



# HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II & THE BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

## THE 16<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST:

### THE PROPERs FOR ST. FRANCIS

SEPTEMBER 28, 2025: 10:00 A.M.

## ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

*Seekers, believers, and doubters of all ages, welcome home to St. Andrew's!* Everything you need for the Liturgy of the Word is found in your bulletin. Music may be found in this bulletin or in the blue 1982 Hymnal (in the pew rack). Restrooms are downstairs in the undercroft; our greeters can direct you to a more accessible restroom in the parish house as well.

Children of all ages are welcome to join us in our Soft Space, located by the St. Andrew's flag up front, during worship. Please move around our space as you and your children are most comfortable. Visitors, we would love to get to know you, and we invite you to fill out one of our welcome cards and place it in the offering plate or hand it to one of our greeters. *We are so glad you are here!*

### Prelude

#### Opening Hymn

*Joyful, joyful, we adore thee*

Hymn #376

*Sung by all. Please stand as you are able.*

#### Opening Acclamation

The Book of Common Prayer (BCP), p. 355

*Please remain standing as you are able.*

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

*People* And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

#### The Collect for Purity

*Please remain standing as you are able.*

*Celebrant* Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid:

*All* 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.

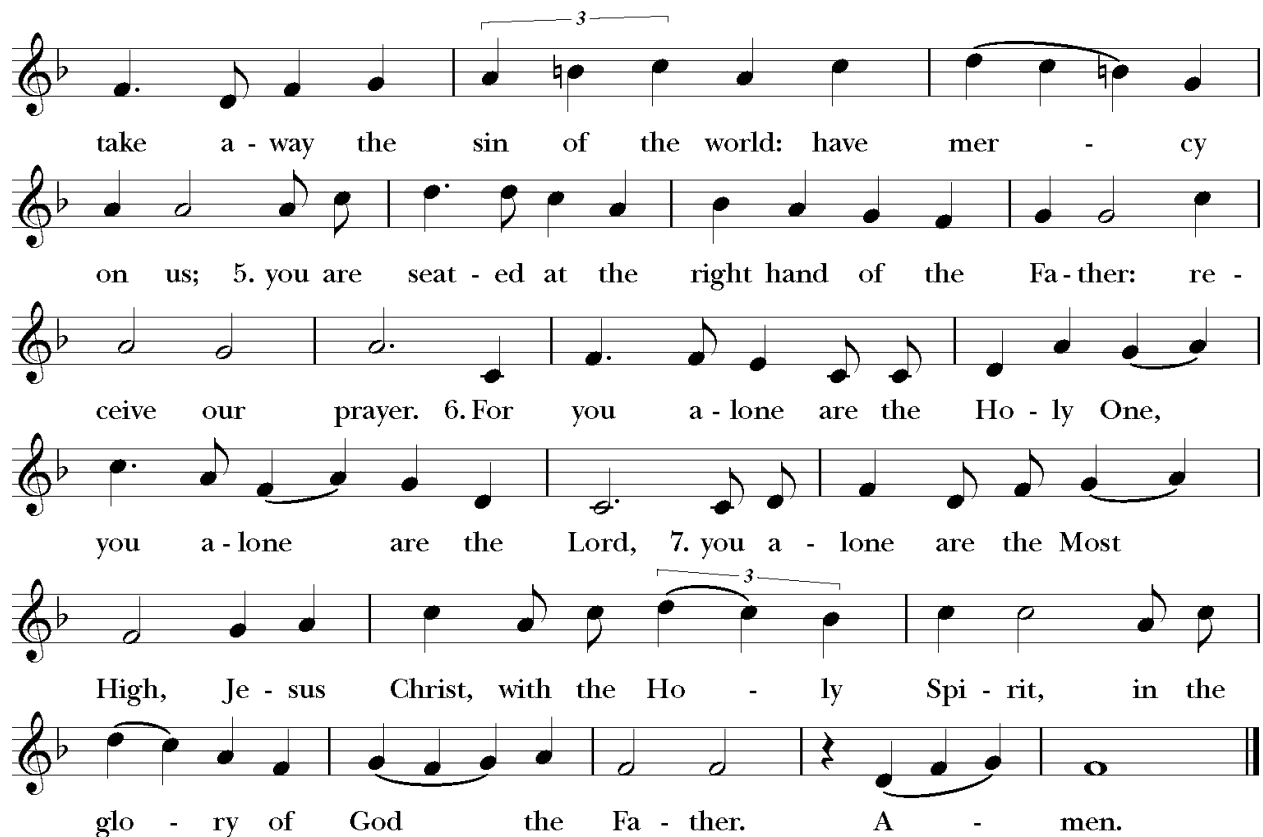
#### Song of Praise

*Glory to God*

Hymn #S-280

*Sung by all. Please remain standing as you are able.*

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and  
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly  
King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we  
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus  
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you



## THE WORD OF GOD

### The Collect of the Day

Adapted from *Lesser Feasts and Fasts 2022*, p. 451

*Please remain standing as you are able.*

**Celebrant** Christ be with you.

**People** And also with you.

**Celebrant** Let us pray.

Living God, grant us grace to follow the way of blessed Francis, that we may delight in your whole creation with the fullness of love. O God, you have made us and all living things, and we thank you for giving us these pets who bring us great joy. As you take care of us, we also invite your guidance that we might take care of all those who trust us to look after them. By doing so, we share in your own love for all creation. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

### The First Lesson

*Job 39:1-18*

NRSV

*Please sit.*

A reading from the Book of Job.

"Do you know when the mountain goats give birth? Do you observe the calving of the deer? Can you number the months that they fulfil, and do you know the time when they give birth, when they crouch to give birth to their offspring, and are delivered of their young? Their young ones become strong, they grow up in the open; they go forth, and do not return to them. "Who has let the wild ass go free? Who has loosed the bonds of the swift ass, to which I have given the steppe for its home, the salt land for its dwelling-place? It scorns the tumult of the city; it does not hear the shouts of the driver. It ranges the mountains as its pasture, and it searches after every green thing. "Is the wild ox willing to serve you? Will it spend the night at your crib? Can you tie it in the furrow with ropes, or will it harrow the valleys after you? Will you depend on it because its strength is great, and will you hand over your labor to it? Do you have faith in it that it will return, and bring your grain to your threshing-floor? "The ostrich's wings flap wildly, though its pinions lack plumage. For it leaves its eggs to the earth, and lets them be warmed on the ground, forgetting that a foot may crush them, and that a wild animal may trample them. It deals

cruelly with its young, as if they were not its own; though its labor should be in vain, yet it has no fear; because God has made it forget wisdom, and given it no share in understanding. When it spreads its plumes aloft, it laughs at the horse and its rider."

The Word of the Lord.

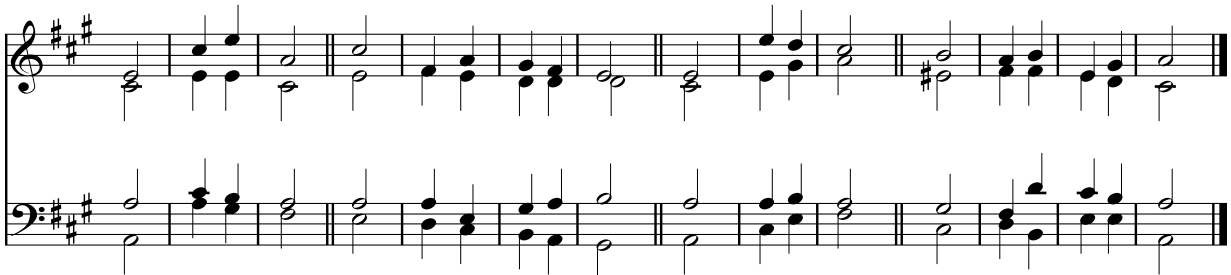
**People** Thanks be to God.

### The Response

Psalm 121

Psalter for the Christian People

Please stand as you are able and join in the singing of the Psalm.



- 1 I lift up my eyes | to the | hills; ||  
from where | is my | help to | come? ||
- 2 My help comes | from the | Lord, ||  
the | maker of | heaven and | earth. ||
- 3 The Lord will not let your | foot be | moved ||  
and the Lord who watches over you | will not | fall a- | sleep. ||
- 4 Behold, the Lord who keeps watch over | Is-ra- | el ||  
shall neither | slum-ber | nor | sleep; ||
- 5 The Lord watches | ov-er | you; ||  
the Lord is your | shade at | your right | hand, ||
- 6 So that the sun shall not strike | you by | day, ||  
—| nor the | moon by | night. ||
- 7 The Lord shall preserve you | from all | evil; ||  
it is the Lord | who shall | keep you | safe. ||
- 8 The Lord shall watch over your going out and your | com-ing | in, ||  
from this time | forth for- | ever- | more. ||  
Glory be to the Father, and | to the | Son, ||  
and | to the | Ho-ly | Ghost: ||  
as it was in the be- | ginning, is | now, ||  
and ever shall be, world without | end. A- | men, a- | men. ||

### The Second Lesson

Acts 4:32-35, 5:1-11

NRSV

Please sit.

A reading from the book of the Acts of the Apostles.

The whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

But a man named Ananias, with the consent of his wife Sapphira, sold a piece of property; with his wife's knowledge, he kept back some of the proceeds, and brought only a part and laid it at the apostles' feet. "Ananias," Peter asked, "why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and to keep back part of the proceeds of the land? While it remained unsold, did it not remain your own? And after it was sold, were not the proceeds at your

disposal? How is it that you have contrived this deed in your heart? You did not lie to us but to God!" Now when Ananias heard these words, he fell down and died. And great fear seized all who heard of it. The young men came and wrapped up his body, then carried him out and buried him.

After an interval of about three hours his wife came in, not knowing what had happened. Peter said to her, "Tell me whether you and your husband sold the land for such and such a price." And she said, "Yes, that was the price." Then Peter said to her, "How is it that you have agreed together to put the Spirit of the Lord to the test? Look, the feet of those who have buried your husband are at the door, and they will carry you out." Immediately she fell down at his feet and died. When the young men came in they found her dead, so they carried her out and buried her beside her husband. And great fear seized the whole church and all who heard of these things.

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.

***People***            Thanks be to God.

### Sequence Hymn

*Jerusalem, my happy home*

Hymn #620

*Sung by all. Please stand as you are able.*

### The Gospel

*Matthew 11:25-30*

NRSV

*Please remain standing as you are able.*

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

***People***            Glory to you, Lord Christ.

At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

*Priest*            The Gospel of the Lord.

***People***            Praise to you, Lord Christ.

### The Sermon

The Rev. David Keill

*Please be seated.*

### The Nicene Creed

BCP, p. 358

*Said by all. Please stand as you are able.*

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.

## The Prayers of the People

*Please remain standing or kneel as you are able.*

*Intercessor* Let us give thanks to God our Creator for all the gifts so freely bestowed upon us and for the beauty and wonder of your creation, in earth and sky and sea;

***All* We thank you, Lord.**

*Intercessor* For the richness of the mountains, plains, and rivers;

***All* We thank you, Lord.**

*Intercessor* For all creatures that breathe, and move, and have life;

***All* We thank you, Lord.**

*Intercessor* For the songs of birds and the loveliness of flowers and trees;

***All* We thank you, Lord.**

*Intercessor* For the trust you have shown in giving into our care these, our animal companions;

***All* We thank you, Lord.**

*Intercessor* That each pet here and at home may be treasured with care;

***All* We pray to you, Lord.**

*Intercessor* That we may love and honor all living creatures;

***All* We pray to you, Lord.**

*Intercessor* That we may continue to grow in our grateful enjoyment of your abundant creation;

***All* We pray to you, Lord.**

*Intercessor* Let us lift up the names of all animals who have blessed and continue to bless our lives with comfort, love, and joy.

*Intercessor* God of wisdom who knows our path, we humbly ask you to guide our discernment committee: Christine, Patrick, Shar, Steve, and Vivien by the Holy Spirit towards the priest whom you have raised up to lead us. Quiet their hearts, keep them from sin, and strengthen Your gifts within them so they may better listen and respond to Your perfect counsel. We pray also for our future priest, that You may prepare them to aid us in continuing the mission of the church, began in the apostles, continued in Grace Arents, us, and all St. Andreans, and perfected in the return of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Until that day, be close to St. Andrew's and strengthen our spirits, so we may continue in doing Your good work.

***All* Amen.**

*You are invited to add your own prayers at this time. The celebrant adds the concluding collect.*

## The Confession

BCP, p. 360

*Please kneel as you are able.*

*Celebrant* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

***All* 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.**

*Celebrant* 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.**

## The Peace

*Please stand as you are able.*

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

***People* And also with you.**

*The Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## Welcome and Announcements

*Please be seated.*

## Offertory Anthem

*Please remain seated.*

## Presentation Hymn

*Sung by all. Please stand as you are able.*

O God of Bethel

Hymn #709, verses 1-3, 5

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

## The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP, p. 361

*Please remain standing as you are able.*

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* We lift them to the Lord.

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* It is right to give our 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. For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. 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:

## Sanctus

*Holy, holy, holy Lord*

Hymn #S-130

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and  
might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,  
God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are  
full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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*Please remain standing or kneel as you are able.*

Holy and gracious God: 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:

**All Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O God, 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 God, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

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

### The Lord's Prayer

BCP, p. 364

*Said by all. Please remain standing or kneeling as you are able.*

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 Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept. Please remain standing or kneeling as you are able.*

*Celebrant* Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People* Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

### Invitation to Communion & Blessing of the Animals

*All are welcome at Christ's table.* You are invited to come forward to receive the bread and the wine as well as a blessing with your pet. Communion is offered in both kinds, bread and wine. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. Those who do not wish to receive the Eucharist may come forward and simply cross their hands over their chest to receive a blessing or a healing prayer. Please let a greeter know if you would prefer to have communion brought to you in your seat.

### Communion Hymn

*I want to walk as a child of the light*

Hymn #490

### Sending of Eucharistic Visitors

### Postcommunion Prayer

BCP, p. 365

*Please stand or kneel as you are able.*

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*All* 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.

### The Blessing

BCP, p. 366

*Please remain standing as you are able.*

### Closing Hymn

*Guide my feet*

Dr. Wendell P. Whalum

*Sung by all. Please remain standing as you are able.*

1. Guide my feet  
2. Hold my hand while I run this race,  
3. Stand by me child  
4. I'm your child  
Oh, Lord,



Guide my feet  
Hold my hand while I run this race,  
Stand by me  
I'm your child

Oh, Lord,

Guide my feet  
Hold my hand while I run this race, For I  
Stand by me  
I'm your child

vain.  
don't want to run this race in vain, race in vain.  
vain.

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Tune: GUIDE MY FEET, 888 10; Negro Spiritual; harm. by Dr. Wendell P. Whalum, 1931–1987, © Estate of Wendell Whalum

## The Dismissal

Please remain standing as you are able.

**Celebrant** Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

**People** Thanks be to God!

## Postlude

BCP, p. 366

## THIS MORNING'S LEADERS

**Celebrant & Preacher:** The Rev. David Keill      **Organist & Choirmaster:** Demas Boudreaux  
**Crucifer:** Paula Harper      **Altar Guild:** Belinda Brugh      **Tellers:** Steve Salter & Ricky Gorrell  
**Lay Eucharistic Minister:** Britton Trimble      **Lay Reader:** Ally Getlein      **Lead Greeter:** Mike Culver  
**Intercessor & Vestry Person of the Day:** Steve Boschen      **Soft Space Volunteer:** Patrick Getlein  
**Sunday Steward of the Day:** Brian Millward      Email your vestry: [vestry@standrewsoregonhill.org](mailto:vestry@standrewsoregonhill.org)  
**Extemporaneous solos & expressions of joy:** The very good & blessed pets of St. Andrew's

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## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

- Pat Bridgewater, Barbara Butler, Wayne Clark, Tom Davis, Vicky Davis, Ellen Field, Patrick Getlein, Carleen Griffin, Sandra Heitzler, Bill Jackson, Nancy Lyons, Elaine McKee, Crystal Munnings, Beverly Reid, Lizzie Schrass, Chris Vega.
- Pray for those who live and work and go to school on Oregon Hill and for the Shelter Lunches ministry.
- Pray for the schools and educational institutions of Metropolitan Richmond: For healthy relationships between parents, teachers, and students. For cooperation between Superintendents, School Boards, and Administrators of public and private schools throughout this metropolitan city.
- Pray for those who are celebrating birthdays this week: Jim Uzel (9/30).

## ST. ANDREW'S CALENDAR

### **Sunday, September 28: The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost - Proper 21**

- **Holy Eucharist Rite II:** 10:00 a.m., church and on Facebook Live
- **Coffee Hour:** directly following the service, chapel

### **Wednesday, October 1:**

- **Laundry Ministry:** 1:30 p.m., corner of Cary and Meadow streets

### **Saturday, October 4:**

- **Church Work Day:** begins at 10:00 a.m.

### **Sunday, October 5: The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost - Proper 22**

- **Morning Prayer Rite II:** 10:00 a.m., church and on Facebook Live
- **Coffee Hour:** directly following the service, chapel

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Thanks and welcome to the Rev. David Keill, our guest celebrant this morning!
- Welcome to all pets this morning!
- **150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration:** The 150th Anniversary Celebration will be held on Sunday, October 19. The committee is working hard to finalize the agenda, but here are some items for you to consider:
  - This will be a *Homecoming Celebration* – invite everyone with any connection to St. Andrew's!
  - This will be a *Community Celebration* – we want to involve the greater Oregon Hill/Randolph/Byrd Park/VCU communities.
  - *Chili Cookoff* – get your recipe together! Awards in various categories!
  - *Musical/Talent Showcase* – don't keep your talents hidden under a bushel – share with the congregation!
  - *Ideas for the Celebration* – Please *share your ideas with the Committee* – Hank Selby, Christine Baur-Millward, Deya Porter, Micheal Williams, Belinda Brugh, Laura Boucher, Beth Raper, Tracey Miles, Paula Harper, and Elaine Baur. More information will follow shortly!!
- **Updated 2025 Directory Available:** If you would like a copy, have changes to your information, or have questions or concerns, please see or email Britton Trimble for the new link at [office@standrewsoregonhill.org](mailto:office@standrewsoregonhill.org). Please do not share your copy of the directory and please do not distribute information contained in this directory outside of our parish family.

## SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

- **Church Work Day:** Join us at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 4, for a work day! Many hands will make light work as we tidy our grounds, trim plants, and more! Please email [office@standrewsoregonhill.org](mailto:office@standrewsoregonhill.org) or see Chris Catanzaro if you have questions. See you there!
- **Fellowship Ministry:** Fellowship is more than just coffee and cookies after church. It is ministry. It is fundamental to our mission and includes loving and serving God's purposes through and for each other. Please consider getting involved with your fellow parishioners to help bring joy and deeper connection to our church family. Bring your gifts for hospitality, organization, creativity – or just a warm smile and a helping hand. You don't have to make a long-term commitment. Help with one-time events or small tasks. It's fun and greatly appreciated! Please reach out to our fellowship team at [fellowship@standrewsoregonhill.org](mailto:fellowship@standrewsoregonhill.org).
- **2025 Coffee Hour Sign-Up:** We invite you to sign up to bring snacks for a coffee hour in 2025! Snacks can be as simple as you'd like, home-made or store-bought, and you don't have to worry about providing or setting up drinks. The sign-up sheet is available on the organ or the snack table in the chapel.



# *Come Home!*

**St. Andrew's Episcopal Church**  
**150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration**

**Sunday, October 19, 2025**  
**10:00 a.m. Worship**

Followed by  
***Chili & Sides • Music • Fun • Fellowship***

*All Are Welcome!*



Seekers, believers, and doubters of all ages:

Welcome home to St. Andrew's!

Together we are building a community in Christ that gathers to  
worship joyfully, love abundantly, and serve wholeheartedly.

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