# SEPISCONAL CHURCH

# HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

# THE 15<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (PROPER 20): YEAR C SEPTEMBER 21, 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 Praise to the Lord Hymn #390

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

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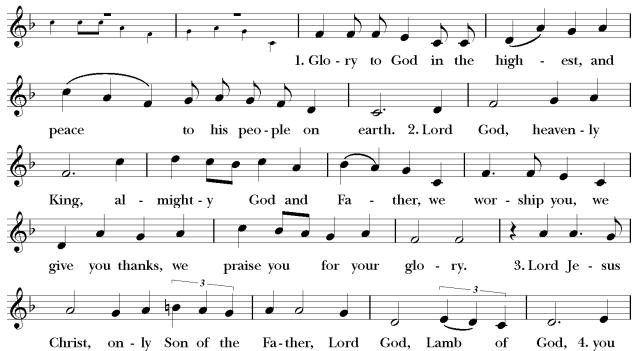
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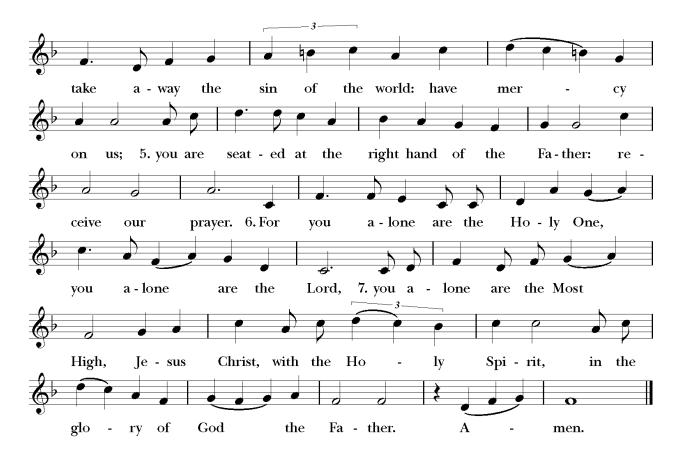
Celebrant Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid:

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.





# THE WORD OF GOD

The Collect of the Day

BCP, p. 234

Please remain standing as you are able.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.** 

The First Lesson Amos 8:4-7 NRSV

Please be seated.

A reading from the book of the Prophet Amos.

Hear this, you that trample on the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land, saying, "When will the new moon be over so that we may sell grain; and the sabbath, so that we may offer wheat for sale? We will make the ephah small and the shekel great, and practice deceit with false balances, buying the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals, and selling the sweepings of the wheat." The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Sung by all. Please stand as you are able.



- 1 Hallelujah! Give praise, you servants | of the | Lord; | praise | the Name | of the | Lord. | |
- 2 Let the Name of the | Lord be | <u>blessed</u>, | from this time | forth for | ev-er- | more. |
- From the rising of the sun to its | go-ing | down let the Name | of the | Lord be | praised.
- 4 The Lord is high | <u>above</u> all | <u>nations</u>, | whose glory | is a- | bove the | <u>heavens</u>. |
- Who is like the Lord our God, who sits en- | throned on | high but stoops to behold the | heav-ens | and the | earth?
- 6 The Lord takes up the weak out | of the | dust | and lifts up | the poor | from the | ashes. |
- 7 The Lord sets them | with the | nobles, | with the | no-bles | of his | people. |
- 8 The Lord makes the woman of a | child-less | house | to be a joyful | mot-her | of child- | ren. | 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 1 Timothy 2:1-7 NRSV

Please be seated.

A reading from the first letter to Timothy.

First of all, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself a ransom for all ~ this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn #550, verses 1-3

Sung by all. Please stand as you are able.

Please remain standing as you are able.

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.' Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, `How much do you owe my master?' He answered, `A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, `Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, `Take your bill and make it eighty.' And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes. "Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sequence Hymn (continued)

Jesus calls us

Hymn #550, verses 4-5

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

The Sermon The Rev. Robert Hetherington

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

Praying the Scriptures

Please remain standing or kneel as you are able.

Intercessor Siblings in Christ, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone. Let us pray, saying, we bless your name, O Lord,

People From this time forth forevermore.

We make our prayers for all Church leaders. May all those called to be heralds and apostles serve Intercessor

> you, the Church, and the world in all godliness and dignity. We give thanks for all who are celebrating birthdays this week, including Barbara Butler, Steve Salter, Judy Johnson. We bless

your name, O Lord,

From this time forth forevermore. People

We make our prayers for kings and all who are in high positions. May they make laws that protect Intercessor

the poor and promote justice. Set their hearts on truth. We bless your name, O Lord,

People From this time forth forevermore.

O God you created the heavens and the earth. Give us the courage and diligence to care for your Intercessor

creation. Grant us to live at peace and harmony with all the works of your hands. We bless your

name, O Lord,

People From this time forth forevermore.

God, we have had more than enough of violence and bloodshed. So let your compassion be swift Intercessor

to meet us. Help us, O God our Savior, for the glory of your name; deliver us and forgive us our

sins, for your name's sake. We bless your name, O Lord,

People From this time forth forevermore.

Intercessor We pray for the poor and the needy. We thank you that you remember even those we too often

ignore and disregard. Give us grace to proclaim to every person the good news of your love and

faithfulness. We bless your name, O Lord.

People From this time forth forevermore.

Intercessor We make our prayers for all who have died. We thank you that you sent Christ Jesus to human

kind, that through him everyone might come to the knowledge of your eternal salvation. We bless

your name, O Lord,

People From this time forth forevermore.

God of wisdom who knows our path, we humbly ask you to guide our discernment Intercessor

> 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.

People 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

O God of Bethel

Hymn #709, verses 1-3, 5

Sung by all. Please stand as you are able.

# 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.

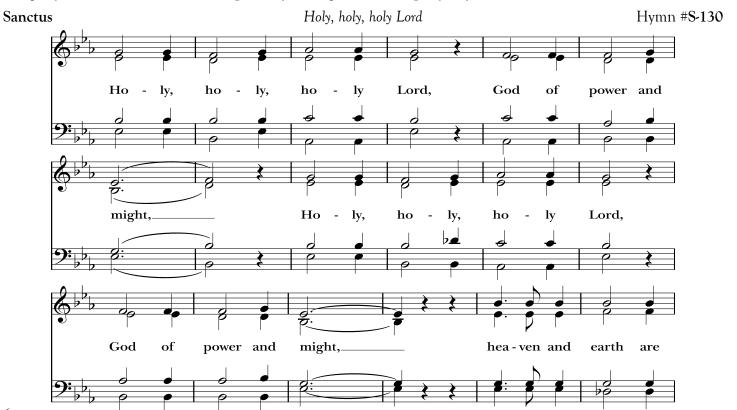
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

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:





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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.

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

### Invitation to the Table

All are welcome at Christ's table. 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. Please let a greeter know if you would prefer to have communion brought to you in your seat.

Communion Hymn Jesus, all my gladness Hymn #701

# Sending of Eucharistic Visitors

### Postcommunion Prayer

BCP, p. 365

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Celebrant

Let us pray.

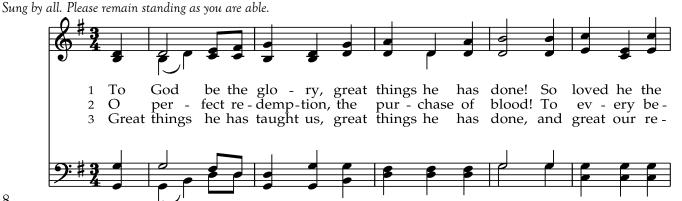
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Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Iesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength 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.

To God be the glory Voices Found #108 Closing Hymn





The Dismissal BCP, p. 366

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

# THIS MORNING'S LEADERS

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev. Robert Hetherington Organist & Choirmaster: Demas Boudreaux Crucifer & Altar Guild: Belinda Brugh Tellers: Tracey Miles & Ricky Gorrell

Lay Reader: Pat Bridgewater Lead Greeter: Mike Culver Vestry Person of the Day: Hank Selby Intercessor: Tim Williams Soft Space Volunteer: Laura Boucher

Sunday Steward of the Day: Brian Millward Email your vestry: vestry@standrewsoregonhill.org

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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 ministry of Anna Julia Cooper School.
- Pray for the schools and educational institutions of Metropolitan Richmond: For all universities, colleges, seminaries, trade, technical, graduate, and professional schools; for the students, faculty, and staff of these institutions.
- Pray for those who are celebrating birthdays this week: Barbara Butler (9/21), Steve Salter (9/21), Judy Johnson (9/27).

# ST. ANDREW'S CALENDAR

The Parish Office is closed through September 29.

Sunday, September 21: The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost - Proper 20

- Holy Eucharist Rite II: 10:00 a.m., church and on Facebook Live
- Coffee Hour & Launch of Welcome Home Campaign: directly following the service, chapel
- Vestry Meeting: 11:45 a.m., St. Andrew's House

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

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Thanks and welcome to the Rev. Robert Hetherington, our guest celebrant this morning!
- Parish Office Hours: The parish office will be closed through September 29. Emails and calls received during this time will be returned afterwards. Please call the Pastoral Emergency Line at 804-442-7719 if you experience a pastoral emergency. Normal office hours resume on September 30.
- Blessing of the Animals: Pets, stuffed animals, and photos of pets are all welcome at our annual Blessing of the Animals service, which will be held during the 10:00 a.m. service on Sunday, September 28.
- 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 <u>office@standrewsoregonhill.org</u>.
  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

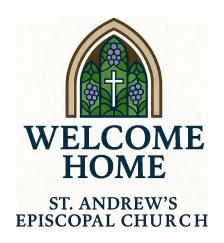
- Church Work Day: Join us at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 4, for a work day! Many hands will make light work as we tidy our grounds, trim plants, and more! Please email office@standrewsoregonhill.org or see Chris Catanzaro if you have questions. See you there!
- St. Andrew's School Campus Care Day: Join St. Andrew's School on Friday, September 26, from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm for a community-wide effort to beautify their campus! Volunteers will help organize classrooms and common areas, clean playgrounds and gardens, and support small projects like refreshing play areas and creating bulletin boards to spark school spirit. Your time and energy will make a meaningful difference for our students and staff. Go to tinyurl.com/sas-care to volunteer!
- PrideFest This Coming Saturday: We'll be joining the Episcopal Churches of Central Richmond on Saturday, September 27, noon until 6:00 p.m., at the annual VA Pridefest at Midtown Green! Together, we'll offer an inclusive welcome on behalf of the Episcopal church in RVA. All of the volunteer spots are full, but we hope you'll join in the Pridefest celebration and stop by the tent while you are 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 <a href="fellowship@standrewsoregonhill.org">fellowship@standrewsoregonhill.org</a>.
- 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.





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.



# WHAT MAKES ST. ANDREW'S FEEL LIKE HOME TO YOU?

On Sunday, September 14, we began this year's stewardship conversation by sharing what our beloved church means to us. The conversation was heartfelt and spiritually rich. Here's what you said.

# 1. What Makes St. Andrew's Feel Like Home to You?

"The warm and loving embrace of accepting me as I am . . . The openness and warmth of the people . . . Generosity and caring of members . . . Familiar faces, connections to prior family generations, architecture and focus . . . Familiarity of repetitive liturgies . . . Community (belonging) . . . My puzzle piece fits here . . . The hugs . . . The love of God and her wonder can be seen here . . . Unmasked . . . Church smell (especially after opening doors after COVID) . . . The people feel like family except they let me be myself . . . Compassion . . . Friends . . . The people . . . Beauty of the gardens, the people have pride of place, nurturing community . . . Comfortable, I can be my true self . . . Same as coming "home" as we normally think of Home." Our young future leaders said: "Because it is a safe place, there are people I know, and it makes me feel happy . . . People are nice to me . . . Because St. Andrew's accepts me for who I am, opening their doors and arms open, not judging me."

# 2. What Kind of People is God Calling Us to Be?

"Carriers of the Light of Christ . . . The kind of people who love their enemies the most. . . Servants and believers . . . She is calling us to be her hands and feet and show her loving kindness . . . The best of who we are . . . Better than I used to be . . . Loving, compassionate, forgiving, accepting . . . I believe he is calling us to be Christ-like: loving, brave, humble, faithful . . . Seeing a need and filling that space . . . To be love incarnate in the world . . . Unconditionally accepting . . . Genuine."

*Our young future leaders said:* "God wants me to speak up and fight for who we are and guide others out of the darkness . . . God reminds me to pray for the people who have died, are sick, and so many other things."

# 3. What Makes You Proud to be Part of St. Andrew's?

"I am so proud of how loud people love here at St. Andrew's and how bravely and boldly they stand for their parishioners and for the marginalized community . . . Service to those most in need in community . . . The diversity and belonging that it represents . . . Walking the TRUE path of Christ . . . The many generations that have been coming here . . . Service to Community . . . The happy amazement newcomers share when they are SO warmly welcomed . . . So many people here who are unconditionally loving and giving . . . The abundance of love . . . Our love of God and one another . . . St. A's is a genuine and hard-working community . . . We have been resilient in the face of change . . . That we pay attention to the needs of each other and of those beyond our walls, our compassion . . . That we try our best to truly live the Gospel, loving our neighbors (all of them) . . . Our ever-evolving parish, friendly greetings . . . It is an inclusive, love-filled church . . . Proud of the power of this small group of servants."

\*\*Our young future leaders said:\*\* To be part of a loving and supporting community for doing good things . . . I am proud that every year we donate about \$140 dollars!"

We are so grateful for your open hearts and beautiful words about the ministry and the people of St. Andrew's.

- Patrick Hall and Karen Salter



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