



St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

Boca Grande ☩ Florida

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

Sunday Worship

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

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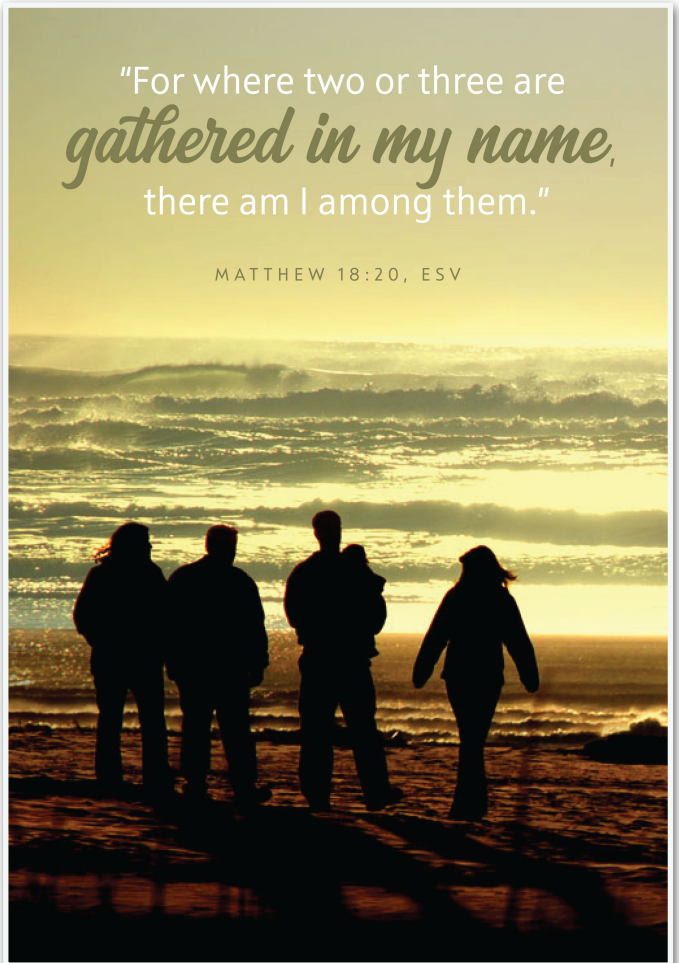
The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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September 6, 2026

"For where two or three are
gathered in my name,
there am I among them."

MATTHEW 18:20, ESV



Good Morning ...

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 are located next door in the Chapter House.

Altar Flowers

The flowers placed on the altar today are dedicated to the Glory of God
by Nigel Spencer-Barnes in loving memory of his wife, Judy Spencer-Barnes.

Serving Today

Usher
Lector
Chalice Bearer

Nigel Spencer-Barnes
Jay Spurgeon
Ellen Manetti

Serving Next Sunday

Usher
Lector
Chalice Bearer

The Holy Eucharist: Rite II

The Word of God

THE PRELUDE

Four American Hymns: Chorale, Dance and Meditation

Glen Olsen

THE PROCESSIONAL

All creatures of our God and King

Hymnal, 400 (v. 1-2, 5)



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 -
5 All you with mer-cy in your heart, for-giv-ing o-thers, take your



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
5 part, O— sing now: Al-le-lu-ia! All you that



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,
5 pain and sor-row bear, praise God, and cast on him your care:



Refrain

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



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

THE ACCLAMATION

Celebrant

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

People

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

SONG OF PRAISE

Surely the Presence of the Lord

Lanny Wolf

The musical score is written on five staves in treble clef, with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a time signature of 3/4. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: 'Sure - ly the pres - ence of the Lord is in this place; I can feel his might - y pow - er and his grace. _ I can hear the brush of an - gel's wings, I see glo - ry on each face; sure - ly the pres - ence of the Lord is in this place.'

Sure - ly the pres - ence of the Lord is in this

place; I can feel his might - y pow - er and his grace. _

— I can hear the brush of an - gel's wings, I see

glo - ry on each face; sure - ly the

pres - ence of the Lord is in this place.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON

ROMANS 13:8-14

Lector A reading from the book of Romans.

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 119:33-40

Lector The Psalm appointed for today is a portion of Psalm 119.
Let us read responsively by half verse.

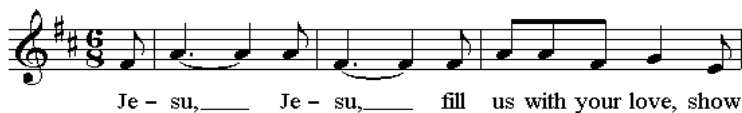
- 33 Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes, *
 and I shall keep it to the end.
- 34 Give me understanding, and I shall keep your law; *
 I shall keep it with all my heart.
- 35 Make me go in the path of your commandments, *
 for that is my desire.
- 36 Incline my heart to your decrees *
 and not to unjust gain.
- 37 Turn my eyes from watching what is worthless; *
 give me life in your ways.
- 38 Fulfill your promise to your servant, *
 which you make to those who fear you.
- 39 Turn away the reproach which I dread, *
 because your judgments are good.
- 40 Behold, I long for your commandments; *
 in your righteousness preserve my life.



THE SEQUENCE HYMN

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love

Ghana folk melody



THE GOSPEL

MATTHEW 18:15-20

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

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

Jesus said, "If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

Rev. John Warfel

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 Our Lord Jesus has promised that, when we gather in his name, he is here among us. Let us pray saying, "We are gathered in your name; accept our prayers."

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

Lector O Lord, you take pleasure in your people: May your Church be a community of honesty and humility. Help us to love each other—especially when love is a challenge. We are gathered in your name;

People **Accept our prayers.**

Lector O Lord, you adorn the poor with victory: be with the hungry and the oppressed. Comfort the grieving. Give peace to all whose lives have been upset by natural disaster and war. We are gathered in your name;

People **Accept our prayers.**

Lector O Lord, you have caused grapes to grow not eh vine and wheat to grow in the fields so that we might celebrate this festival today. Bless the land to grow enough that all people may celebrate its bounty. *(Please pause in brief silence to add personal thanksgivings.)* We are gathered in your name;

People **Accept our prayers.**

Lector O Lord, your Law is summarized, "Love your neighbor as yourself." Help us to love our neighbors so that we might do no wrong by anyone. We are gathered in your name;

People **Accept our prayers.**

Lector O Lord, may all those who now lament see the day when they shall sing to you a new song—a song of joy and praise. May those who weep, dance for joy. May the anxious rest on their beds of peace. And may all know that it was you, the Lord, who did this. *(Please pause in silence to lift to God the names of those who need God's help.)* We are gathered in your name;

People **Accept our prayers.**

Lector O Lord, care for the dead as they await the great day of resurrection. May all who have died rest in your peace. We are gathered in your name;

People **Accept our prayers.**

Celebrant Gracious God, you have gathered us together in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ. Hear the prayers we have offered, both spoken and held in the silence of our hearts. Teach us to love our neighbors, to care for those who are in need, to give thanks for the blessings of your creation, and to trust in your peace. Strengthen your Church to be a place of welcome, compassion, and hope. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN AND ABSOLUTION

Celebrant And now let us pray for the forgiveness of our sins.

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

People **Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown,
things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.**

THE OFFERTORY

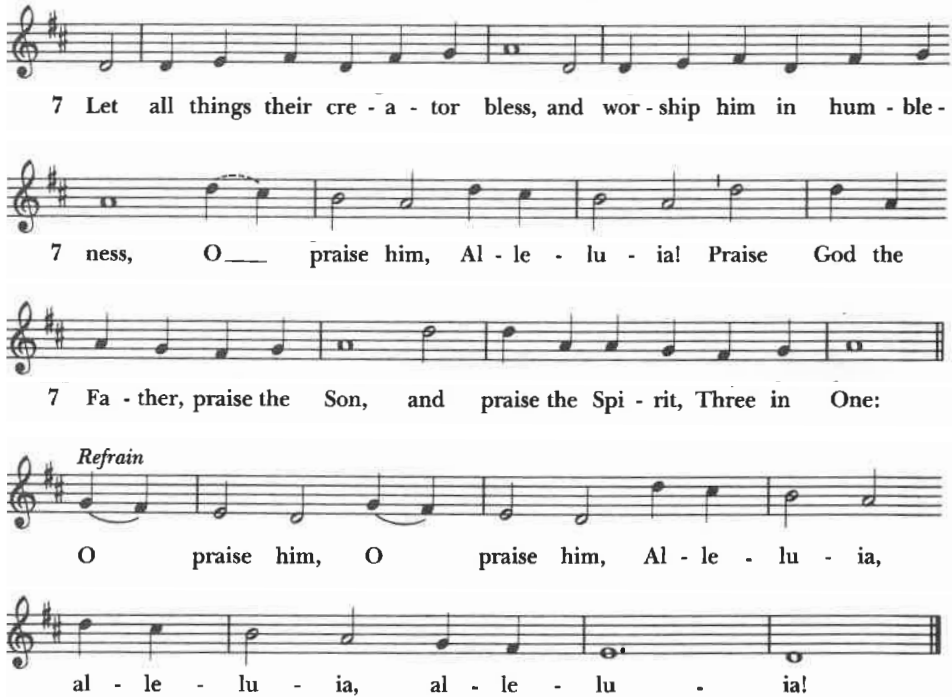
Four American Hymns: Meditation on Three Crosses

Glen Olsen

THE DOXOLOGY

Let all things their Creator bless

Hymnal, 400 (v. 7)



7 Let all things their cre - a - tor bless, and wor - ship him in hum - ble -

7 ness, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Praise God the

7 Fa - ther, praise the Son, and praise the Spi - rit, Three in One:

Refrain

O praise him, O praise him, 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. 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



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. **Amen.**

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



*(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.)*

COMMUNION

Four American Hymns: Reflections

Glen Olsen

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 upon you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

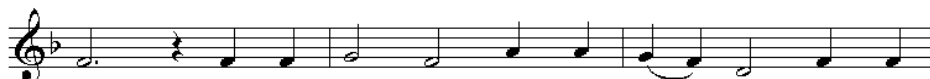
THE PROCESSIONAL

Lord, whose love through humble service

BEACH SPRING



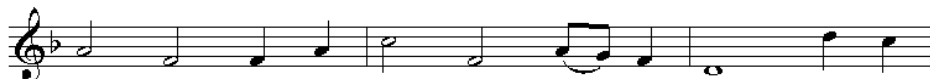
1. Lord, whose love through hum-ble ser - vice bore the weight of hu-man
 2. Still your chil - dren wan-der home-less, still the hun - gry cry for
 3. As we wor-ship, grant us vi - sion, till your love's re - veal-ing
 4. Called by wor-ship to your ser - vice, forth in your dear name we



need, who up - on the cross, for - sak - en, worked your
 bread; still the cap - tives long for free - dom, still in
 light in its height and depth and great - ness dawns up -
 go, to the child, the youth, the a - ged, love in



mer - cy's per - fect deed: we, your ser - vants, bring the
 grief we mourn our dead. As, O Lord, your deep com -
 -on our quick - ened sight, mak - ing known the needs and
 liv - ing deeds to show; hope and health, good will and



wor - ship not of voice a - lone, but heart, con - se -
 pas - sion healed the sick and freed_ the soul, use the
 bur - dens your com - pas - sion bids_ us bear, stir - ring
 com - fort, coun - sel, aid and peace_ we give, that your



crat - ing to your pur - pose ev - 'ry
 love your Spir - it kin - dles still to
 us to tire - less striv - ing your a -
 ser - vants, Lord, in free - dom may your



gift which you im - part.
 save and make us whole.
 bun - dant life to share.
 mer - cy know and live.

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

THE POSTLUDE

Four American Hymns: Rejoicings

Glen Olsen



Your Prayers are Requested for ...

Pastoral Prayer List

Bobbie Allardyce
Mary Bainbridge
Dennis Berry
Shawn Peterson Cain
Elena Cameron
Vera Chelnokov
Emily Clegg
Bob Corl
Declan Cox
Hadley Cox
John Farrar
Bob Fletcher
Jeffrey Fletcher

Tom & Bette Floyd
Edie Gardner
Dawson Gladding
Kathy Gregg
Grace Haly
David Hatzung
Donna Hecker
Logan Hoffman
Mary Anne Hooker
Terrilynn Hulmutch
Audrey Knapp
Jenna Larson

Hillary Lupo
Sarah McDonald
Mary Mulvania
Mary Jean Meyer
Bobby Parker
George Everett Powell IV
Jean Rowe
Pat Ryan
Pete Schock
Strazzulla Family
Peter Strong
Ed Vick
Donna Welsh

Military Prayer List

Blaise Bess
Ben Constantinides
John Life Ikenberry
Colin Jackson
Karl Jackson
Thais Jackson

Anthony Kopp
Alexander Lovo
Michael Manetti
Nikolas Milona
Jonathan Prince
Renier van Breen

Save the Date

Welcome Back Taco Dinner Night
November 5 at 5:30 pm

Women's Breakfast at the Gasparilla Inn
January 19 from 8:30am - 10:30am

"Get to Know" Dinners
February 2 at 6:00 p.m.

Potluck Dinner
April 19 at 5:30 p.m.

Happy Labor Day Weekend!

The office will be **closed Monday**, September 7 in observation of Labor Day. We will resume normal business hours on Tuesday, September 8. Reminder that our church office is staffed Monday through Thursday from 9:00am to 12:30pm. Enjoy your Labor Day!

Need a little time to pause and reset in the middle of the week?

Join us **Wednesdays at 9:00 a.m.** in the church for informal Morning Prayer, led by Alice Pollard. It's a simple, welcoming time for prayer, reflection, and being together.

And afterward, stay for coffee and fellowship in the Chapter House.

No special preparation needed—just come as you are. We'd love to have you with us!

Help Welcome Our Guests

Our Welcome Table is becoming a new part of the St. Andrew's experience, offering visitors and newcomers a friendly face, a Welcome Brochure, and a chance to learn more about our parish before worship.

Now we're looking for a few more people to help make this ministry work. You don't need to know everything about St. Andrew's—just be friendly, approachable, and willing to spend a little time welcoming those who are new to our church.

Interested in helping?

Please see **Alice Pollard** or email her at alicebpollard@yahoo.com.

A simple hello can make a big difference. Thank you for helping us make St. Andrew's a welcoming place for everyone who walks through our doors!



A Look at the Weeks Ahead ...

Sunday, September 6

Holy Eucharist, Rite II 9:30 a.m.

Monday, September 7

Labor Day - Office Closed

Men's A.A. 8:30 a.m.

Tuesday, September 8

Men's Bible Study 8:30 a.m.
A.A. 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, September 9

Morning Prayer 9:00 a.m.

Friday, September 11

Women's Bible Study 10:00 a.m.

Sunday, September 13

Holy Eucharist, Rite II 9:30 a.m.

Monday, September 14

Men's A.A. 8:30 a.m.

Tuesday, September 15

Men's Bible Study 8:30 a.m.
A.A. 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, September 16

Morning Prayer 9:00 a.m.

Friday, September 18

Women's Bible Study 10:00 a.m.

Bible Studies

Whether you join us every week or just when your schedule allows, you're always welcome. Come for one session or all of them—we'd love to have you!

Men's Bible Study & Fellowship

Tuesdays @ 8:30_{A.M.} - Zoom

Women's Bible Study & Fellowship

Fridays @ 10:00_{A.M.} - Zoom

For Zoom links visit our website:
www.standrewsbocagrande.org

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*

“Bringing God and people together in love through Jesus Christ”

ST. ANDREWS' VESTRY MEMBERS

Class of 2027

Mary Campbell
Rick Granger
Renee Farnham
Jay Spurgeon

Class of 2028

Bill Durkin
Roger Lewis
Melissa Loughlin
Michael Courts **

Class of 2029

Tanny Clark
Kirsten Hosman
Alice Pollard
Kimberly Whipple *

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