

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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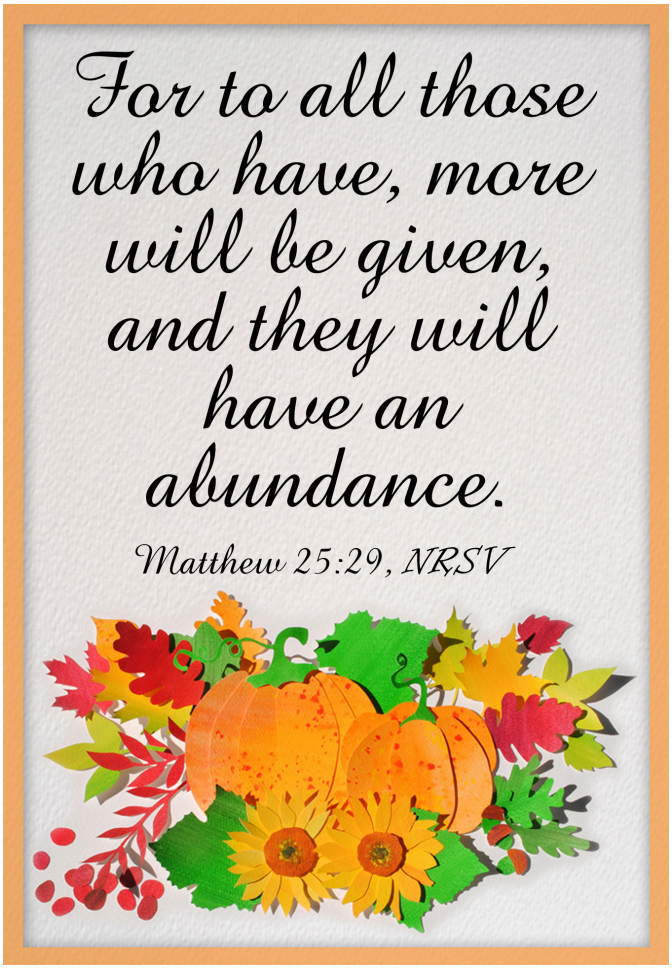
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The Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost



Proper 28, Year A
November 15, 2026

Good Morning ... Welcome!

We're glad you're worshipping with us today! St. Andrew's is a community rooted in God's love, where all are welcomed, accepted, and encouraged to grow in faith and fellowship. Whether you are visiting or returning, you belong here!

We invite visitors to complete a card found in the pews and place it in the offering plate at the back of the church or give it to an usher. We'd love to get to know you!
Restrooms are located next door in the Chapter House.

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Serving Today

Ushers	Jay and Kimberly Whipple
Lector	Joy McBride
Chalice Bearer	Renée Farnham

Serving Next Sunday

Sunday, November 22

Ushers	
Lector	Ann Fletcher
Chalice Bearer	Joy McBride

Altar Flowers

The flowers placed on the altar today are given to the Glory of God
by Tim Thompson and Marion Thompson Murfey
in loving memory of their parents, Jane and Gordon Thompson.

The Holy Eucharist: Rite II

The Word of God

THE PRELUDE *I Love You, O Lord, My Strength,* Psalm 18.1 Robert J. Powell

Prelude on RHOSYMEDRE Ralph Vaughan Williams

THE PROCESSIONAL *Stand up, stand up for Jesus* Hymnal, 561



THE ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Blessed be God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be his Kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

SONG OF PRAISE *Rejoice, ye pure in heart!* Hymnal, 556 (v. 6-7)



THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON — 1 THESSALONIANS 5:1-11

Lector A reading from Paul's first letter to the Thessalonians.

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

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

PSALM 90:1-8

Lector The appointed reading is a portion Psalm 90.
Let us read responsively by half verse.

1 Lord, you have been our refuge *
from one generation to another.

2 Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the earth were born, *
from age to age you are God.

3 You turn us back to the dust and say, *
"Go back, O child of earth."

4 For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past *
and like a watch in the night.

5 You sweep us away like a dream; *
we fade away suddenly like the grass.

6 In the morning it is green and flourishes; *
in the evening it is dried up and withered.

7 For we consume away in your displeasure; *
we are afraid because of your wrathful indignation.

8 Our iniquities you have set before you, *
and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.

THE SEQUENCE HYMN *For the beauty of the earth* DIX



THE GOSPEL — MATTHEW 25:14-30

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

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

Jesus said, "It is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON — 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.

Prayers of the People

Celebrant Let us offer our prayers for the Church and the world.

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

Lector Dear Lord, in a world full of hate let us remember that your greatest commandment is to love. Make these words more than words for your faithful.

People **Christ, have mercy.**

Lector We give thanks that in Jesus your Spirit took on human flesh. Help us remember that your kingdom is on earth as well as in heaven. Give us strength to serve our neighbors in the light and power of your heavenly Spirit.

People **Christ, have mercy.**

Lector Turn us from ourselves toward those whose needs are so much greater. Teach us compassion.

People **Christ, have mercy.**

Lector Let us not be complacent facing the unacceptable hunger, poverty, loneliness and fear in our very midst.

People **Christ, have mercy.**

Lector Bless with your greatest blessings our nurses, doctors, teachers and clergy: all those whose special gifts are turned toward the suffering.

People **Christ, have mercy.**

Lector Shed your light, and bring hope on all who mourn. We give thanks for that your death and resurrection bring us to your heavenly kingdom.

People **Christ, have mercy.**

Lector Please offer any other prayers and intercessions at this time.

A Brief Silence

Celebrant Bless, O Lord, the words with which we try to say what we see, think, or feel. Fill us with gratitude for your presence in every moment and event of our lives, both the expected and the exceptional. We bless you for the lifespans—short or long—that we are given in this world; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. **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.**

Announcements

The Offertory *All Glory Be to God on High* Johann Christoph Bach, *arr.*

The Doxology Hymnal, 380 (v. 3)

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 — Eucharist Prayer A

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**

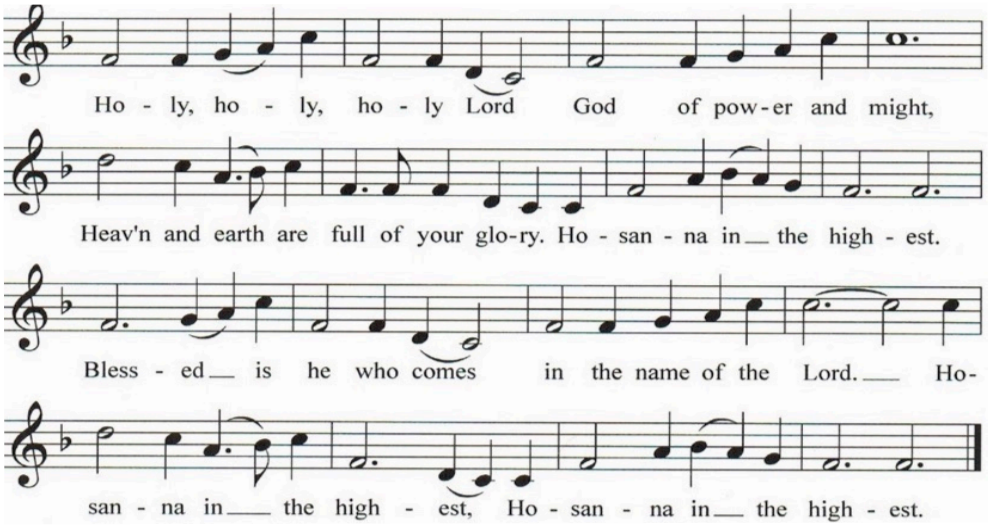
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**

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.

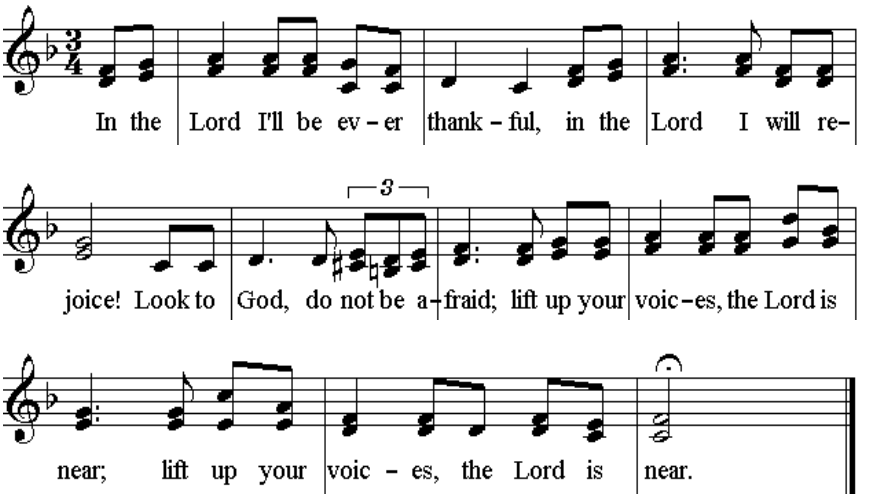
BREAKING OF THE BREAD *Silence as the Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread.*

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 *In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful* Taizé



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

Rise up, ye saints of God Hymnal, 551



The Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Postlude

Now Thank We All Our God Chester Alwes, *arr.*

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Parish Prayer Lists

Pastoral Prayer List

Bobbie Allardyce
Dennis Berry
Shawn Peterson Cain
Elena Cameron
Vera Chelnokov
Emily Clegg
Bob Corl
Hadley Cox
John Farrar
Bob Fletcher
Jeffrey Fletcher
Tom & Bette Floyd
Edie Gardner
Kathy Gregg
Grace Haly
David Hatzung
Donna Hecker
Logan Hoffman
Mary Anne Hooker
Ted Hoopes
Terrilynn Hulmutch
Taylor Josey
Jenna Larson
Hillary Lupo
Jamie McAndrews
Sarah McDonald
Mary Mulvania
Mary Jean Meyer
Larry Pardee
Bobby Parker
Pat Ryan
Nancy Sellers & Family
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

Around St. Andrew's

A Name Makes a Neighbor!

It's a whole new game
Once I learn your name;
For that little labor
Makes you my neighbor.

Help us put names to familiar faces! Sign up for your St. Andrew's name badge in the narthex and help make our parish an even more welcoming place.

Red Bag Ministry: Helping Our Neighbors This November

This month, we're collecting items for lunch bags to be distributed to individuals experiencing homelessness through The CARE Center in Port Charlotte. Pick up a Red Bag in the narthex, where you'll find a list of suggested items in the front pocket. Please return filled bags by Sunday, November 29. Volunteers Needed! Join us Monday, November 30, at 10:00 a.m. in the Chapter House to help sort donations and assemble lunch bags. All are welcome! Questions? Contact Joan Farrar at 707-812-4768.

A Peaceful Start to Your Wednesday

Join us for Morning Prayer, Wednesdays at 9:00 a.m. in the church, followed by coffee and conversation. All are welcome!

2027 Stewardship — Our Gifts. God's Work.

Our 2027 Stewardship Campaign is underway! As we look toward another year of worship, fellowship, and service, we invite you to prayerfully consider how your gifts of time, talent, and treasure help make ministry possible at St. Andrew's.

Stewardship packets have been mailed, and pledges may be returned by mail, delivered to the church office, or submitted online by scanning the QR code.

Thank you for faithfully serving together at St. Andrew's!

[Scan to Make Your 2027 Pledge]

A Small Commitment Makes a Big Difference!

Help make Sunday worship welcoming by serving as an usher or lector. Whether you can help regularly or occasionally, your participation matters! Sign up in the narthex.

We're Back Together in Person! Good Conversation, Good Company, and a Little Bible Study!

Our Men's and Women's Bible Studies are once again gathering in person! Come enjoy Scripture, meaningful conversation, and fellowship with friends. Prefer to join from home? Zoom is still available, too! ***Newcomers are always welcome.***

Men's Bible Study: Tuesdays at 8:30 a.m.
In Person: Chapter House | Also on Zoom

Women's Bible Study: Fridays at 10:00 a.m.
In Person: Garden Cottage (Rectory) | Also on Zoom

A Glance Ahead

Monday, November 16
Men's AA 8:00 a.m.

Tuesday, November 17
Men's Bible Study 8:30 a.m.
AA - open to all 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, November 18
Morning Prayer 9:00 a.m.
Choir Rehearsal 4:00 p.m.

Thursday, November 19
Finance Ministry Meeting 9:00 a.m.
Women's AA and Al Anon 9:00 a.m.

Friday, November 20
The Grande Chorus Rehearsal 9:30 a.m.
Women's Bible Study 10:00 a.m.

Saturday, November 21
Vestry Meeting 9:00 a.m.

The Season Is Just Beginning!

GATHERINGS, FRIENDSHIP & COMMUNITY

There's so much to look forward to at St. Andrew's!
Mark your calendars and join us for a wonderful season together.

DEC 10

Holiday Supper

5:30 p.m. • Chapter House

Enjoy a relaxed and festive evening with your St. Andrew's friends. More details to come. RSVP today! You may sign up in the Narthex or use the RSVP in the newsletter.

JAN 19

Women's Breakfast

8:30–10:30 a.m. • Gasparilla Inn

Join us for a morning of fellowship and inspiration. More information to come.

FEB 02

Get to Know Dinners

6:00 p.m. • Various Homes

Share a meal, make new friends, and deepen our sense of community.

MAR 04

Garden Party

5:30 p.m. • Memorial Garden

An evening in our beautiful garden with good company, refreshments, and island charm.

APR 19

Potluck Dinner

5:30 p.m. • Chapter House

Bring a favorite dish to share and enjoy an evening together. More details to come.

More events and opportunities will be shared as the season takes shape.

Also on the Horizon…

REFLECTION, RENEWAL & SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Alongside our gatherings, we look forward to meaningful opportunities to grow in faith and worship together.

JAN 09

Women's Retreat

Saturday, January 9

Led by the Rev. Dr. Julie Faith Parker, who will also preach at Sunday worship on January 10.

JAN 23

Men's Retreat

Saturday, January 23

Led by the Rev. Luke Back, who will also preach at Sunday worship on January 24.

WED DURING LENT

DURING LENT

Lenten Forum — "Before That Day Comes"

Wednesdays during Lent • 10:30 a.m.–noon

Additional details about the retreats will be shared as the dates approach.

Keep an eye on our weekly communications and calendar.

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	Class of 2028	Class of 2029
Mary Campbell	Bill Durkin*	Tanny Clark
Rick Granger	Roger Lewis	Kirsten Hosman
Renee Farnham	Melissa Loughlin	Alice Pollard **
Jay Spurgeon	Michael Courts	Kimberly Whipple

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