

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

Boca Grande † Florida

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

Summer Schedule Begins Next Sunday, May 3 - 9:30 a.m. ONE SERVICE

Sunday Worship

Jan-April 8:00A.M. & 9:30A.M.

May - Dec. 9:30A.M.

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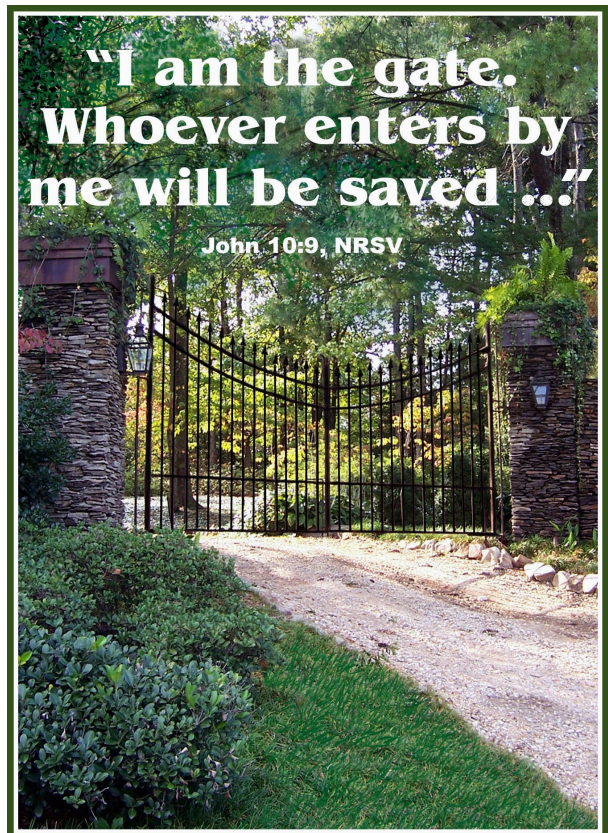
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The Fourth Sunday of Easter

Year A ~ April 26, 2026



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Welcome

Thank you for worshipping with us today. We hope you find a meaningful connection between your desire to be here and your experience of worship. We are a community drawn together by faith in God's love made known in Jesus Christ—a love expressed through forgiveness, grace, and acceptance. You belong here.

We grow in connection by knowing and accepting one another as we are, and by serving others both here in Boca Grande and throughout the wider community. Visitor cards are located in the pews and help us get to know you better; please place them in the offering plate at the back of the church or hand them to an usher.

Restrooms and additional seating with live-stream are available next door in the Chapter House. If you need to step out with a little one, the Chapter House offers space to move freely while still allowing you to hear the service.



Serving in Worship Today

Serving Today @ 8:00am

Usher: Walter Beatty
Lector: Mike Kennedy
Chalice Bearer:

Serving Today @ 9:30am

Ushers: George Brengle
Lectors: Tim Thompson and Molly Gallagher Kies
Chalice Bearers: Bruce Birgbauer and Alice Pollard

Serving Next Week

Serving Next Sunday (May 3) @ 9:30am

Ushers: Jay and Susan Spurgeon
Lector: Ann Fletcher
Chalice Bearer: Kim Lovo

The Holy Eucharist: Rite II

The Word of God

THE PRELUDE

Andante

Savior, Like a Shepherd, Lead Us

Johann Ludwig Krebs
Emma Lou Diemer, *arr.*

THE PROCESSIONAL

All creatures of our God and King

Hymnal, 400 (v. 1-3)



1 All crea-tures of our God and King, lift up your voic - es, let us
* 2 Great rush - ing winds and breez - es soft, you clouds that ride the heavens a -
* 3 Swift flow - ing wa - ter, pure and clear, make mu - sic for your Lord to



1 sing: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Bright burn - ing
2 loft, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Fair ris - ing
3 hear, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Fire, so in -



1 sun with gold - en beams, pale sil - ver moon that gen - tly gleams,
2 morn, with praise re - joice, stars night - ly shin - ing, find a voice,
3 tense and fierce - ly bright, you give to us both warmth and light,

Refrain



O praise him, O praise him, Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

THE ACCLAMATION

Celebrant

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid; Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy Holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE GLORIA

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - migh - ty 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.

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON

ACTS 2:42-47

Lector A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Those who had been baptized devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 23

Lector The Psalm appointed for today is Psalm 23. Let us read responsively by half verse.

- 1 The Lord is my shepherd; *
I shall not be in want.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures *
and leads me beside still waters.
- 3 He revives my soul *
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.
- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; *
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
- 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; *
you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.
- 6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.





1 Shep - herd of souls, re - fresh and bless thy cho - sen
 2 We would not live by bread a - lone, but by thy
 3 Be known to us in break - ing bread, and do not
 4 Lord, sup with us in love di - vine, thy Bo - dy



pil - grim flock with man - na in the
 word of grace, in strength of which we
 then de - part; Sa - vior, a - bide with
 and thy Blood, that liv - ing bread, that



wil - der - ness, with wa - ter from the rock.
 trav - el on to our a - bid - ing - place.
 us, and spread thy ta - ble in our heart.
 heaven - ly wine, be our im - mor - tal food.

THE GOSPEL

JOHN 10:1-10

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

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

Jesus said, "Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

The Rev. 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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Celebrant Brothers and Sisters, Jesus bore our sins on the cross so that we, free from sins, might live in
righteousness. Let us pray to our Lord, saying, "*Revive our souls, and guide us along right pathways.*"

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

Lector Guardian of our souls, call your church to greater righteousness. Help us to live by your example
and follow in your steps.

People **Revive our souls, and guide us along right pathways.**

Lector Guardian of our souls, spread out your table in the presence of those who are troubled. Feed
their souls and bodies with your good and generous gifts.

People **Revive our souls, and guide us along right pathways.**

Lector Guardian of our souls, you have blessed us with a beautiful planet full of places where we can
find rest and peace. May we care for it, as you care deeply for all you have made.

People **Revive our souls, and guide us along right pathways.**

Lector Guardian of our souls, you desire the goodwill of all the people. Give us generous hearts and
open hands.

People **Revive our souls, and guide us along right pathways.**

Lector Guardian of our souls, it is your presence that comforts us. Make your presence known to the sick and the sorrowful, to the fearful and the weak. *(Please pause in silence to lift to God the names of those who need Gods help.)*

People **Revive our souls, and guide us along right pathways.**

Lector Guardian of our souls, you came that we may have life, and have it abundantly. Bring the dying and the dead into your eternal home.

People **Stay with us, Lord Jesus; and set our hearts on fire.**

Celebrant Gracious God, guardian of our souls, hear the prayers we offer before you. Revive us, guide us in your ways, and fill us with your love. Strengthen those in need, comfort the suffering, and lead us all into your eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN AND ABSOLUTION

Celebrant We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

(A moment of silence in observed so that we may make our personal confession before God).

People **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

Song of Hope

Argentina

*May the God of hope go with us everyday,
filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.*

*May the God of justice speed us on our way,
bringing light and hope to every land and race.*

*Praying, let us work for peace; singing, share our joy with all;
working for a world that's new, faithful when we hear Christ's call.*

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures here be-

low; Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise

him a - bove, ye heaven - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son and Ho - ly

Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -

- lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

The Holy Communion

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharist Prayer A

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 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. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

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 pow - er and might,



heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -



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



Blessed 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

Holy and gracious Father: 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:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, 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 Father, now and for ever.

People sing



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

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

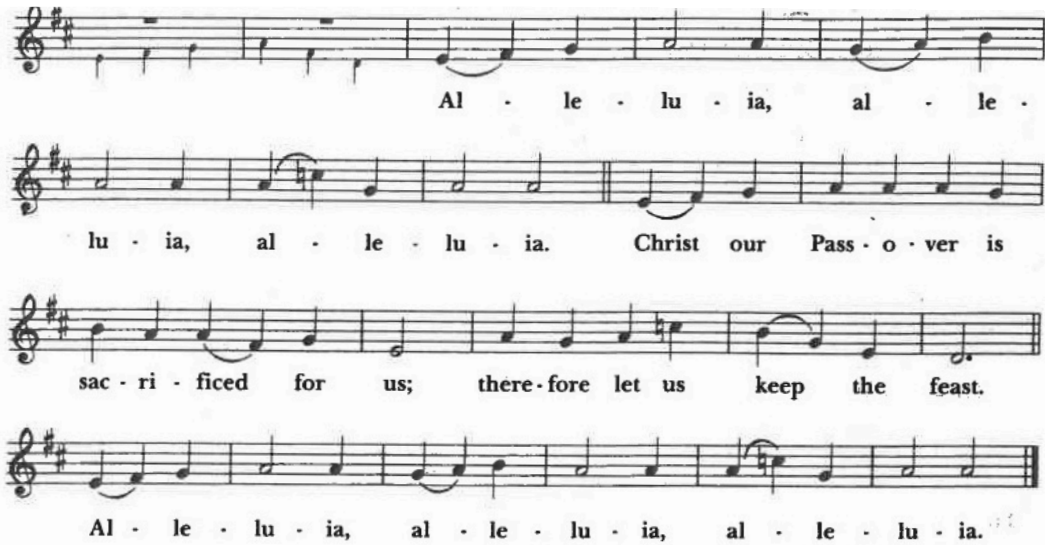
THE LORD'S PRAYER

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,
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

Lord, Jesus Christ, Be Present Now

Johann Christoph Bach, arr.

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 the peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

THE PROCESSIONAL

Before the Lord's eternal throne

Hymnal, 391 (v. 1, 4-5)

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of six systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The key signature is one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are printed below the vocal lines.

1 Be - fore the Lord's e - ter - nal throne, ye
4 We'll crowd thy gates with thank - ful songs, high
5 Wide as the world is thy com - mand, vast

1 na - tions, bow with sa - cred joy; know that the Lord is
4 as the heaven our voic - es raise; and earth, with her ten
5 as e - ter - ni - ty thy love; firm as a rock thy

1 God a - lone; he can cre - ate, and he des - troy.
4 thou - sand tongues, shall fill thy courts with sound - ing praise.
5 truth must stand, when roll - ing years shall cease to move.

THE DISMISSAL

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

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

THE POSTLUDE

Finale

Eugene Gigout

PRAYER LISTS

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

If you have a prayer request, we invite you to share it with us. You may contact the church office or the rector, or complete a prayer request card in the narthex and place it in the offering plate or the offering box also located in the narthex.

Pastoral Prayer List

Marie Allen	Gene Findlay	Sarah McDonald
Mary Bainbridge	Bob Fletcher	Mary Mulvania
Dennis Berry	Jeffrey Fletcher	Larry Pardee
Bob Burke	Tom & Bette Floyd	Bobby Parker
Shawn Peterson Cain	Kathy Gregg	John Pollard
Elena Cameron	Grace Haly	George Everett Powell IV
Vera Chelnokov	David Hatzung	Maurice Price
Emily Clegg	Donna Hecker	Pat Ryan
Bob Corl	Logan Hoffman	Pete Schock
Declan Cox	Mary Anne Hooker	Amy Staples
Hadley Cox	Terrilynn Hulmutch	Strazzulla Family
Jane Dalrymple	Melissa Kinney	Peter Strong
Dana	Audrey Knapp	Ed Vick
John Farrar	Jenna Larson	Donna Welsh

Military Prayer List

Blaise Bess	Karl Jackson	Michael Manetti
Ben Constantinides	Thais Jackson	Nikolas Milona
John Life Ikenberry	Anthony Kopp	Jonathan Prince
Colin Jackson	Alexander Lovo	Renier van Breen

PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, April 26

8:00am Holy Eucharist, Rite II
9:30am Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Monday, April 27

8:30am Men's A.A.

Tuesday, April 28

8:30am Men's Bible Study
7:00pm A.A.- All Welcome

Thursday, April 30

9:30am Women's A.A. & Al-Anon

Friday, May 1

10:00am Women's Bible Study

Sunday, May 3 - ONE SERVICE TIME

9:30am Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Monday, May 4

8:30am Men's A.A.

Tuesday, May 5

8:30am Men's Bible Study
7:00pm A.A.- All Welcome

Thursday, May 7

9:30am Women's A.A. & Al-Anon

Friday, May 8

10:00am Women's Bible Study

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Summer Worship Schedule Change

Beginning Next Sunday, **May 3**, we will move to our summer worship schedule of **one service at 9:30 a.m.**

RED BAG MINISTRY

The last red bag ministry of this season will be designated to Helping Hand Food Bank. As we parishioners of St. Andrew's prepare to head to our Northern locations, we would ask you to consider donating non perishable food items from your food pantry to Helping Hands' pantry. We will be passing out red bags at the 8 and 9:30 services this Sunday. *If you do not have a red bag, you may place your items in any sturdy bag to be delivered to the church by Sunday, May 17. Please note to check the expiration dates on any items that you are donating. Helping Hand is short on the following items:*

Pasta, tomato products, spaghetti sauce, canned meats, condiments ramen noodles.

The Outreach Committee could also use help packing the bags and loading them into cars. Deliveries can made on Tuesdays and we hope to **pack and deliver bags on Tuesday May 19**. Please email or call Joan Farrar to volunteer or to receive more information. (joanfarrar@comcast.net -cell-707-812-4768) We are so grateful for the great generosity.

Looking ahead to next season ...

... we are in need of chalice bearers and ushers. Training will be provided, and we encourage you to take part in this important ministry. We always welcome lectors to read scripture and lead the prayers—this role requires minimal training and is a meaningful way to participate in worship too. Please sign up in the narthex if you are interested in training.

Help us create a new and improved church directory!

Over the summer, please send us your updated information—including a photo, address, email(s), and phone number(s). We look forward to sharing the new directory with everyone this fall. Thank you for helping us stay connected! Send your information to: mail@standrewsbocagrande.org

Summer Camp Announcement

As our diocesan summer camp season approaches, we invite you to support this important ministry. Our Outreach Ministry already contributes to camp scholarships, helping make this experience possible for children and youth across the diocese. If you feel called to give beyond this support, please contact Caitlin Martin for more information. (caitlin@dayspringfla.org, (941) 776-1018 ext. 203). Thank you for your continued support of this important ministry and for helping to make camp accessible to all who feel called to attend!

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 2027

Mary Campbell
Michale Courts **
Renee Farnham
Jay Spurgeon

Class of 2028

Bill Durkin
Roger Lewis
Melissa Loughlin
Ann Peterson

Class of 2029

Tanny Clark
Kirsten Hosman
Alice Pollard
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