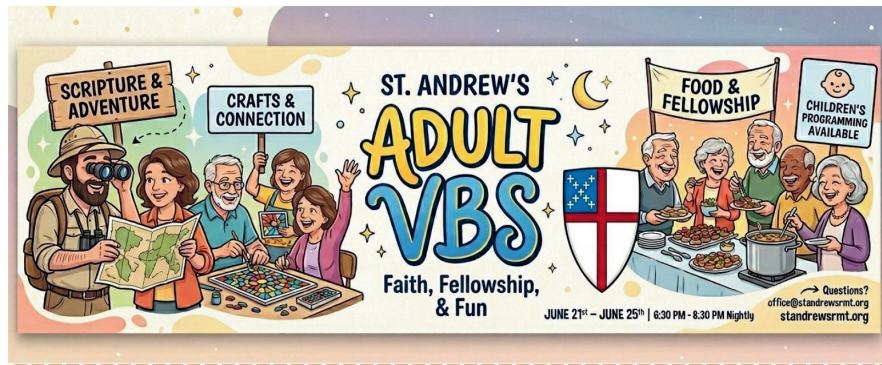
in loving memory of Billy and Tommie Jones



# Announcements

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

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



**Sunday, June 21 – Thursday, June 25**



**6:30 PM – 8:30 PM**

**THE NIGHTLY SCHEDULE**



**6:30 PM | Heavy Hors d'oeuvres Potluck**



**6:45 PM | New Testament with Priest Becky**



**7:30 PM | Discussion Groups**



**8:00 PM | Compline with music and guest leaders**

**CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMING IS PROVIDED!**

No need to hunt for a babysitter—bring the whole family out.

Questions to [office@standrewsrmt.org](mailto:office@standrewsrmt.org)

**REGISTER HERE**



**Crayon Covenant  
June 14, 2026 at 11:30am**  
Martha Lamm and Lora Pons will be leading children's crafts after the 10:30 service once a month. We will be making something for Father's Day.

**June Wings of Love Peacemakers Level Up Summer Reading Program**

Donate snacks for participating children. The program is also seeking volunteers to help tutor elementary-age children in reading this summer. Tutoring sessions will take place Mondays through Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m., beginning June 17 and continuing through July 16. Training will be provided, and volunteers do not need prior tutoring experience. Please sign up if you are interested in helping support this important ministry to local children and families.

**Food Pantry Packing TODAY**  
Meet us in the Parish Hall after the 10:30am service to pack bags.

**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.

**Cook Out  
Celebrate America's 250<sup>th</sup> birthday  
Sunday, July 5th**

We will have a cookout following the 10:30 service. There will be hotdogs with all the trimmings, chips, baked beans, and watermelon

**Church Clean Up  
July 11<sup>th</sup> 8am**

Mark your calendars because we need everyone's help cleaning the church. Men's club will feed us breakfast before we get to work! For any questions please reach out to Lora Pons.



**St. Andrew's**  
**Episcopal Church**

2 Pentecost  
6.07.26



**Believe  
Become  
Belong**

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

**"Never too Late"**

Today's Homily  
Preacher: Rev. Les Carpenter

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