

## 18 Pentecost

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During the Administration of the Eucharist, all baptized Christians are welcome to come forward to receive the Blessed Sacraments.

All persons are welcome to come forward  
to receive a priestly blessing.

## Prayers of the People

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The Christian church is the vineyard of the Lord, with all its needs and problems: growing the grapes, making the wine, managing the Lord's work. Let us pray to the Lord of the vineyard, saying: Lord, hear our prayer.

That the fruit of our common prayer and ministry be the Eucharistic wine which will soon unite us all in Christ...let us pray to the Lord of the vineyard. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

That our leaders in both church and state accept their stewardship and accountability to God and that there may be a rich harvest...let us pray to the Lord of the vineyard. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

That the peace of God which is beyond all understanding, lift from our suffering world its burdens of anxiety, war, violence, oppression, poverty, and disease, and that God's fruitfulness will give life to all in need especially those whose suffering is known to you alone...let us pray to the Lord of the vineyard. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

That the Lord's vineyard quickly extend its healthy branches through out the world, sheltering the peoples with Christ's gentleness and loving-kindness...let us pray to the Lord of the vineyard. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

That Jesus, the stone that the builders rejected, be recognized as the keystone of church and creation...let us pray to the Lord of the vineyard. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For our children and teachers...we thank you for your gift of family and friends and for your love that surrounds us on all sides...for St. Andrew's Preschool and kindergarten...that your love be known and freely shared... let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For all who are sick or in need...for those awaiting test results...and for those seeking spiritual guidance...let us pray to the Lord of the vineyard. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection and for those who mourn their loss...may they, through the mercy of God, find comfort...let us pray to the Lord of the vineyard. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, make us worthy this day to serve our fellow man, who throughout this world live and die in poverty and hunger. Grant to them this day Lord through our hands, their daily bread and by our understanding love, grant them peace and joy, let us pray to the Lord of the vineyard. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*The Celebrant adds the following collect.*

Lord of the harvest, we pray that our global Christian community may fulfill your Son's prayer and that we may soon be one in the name of Christ as he is in you, his Father, in the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

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10:30 AM Rite II

### The Liturgy of the Word

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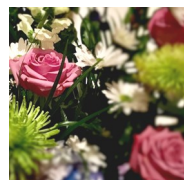
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*Postlude*

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*The flowers on the altar  
are given to the Glory of God  
by Pete and Jeanie Armstrong  
In Celebration of their many blessings*

*“Do not be carried away by all kinds of strange teachings. It is good  
for our hearts to be strengthened by grace...” Hebrew 13:9*

**Prayer:**

Lord, we thank you for coming to each of us, for finding a way to intrude into our lives with your love and friendship. You pushed through our defenses and found a way to call each of us by name.

We thank you for continuing to come to us, for persisting in relationship with us, even when we are wayward in our relationship to you. Thank you for your grace in enabling each of us to grow in our faith, to move closer to you, to grow in our ability to be faithful to you.

Continue to work in us Lord Jesus, even when we fail to work with you. Please dear Lord, do not give up on us. Stick with us, Lord, so that we might more lovingly, obediently stick with you. We ask this in the Name of Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. Amen.

**Prayer Requests**

Ron J.	Tony P.	Wayne
Elsie	Gene A.	Judy
Bill	Scarlett	Gene C.
Lisa O.	Katherine	Patricia H.
Christine	Jon	Bruce

**Serving in our Armed Forces:** Sean, Veronica H., Jericca S., Matt K., Eric O., Fletcher, Jonathan K., Will M., Rodney M., Jeffery B., Adam M., James W., and for all Veterans of the United States.

**For our deceased:**

Welcome to St. Andrew's Episcopal Church.  
We are pleased you are with us this morning as we  
worship and praise the Living God.

Having been fed through God's Word and Sacrament, join us for refreshments in the Commons following the service, so that we may introduce ourselves and our faith community to you.

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**Welcome to St. Andrew's on this Eighteenth Sunday in Pentecost.  
If you are visiting this morning, please sign our *Guest Book*  
on the welcome table in the Commons. Also located  
there are Visitor's Packets and our parish newsletter, *The Call*.**

Starting today, we will once again receive Holy Communion at the Altar Rail. One modification is that those individuals (facing the altar) wishing to drink from the Cup will receive communion on the right side of the altar. Those still wishing to intinct will commune on the left side of the altar.



**IT'S ALMOST HERE!**

6:00pm Friday

October 13th!

Food, Fun and Fellowship

**Blessing of the Animals**

Saturday, October  
7th at 10am  
Stuffed animals are  
welcome!



St. Elizabeth's Guild meets Oct. 2nd from 12-1pm in the Parish Hall. The theme this year will be Discovering the Disciples. Please bring a bag lunch. Dessert will be provided by our Hostess Rachel Dix. Come join the fellowship!

**Serving next Sunday, October 8**

8:00am

10:30am

**LAY:** Terry Shackelford

Jeanie Armstrong

**LEM:** George Earp

Elizabeth Pope

**Acolytes:** .....Lauren Renck

**Greeters:** .....Dan Melnyk and Ashley Newcomb

**Ushers:** .....Angela Reid and Jim Royal

**Pantry Volunteers:** .....Mary Ann Crawford, Marie Inscore, & Diane Dunstan

**Pantry Distributors:** .....Patty Kennedy, Tommy Parker, Elizabeth Hunter

“For God is not unjust, he will not overlook your work and the love that you showed for his sake in serving the saints, as you still do.” Hebrews 6:10

**Current Financial Status**

Contributions Rec'd  
the week of : 9/24 \$7,874

Avg. Wkly. Contributions  
needed: \$6,315

Received YTD: \$246,568

Spent YTD: \$187,325

If you are behind in your pledge, please consider catching up. If you have a question about your pledge, or wish to pledge, please contact Rosemary Clark, our bookkeeper, on Monday or Thursday afternoons, at 443-2070.

The choir will meet  
**TODAY** at 9:15am to  
discuss plans for the  
upcoming year. Please  
make every effort to attend.

We now offer Gluten Free wafers at Communion. They come individually wrapped so there is no concern for cross contamination. Just let the reverend that Sunday know you need one when you go up for Communion.

# St. Andrew's

*Episcopal Church*

*301 South Circle Drive*

*Rocky Mount, North Carolina 27804*

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*Led by the Spirit, the mission of  
St. Andrew's Episcopal Church  
is to lovingly serve God through worship,  
fellowship, education, and ministry.*

*“Was none of them found to return and give praise to  
God except this foreigner?”*

## History of Hymns: “Make Me a Channel of Your Peace”

“Make Me a Channel of Your Peace,” Prayer of St. Francis, adapt. Sebastian Temple;

Make me a channel of your peace.

Where there is hatred, let me bring your love.

Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord,

And where there’s doubt, true faith in you.



“Make Me a Channel of Your Peace” by Sebastian Temple (1928-1997) is a musical setting of the well-known Prayer of Saint Francis. The prayer is widely attributed to Saint Francis of Assisi, but these words never appear in any of his writings. This prayer was widely publicized during World War I and World War II and has frequently been used during times of war to encourage peace throughout the world.

The first appearance of the prayer occurred in France in 1912 in a small spiritual magazine called *La Clochette* (The Little Bell), published in Paris by a Catholic association known as *La Ligue de la Sainte-Messe*, “The Holy Mass League,” founded by a French priest, Father Esther Bouquerel (1855-1923). The prayer bore the title of “A Beautiful Prayer to Say During the Mass” and was published anonymously. The author could possibly have been Father Bouquerel himself, but the identity of the author remains a mystery. The prayer was sent in French to Pope Benedict XV in 1915. This was soon followed by its 1916 appearance, in Italian, in the *Osservatore Romano*. Around 1920, the prayer was printed by a French Franciscan priest on the back of an image of St. Francis with the title “*Priere pour la paix*” (“Prayer for Peace”), but without attribution to the saint.

Between the two world wars, the prayer circulated in Europe and was translated into English. One such translation appeared in 1936 in *Living Courageously*, a book by Kirby Page (1890-1957), a Disciples of Christ minister. Page attributed the text to St. Francis of Assisi. During the Second World War and immediately after, this prayer for peace began circulating widely as the Prayer of St. Francis; and over the years, it has gained a worldwide popularity with people of all faiths. The text of this prayer is about transformation—the movement away from darkness to light, from despair to hope. The words of this prayer also have similarities to the writings of the prophet Isaiah in Chapter 61, where negatives become positives through the transformative work of God. Because of its use of broadly inclusive language, the words of this “peace prayer” have been adopted by many religions throughout the world. Sebastian Temple is considered one of the most influential folk mass composers in the Catholic Church. Temple, who was born in South Africa, later moved to London, where he worked for the BBC News Service. In 1958, he moved to America, converted to Catholicism, and joined the Franciscan Third Order. “Make Me a Channel of Your Peace” has become one of Temple’s most loved compositions. “Make Me a Channel of Your Peace,” was written in 1967.

**BEGINNING SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1**, Saint Andrew's begins the fall season with a number of changes in schedules and activities! We will offer two services, 8:00 am – Holy Communion Rite 1 and 10:30- Holy Communion Rite 2, with music. In addition to the return to two services, we will once again receive Holy Communion at the Altar Rail. One modification is that those individuals (facing the altar) wishing to drink from the Cup will receive communion on the right side of the altar. Those still wishing to intinct will commune on the left side of the altar. (Please note ...the Bishop has instructed all churches to offer one shared cup for communion!) We understand that this will take some time to work things out, but this will be our starting point. Also, at the 10:30 service, families will assist in bringing the elements to the altar and will be encouraged to sit up front so that they can see and hopefully better understand what is happening!

In addition to changes in service times, we will restart Adult and Children's Christian Education. The adults will meet at 9:15am in the conference room. Children's Christian Education will begin at 10:30am. Several of the children's parents have stepped up and will be working with the program. At least once a month, we will have a Children's Chapel in the Parish Hall where children will be given the opportunity to serve as acolytes and assist with other parts of the service. Adult volunteers are needed to assist with this program! If interested, please contact the church office!



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### Blessing of the Backpacks

September 24,  
2023

### Search Committee Update September 20, 2023

The Search Committee has finally finished all the prerequisite documents for posting our Rector Position with the North Carolina Diocese. You can see the Office of Transition posting at this link; [https://www.episdionc.org/uploads/images/st-andrews-rocky-mount-otm\\_122.pdf](https://www.episdionc.org/uploads/images/st-andrews-rocky-mount-otm_122.pdf). And, you can view the full Parish profile on our Website at this link; <https://www.standrewsrmt.com/en/parish-profile>. It is also posted on the Episcopal News Service Job Board, and the Transition Ministry Job Board. Feel free to share the links to any of your friends in your Episcopal Network. The more it gets shared, the better exposure we get!

As applications come in they will first go to the Diocese and will then be put in a "Drop Box" where we will be able to access them. It will be posted for six weeks for now to see how many we receive. It can be extended as necessary. In the meantime, we are firming up our interview questions and are planning to conduct some "mock interviews" to evaluate their effectiveness. As we begin to schedule interviews, please be mindful, that we will be unable to share names, gender, location etc. to avoid compromising an individual's confidentiality until the time is right. We will do our best to keep you informed of the number of interviews and potential viability of the candidates.

