



# St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

Boca Grande  Florida

*"Bringing God and people together in love through Jesus Christ"*

## **Sunday Worship**

8:00 A.M. and 9:30 A.M.

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## **THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY: The Baptism of Our Lord Jesus Christ**

Year A ~ January 11, 2026



# Welcome

Thank you for worshipping with us today. We hope you find a connection between your desire to come and what you experience. We are a community drawn together by faith in God's love made known in Jesus Christ, expressed by forgiveness and acceptance rather than getting it right. However you identify, you belong here. We connect with each other by knowing and accepting each other as we are, and together serve others here in Boca Grande and in the wider community. Visitor cards are in the pew to help us get to know you better. They can be returned in the offering plate at the back of the church or handed to an usher.

Restrooms, extra seating, and speakers are located next door in the Chapter House. If you need to step out to attend to a little one, consider the Chapter House as a place to let them run free while you are still able to hear the service.

# Altar Flowers

The Altar flowers today are given to the Glory of God  
by Jim Griesemer in memory of Nicki Stoner.

# Serving Today

## 8:00AM Service

**Usher:** Bob Burke  
**Lector:** Roger Lewis  
**Chalice Bearer:** Joy McBride

## 9:30AM Service

**Ushers:** Jay and Susan Spurgeon  
**Lector:** Kimberly Whipple  
**Chalice Bearer:** Kim Lovo

**Today's Coffee Hour Host:** Loulie Mauran and Nancy White

# Serving Next Week - Jan. 18

## 8:00AM Service

**Usher:**  
**Lector:**  
**Chalice Bearer:**

## 9:30AM Service

**Ushers:**  
**Lector:** Tim Thompson  
**Chalice Bearer:**

# THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

## *The Word of God*

### THE PRELUDE

Voluntary in C Minor  
Coventry Carol

Maurice Greene  
Don Michael Dicie, arr.

### THE PROCESSIONAL

*All hail the power of Jesus' Name*

Hymnal, 450 (v. 1, 3-4)

All hail the power of Je - sus' Name! Let an - gels pros-trate  
Hail him, the Heir of Da - vid's line, whom Da - vid Lord did  
Ye heirs of Is - rael's cho - sen race, ye ran - somed of the

fall; bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem, and  
call, the God in - car - nate, Man di - vine, and  
fall, hail him who saves you by his grace, and

crown him Lord of all! bring forth the roy - al  
crown him Lord of all! the God in - car - nate,  
crown him Lord of all! hail him who saves you

di - a - dem, and crown him Lord of all!  
Man di - vine, and crown him Lord of all!  
by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!

### ACCLAMATION

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

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

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  
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy  
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -  
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,  
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most  
High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the  
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

## PRAYER FOR OUR NEXT RECTOR

Gracious God, you have blessed St. Andrew's with a rich history and a hopeful future. As we seek a new rector, guide our hearts with your wisdom, our minds with your clarity, and our spirits with your peace. Help us to listen deeply, discern faithfully, and trust in your timing. May your Holy Spirit lead the one who is called to serve among us, and prepare us to welcome them with open hearts. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

## THE OLD TESTAMENT

**ISAIAH 42:1-9**

Lector A reading from the book of Isaiah.

Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching. Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. I am the Lord, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

## THE PSALM

**PSALM 29**

Lector The reading appointed for today is a portion of Psalm 29. Let us read responsively by half verse.

1 Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, \*  
**ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.**

2 Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his Name; \*  
**worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.**

3 The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; \*  
**the Lord is upon the mighty waters.**

4 The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; \*  
**the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.**

5 The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; \*  
**the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;**

6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, \*  
**and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**

7 The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire; the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; \*  
**the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

8 The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe \*  
**and strips the forests bare.**

9 And in the temple of the Lord \*  
**all are crying, "Glory!"**

10 The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; \*  
**the Lord sits enthroned as King for evermore.**

11 The Lord shall give strength to his people; \*  
**the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.**

## THE NEW TESTAMENT

## Acts 10:34-43

Lector      A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ--he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Lector      The Word of the Lord.  
People      **Thanks be to God.**

Christ, when for us you were bap - tized,  
God called you his be - lov - ed Son,  
Straight-way and stead-fast un - til death  
Bap - tize us with your Spi - rit, Lord,

God's Spi - rit on you came,  
called you his ser - vant true,  
you then o - obeyed his call  
your cross on us be signed,

as peace-ful as a dove and yet  
sent you his king-dom to pro - claim,  
free - ly as Son of Man to serve  
that, like - wise in God's ser - vice we

as ur - gent as a flame.  
his ho - ly will to do.  
and give your life for all.  
may per - fect free - dom find.

## THE GOSPEL

## MATTHEW 3:13-17

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

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

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## THE SERMON

The Reverend Geoffrey Piper

## THE NICENE CREED

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

Celebrant Ascribe to the Lord the glory due God's name; worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.  
Let us pray to the Lord saying, "In the house of the Lord all are crying, 'Glory.'"

*Please find your position of prayer, whether that is standing, kneeling, or sitting.*

Lector Lord, give your Church the blessing of peace. Give us the power to testify about your Son, Jesus. Give us your Spirit that we may live fully into your righteous calling.

**People In the house of the Lord all are crying, Glory.**

Lector Lord, give this nation the blessing of peace. Make our hearts understand that you show no partiality, but know that in every nation you accept anyone who does what is right.

**People In the house of the Lord all are crying, Glory.**

Lector Lord, give your creation the blessing of peace. You make yourself known to us in your works. You created the heavens and stretched them out; you spread out the earth and what comes from it. You are upon the mighty waters. May we witness your presence all around us.

**People In the house of the Lord all are crying, Glory.**

Lector Lord, give this region the blessing of peace. May we not grow faint until your justice has been established in our hearts and lives.

**People In the house of the Lord all are crying, Glory.**

Lector Lord, give to our friends and family the blessing of peace. Bring your light to those who sit in darkness. In their places of hurt, pain, and death, declare new things and spring forth new life. *(Please pause in silence to lift to God the names of those who need God's help.)*

**People In the house of the Lord all are crying, Glory.**

Lector Lord, give to those who have died the blessing of everlasting peace. May those who ate and drank of the body and blood of Christ in this life also know his resurrection life.  
People **In the house of the Lord all are crying, Glory.**

Celebrant God of peace and glory, gather these prayers into your mercy, and make us witnesses of your justice and love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### CONFSSION OF SIN AND ABSOLUTION

Celebrant We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.  
*(A moment of silence is observed so that we may make our personal confession before God).*

People And now together, let us offer our corporate confession saying,  
**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.

People **Amen.**

### THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

### THE OFFERTORY

*From All that Dwell Below the Skies*

Michael Burkhardt

### DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heavenly host:  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

# The Holy Communion

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

## Eucharistic Prayer B

Celebrant Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

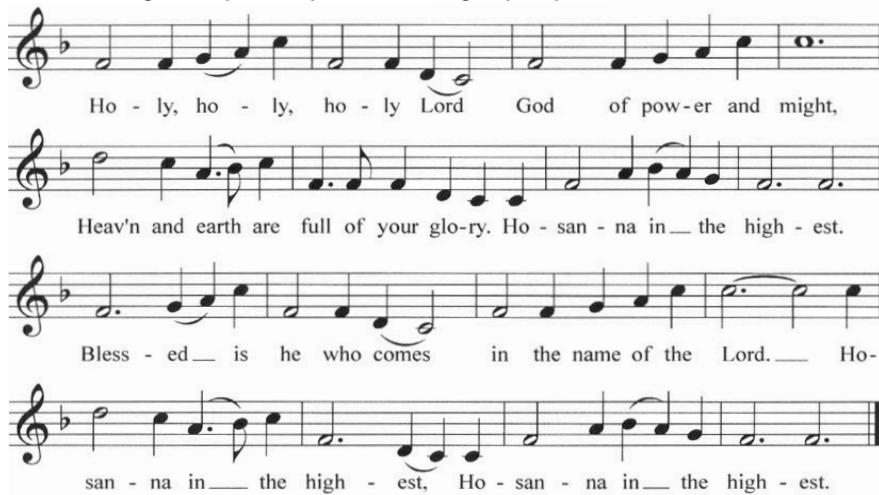
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to offer thanks and praise.**

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son 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**



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of power and might,  
Heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. 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.

Then the Celebrant Continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

## Celebrant and People

**We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory.**

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Joseph, the Blessed Virgin Mary, Andrew and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

People sing

A - men, A - men, A - men!

The musical notation consists of a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), a common time signature, and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is composed of eighth and sixteenth notes. The lyrics "A - men, A - men, A - men!" are written below the notes.

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

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

## BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*Silence as the Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread.*

## THE FRACTION ANTHEM



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is  
sac - ri - ficed for us; There-fore let us keep the feast.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Celebrant 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.

*All baptized persons regardless of denominational affiliation are invited to receive Holy Communion. If it is not in your conscience to receive, please consider coming forward for a simple blessing. Gluten-free wafers are available. Please let the priest know when you come forward to receive.*

## COMMUNION MUSIC

### Spirit Song

John Wimber

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Celebrant and People

**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

Celebrant

May God, who sent the Holy Spirit to rest upon the Only begotten at his baptism in the Jordan River, pour out that Spirit on you who have come to the waters of new birth. **Amen.**

## THE PROCESSIONAL

## Amazing Grace

Hymnal, 671

A - maz - ing grace! how sweet the sound, that  
 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and his  
 The Lord has promised good to me,  
 Through man - y dangers, to and his  
 When we've been there ten to sand, I bright  
 saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but  
 grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that  
 word my hope se - cures; he will shield and  
 have al - rea - dy come; 'tis grace that brought me  
 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to  
 now am found, was blind but now I see.  
 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!  
 por - tion be as long as en - dures.  
 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.  
 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

## THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia.

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

## THE POSTLUDE

## Fugue in C Major, Jig Fugue

Dietrich Buxtehude

# Prayer Lists

## Pastoral Prayer List

Marie Allen  
Dennis Berry  
Shawn Peterson Cain  
Vera Chelnokov  
Emily Clegg  
Bob Corl  
Declan Cox  
Hadley Cox  
Jane Dalrymple  
Dana  
John Farrar  
Gene Findlay  
Bob Fletcher

Jeffrey Fletcher  
Tom & Bette Floyd  
Kathy Gregg  
Eric H.  
Grace Haly  
Donna Hecker  
Terrilynn Hulmutch  
Hal Johnson  
Kay Kemper  
Melissa Kinney  
Jenna Larson  
Sarah McDonald

Mary Mulvania  
Larry Pardee  
Bobby Parker  
Jane Perrin  
John Pollard  
Maurice Price  
Gary Robinson  
Pat Ryan  
Amy Staples  
Strazzulla Family  
Peter Strong  
Stephanie Vick  
Donna Welsh

## Military Prayer List

Blaise Bess  
Ben Constantinides  
John Life Ikenberry  
Colin Jackson

Karl Jackson  
Thais Jackson  
Anthony Kopp  
Alex Lovo

Michael Manetti  
Nikolas Milona  
Jonathan Prince  
Renier van Breen

## **Sunday Volunteers Needed**

We are looking for warm, friendly faces to help make our Sunday services special! Volunteers are needed as ushers, lectors, chalice bearers, and coffee hour hosts. If you feel called to serve, please sign up in the narthex or email us at [mail@standrewsbocagrande.org](mailto:mail@standrewsbocagrande.org). Your time and talent make a difference!

## **Bible Studies on Zoom Links found on our website**

- Men's Bible Study: Tuesdays at 8:30 am
- Women's Bible Study: Fridays at 10:00 am

## **Altar Guild**

St. Andrew's Altar Guild seeks a few good men and women. Minor effort; huge spiritual reward. For more information, contact Ellen Manetti ([ellen.manetti@gmail.com](mailto:ellen.manetti@gmail.com)) or speak with any of the other members: Laurie & Rick Granger, Sue Spurgeon, Joan Farrar, and Ann Petersen.

**Music @ St. Andrew's will return soon—stay tuned for updates!**

### **\* NEW \* Grief Group**

**Beginning January 20**

If you are grieving the loss of someone you love, you are not alone. This group is a supportive and confidential gathering for those who have experienced the death of a loved one. Led by caring facilitators, the group offers a safe and welcoming space where participants can listen, reflect, and share alongside others who understand how difficult grief can be. You are invited to come as you are—there is no pressure to speak, only an opportunity to be supported as you move through grief. All are welcome.

**The group will meet Tuesdays, January 20 through March 24, from 4:00-5:30 PM, in the Fellowship Hall of the Methodist Lighthouse Church. All are welcome.** To register or ask for additional information, please email [djohnson@balighthouseumc.com](mailto:djohnson@balighthouseumc.com). You may also call her office 941-964-2479. All communication will be confidential. [This session of the Grief Group is being hosted by the Methodist Lighthouse Church in collaboration with St. Andrew's Episcopal Church.]

### **"Get to Know" Dinners**

**January 27**

Join us for an evening of fellowship as we gather in homes for our newly renamed "Get to Know Dinners" (formerly Dinners for 8). This year's theme is *Sharing Your Gratitude*. Hosts and guests are invited to sign up in the Narthex—hosts, please note how many your table can seat; guests, please indicate if you are gluten-free. Host home assignments will be sent out by January 22. Please sign up by Jan. 21.

### **Faith and ... Dr. Shelli Feder**

**February 12 @ 4:30pm**

Dr. Shelli Feder is an Associate Professor at the Yale School of Nursing and Director of the Palliative Care and End-of-Life Innovation Lab at Yale. She will explore the future of palliative and hospice care in the U.S., focusing on compassionate care, quality of life, and what it means to experience a "good death."

### **Luke Russert**

**March 12 @ 4:30pm**

Journalists and New York Times bestselling author Luke Russert will join us to reflect on his extraordinary global journey following the loss of his father. Drawing from his memoir *Look for Me There*, Russert shares insights on grief, faith, resilience, and hope, offering an inspiring vision for moving forward.

## At St. Andrew's We Aspire ...

- † to be a welcoming, inviting and caring parish
- † to provide meaningful worship services
- † to provide pastoral care and guidance in times of need and celebration
- † to respond to human needs locally, nationally, and globally
- † to grow as Christians through education and discipleship
- † to be active in the community and ecumenical relationships
- † to be generous stewards of our time, talent, and treasure

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## ST. ANDREWS' VESTRY MEMBERS

### Class of 2026

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Michael Courts \*\*  
Kimberly Whipple \*

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Renee Farnham  
Rick Granger  
Jay Spurgeon

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Roger Lewis  
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