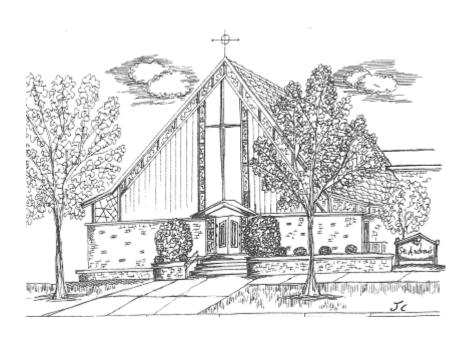
# St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

Building God's Kingdom through Worship, Outreach, and Fellowship

Our Vision: Devoted to sharing the transforming power of God's love in our lives, our communities, and our world.



# The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost Holy Eucharist, Rite II 10:30 AM September 21, 2025

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#### Welcome to St. Andrew's!

We are so glad that you have joined us for worship.

This bulletin is your guide to our service.

Hymns can be found in the blue hymnal in the rack in front of you.

BCP pages refer to the red *Book of Common Prayer*, also in the rack.

#### **Instructed Eucharist this morning**

Ever wondered why we do what we do during worship on Sundays? This morning you will participate in an Instructed Eucharist, a worship service at which we pause periodically throughout the liturgy to explain what the different parts of our worship mean. In lieu of a sermon, there will be brief explanations at several points in the service about the ways in which our words and actions, prayers and song are designed to help us draw closer to God.

# 10:30 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Prelude

How Can I Keep from Singing Chad Lenz, handbells

Preparation and Gathering: Reflections

Processional Hymn

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Hymnal 390

The Word of God

**Opening Acclamation** 

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

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

Amen.

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn of Praise

Hymnal S-278

Hymn numbers that begin with "S" can be found at the very front of the Hymnal.

# Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

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

The Word: Reflections

The First Reading

Amos 8:4-7

<sup>4</sup>Hear this, you that trample on the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land, <sup>5</sup>saying, "When will the new moon be over so that we may sell grain; and the sabbath, so that we may offer wheat for sale? We will make the ephah small and the shekel great, and practice deceit with false balances, <sup>6</sup>buying the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals, and selling the sweepings of the heat." <sup>7</sup>The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Psalm Psalm 113

<sup>1</sup> Hallelujah! Give praise, you servants of the Lord; \* praise the Name of the Lord.

- <sup>2</sup> Let the Name of the Lord be blessed, \* from this time forth for evermore.
- <sup>3</sup> From the rising of the sun to its going down \* let the Name of the Lord be praised.
- <sup>4</sup> The Lord is high above all nations, \* and his glory above the heavens.
- <sup>5</sup> Who is like the Lord our God, who sits enthroned on high \* but stoops to behold the heavens and the earth?
- <sup>6</sup> He takes up the weak out of the dust \* and lifts up the poor from the ashes.
- <sup>7</sup> He sets them with the princes, \* with the princes of his people.
- <sup>8</sup> He makes the woman of a childless house \* to be a joyful mother of children.

The Second Reading

1 Timothy 2:1-7

<sup>1</sup>First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, <sup>2</sup>for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. <sup>3</sup>This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, <sup>4</sup>who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. <sup>5</sup>For there is one God; there is also one

mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, <sup>6</sup>who gave himself a ransom for all—this was attested at the right time. <sup>7</sup>For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn O Master, let me walk with thee Hymnal 660, v 1-2

The Gospel Luke 16:1-13

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

<sup>1</sup>Then Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. <sup>2</sup>So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.' 3Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. 4I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' <sup>5</sup>So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' 6He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' 7Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.'8And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. <sup>9</sup>And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you

into the eternal homes. <sup>10</sup>"Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. <sup>11</sup>If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? <sup>12</sup>And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? <sup>13</sup>No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Gradual Hymn O Master, let me walk with thee Hymnal 660, v 3-4

Responding to the Word: Reflections

The Nicene Creed BCP p. 358

Prayers of the People: Form II BCP p. 385

Collect

The Confession and Absolution BCP p. 360

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Announcements

The Great Thanksgiving: Reflections

**Offertory Sentence** 

# The Holy Communion

Offertory Give Me Jesus, arr. Marc Patterson

Jeffrey Lilliston, alto saxophone

The Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God all creatures here below!
Alleluia, Alleluia!
Praise him above ye heav'nly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia, Alleluia!
Alleluia, Alleluia!

The Great Thanksgiving: Prayer C

BCP p. 369

Sanctus Hymnal S-128

Hymn numbers that begin with "S" can be found at the very front of the Hymnal.

The Lord's Prayer

BCP p. 364

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

All: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

#### Administration of Communion

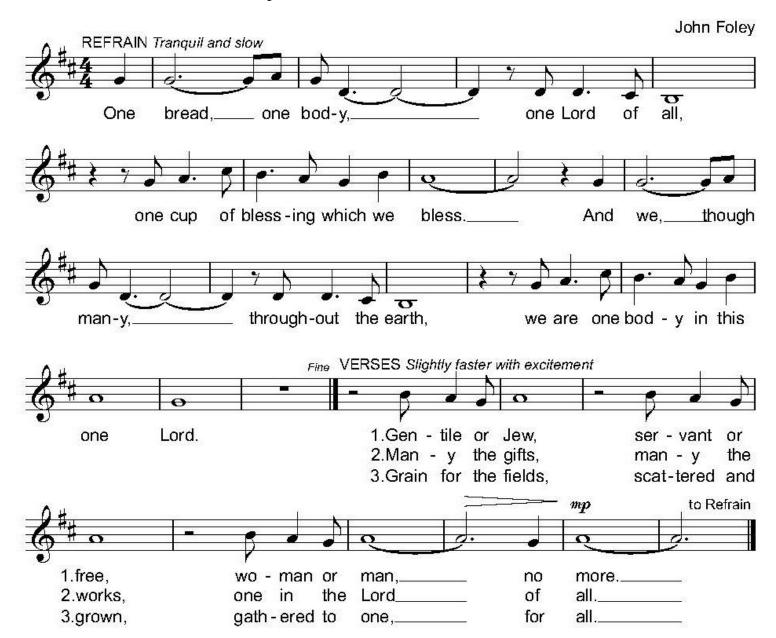
#### A Word about Holy Communion

We invite all who wish to follow Jesus to be baptized, and we invite all baptized Christians to receive the gifts of Jesus' Body and Blood. All are welcome at the altar rail: the baptized for communion, everyone for a blessing.

- To receive the common cup or just the wafer, come to the lectern side of the altar rail.
- If you would rather not drink out of the common cup, come to the pulpit side of the altar, where the clergy person will dip your wafer in the wine.

Gluten-free wafers are available. Just let clergy know that you need one. In lieu of communion, you may receive a blessing at any station.

# Hymns for Choir and Congregation One bread, one body



#### In Christ Alone

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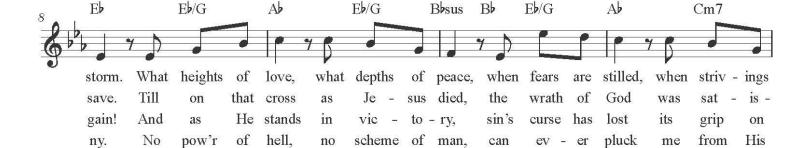
Words and Music by Keith Getty and Stuart Townend



my hope is light, 1. In Christ a - lone found, He is my strength, my my 2. In on flesh, Christ a - lone. who took full - ness of God help less in 3. There in the ground His bod - v Light of the dark lay, world by ness 4. No guilt in life, fear in death, this is the pow'r of Christ no in



This Cor - ner - stone, this sol - id Ground, firm through the fiere - est drought song; and gift and right - eous - ness, This of scorned by babe! love the ones He came to slain; Then, burst - ing Day, forth in glo - rious up from the grave He rose a -From life's first fi - nal breath, Je com - mands my des me: cry to sus ti -





cease. My Com - fort - er, my All All, the love Christ I stand. in here in of on Him was laid; Christ Ι live. Here in the death of ev - 'ry sin For Ι am His and He is mine, bought with the pre-cious blood of Christ. me: hand; Till or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand! He re - turns

Postcommunion Prayer

BCP p. 365

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn Praise the Lord, rise up rejoicing Hymnal 334

Dismissal

Response: Thanks be to God.

Voluntary *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*, by Calvin Hampton *If you choose to leave during the voluntary, please depart in reverent quiet.* 

Flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Robert E. Lewis, Jr.

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# **Service Participants**

The Rev. Anne R. Kirchmier
The Rev. Marc Vance
The Rev. Carol Chamberlain
Ginny Chilton, *Minister of Music* 

Lector: Melissa Sale Prayers: Becky Fulcher

Chalicers: Melissa Sale, Becky Fulcher

Acolytes: Lindsey Nicolai, Rachel Edquist, Leo Maxwell,

Miles Hinson, Gwyneth Hinson, Warren Mrowiec

Ushers: Corky Brooks, Cabell Sale, Ron Nixon

Greeter: Dan and Grace Ann Neuhart

Sound: Cris Oman

Camera: Channing Guvernator

Children's Chapel: Allie Wittkamp, James Wilcox

#### This Week at St. Andrew's

Mon., Sep. 22	6:30 PM	Cub Scouts
Tue. Sep. 23	1:00 PM	Crafter's Group
	7:00 PM	Vestry meeting
Wed., Sep. 24	5:00 PM	Centering Prayer
	6:15 PM	Choir rehearsal
Thur., Sep. 25	7:30 AM	Centering Prayer
	10:00 AM	Bible Study
	1:00 PM	Games in the Sr Lounge
	7:00 PM	Bible Study: Acts

#### For families with children

Children are always welcome in worship at St. Andrew's! Children's activity bags are available in the back of the church. Please return them as you exit from worship. For those who would find it helpful, on Sunday mornings the nursery is available from 9:00 am to noon for children ages 0-3 and Children's Chapel is available from 10:15 to 11:00 AM for children ages 4 through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Ask one of our ushers or clergy for directions.

#### Adult Forum next week

The Adult Forum on Sept. 28 will continue the three-part series led by John Herbst, *How the Old Testament Came to Be*. Please plan to join us at 9:15 AM in the parish hall.

# Preparing for Sunday, Sep. 28, 2025 – Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost

**Readings**: Amos 6:1a, 4-7; Psalm 146; 1 Timothy 6:6-19; Luke 16:19-31. **Question for reflection**: What is wealth to God?

# **Thursday Night Bible Study**

The Thursday night Bible study is meeting in the church library at 7:00 pm for a series on the first eight chapters of the book of Acts.

# **Encouragement for Sedgefield Elementary teachers**

School is back in session, and the amazing staff and 60+ teachers at Sedgefield Elementary are ready for another great year. Along with offering prayers each Sunday for our partner school, we'd like to show our support by sending cards or notes of encouragement to the teachers. Through October 19, you can drop off your cards or notes in the receptacle located in the narthex or lobby. The cards will be delivered to the school the following week. Ms. Galbraith, the principal, shared that words of encouragement from the community mean a great deal to the teachers. Thank you!

# Love Gives pledge campaign begins Sept. 28

Our annual pledge campaign "Love Gives" kicks off on Sunday, Sept. 28. Please join us in the Main Street lobby between services for a special coffee hour. There will be fresh fruit, pastries, juice and coffee. As part of this year's campaign we are sponsoring a fundraiser to help reach our goal of \$600,000. The pledge campaign committee will be selling candles for \$10. The candles all have a scripture citation of Matthew 22:36-40. Candles have a fall fragrance and we will also have a limited supply of fragrance free candles. We are looking forward to a successful fundraiser and pledge campaign. "Love Gives" reminds us that love is not only a feeling—it's an action.

- Diana Skelton, Pledge Campaign Chair

# **Update on Tween Ministry**

Our Tweens program is up and running! During a successful initial meeting, our Tweens devised a list of things they would like to do to spruce up their space and make it more kid friendly. If you have any of the following to donate, please contact Karen Waddill: painting canvases, acrylic paints, brushes, easels, Legos, fuzzy throw blankets (new or like-new), string lights, or a fun rug.

# Response to Racism Team meets Sept. 28

The next meeting of the Response to Racism Team will be Sunday, Sept. 28, at 12 PM in the parish library. All are invited and encouraged to attend!

Artists, exhibit your work at St. Andrew's First Annual Art Show! St. Andrew's is having its First Annual Art Show on Thursday, October 9, from 6 to 9 PM in the Parish Hall. Parishioners are invited to exhibit their artistic creations. Please call Nancy Allen (508-887-6891) or the church office (757-595-0371) if you wish to show your work. Please plan to attend this celebration of the talented artists in

our parish. The public is welcome. Refreshments will be served.

#### **Hispanic Heritage Month at THRIVE**

Our friends at THRIVE believe every neighbor should feel seen, heard, and supported with dignity. Their Prosperar Hispanic Resources program ensures Peninsula families can access The Market, financial assistance and coaching, and community connections—fully in Spanish. Each week, more than 40 families turn to Prosperar, finding support in their native language and building stronger pathways to stability. THRIVE is one of the very few places they can go for this kind of care. This year, in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month (Sep. 15—Oct. 15), The Market will feature a special Hispanic Heritage section filled with beloved pantry staples and fresh foods inspired by the tastes and traditions of our Hispanic neighbors. If you would like to support this effort, below are requested food items. You may drop the items off at church in the St. Nicholas Chapel or at the THRIVE location, 12749 Nettles Drive in Newport News. Suggested donations: Dry or canned beans (black, pinto, lentils); White or yellow rice; Cornmeal or masa (PAN, Maseca); Canned tomatoes or tomato sauce; Canned corn or hominy; Latin soup mix or fideo pasta; Sazon, adobo or sofrito; Salsa, hot sauce or mole; Canned meats (Spam, tuna, chicken); Shelf-stable milk or evaporated milk; Sweetened condensed milk; Latin cookies or plaintain chips.

# Ferguson Avenue playground spruce-up day

Our Ferguson Avenue playground is enjoyed by families here at St. Andrew's and throughout Hilton Village and we love that! Now the playground needs some sprucing up and we're going to do that on Saturday, Oct. 4, 10 AM to noon. As the saying goes, many hands make for light work and we've invited Hilton families who use the playground to join us in this effort. If you are able to help on Oct. 4, please contact Marc or the church office.

# Halloween in Hilton is coming!

We are continuing the tradition again this year! Halloween in Hilton is a HUGE night of fun, with literally thousands of children, from all over the city, trick-or-treating up and down Main Street and throughout the village. St. Andrew's will be giving out little rubber duckies again this year—they are a big hit with the kids! You can help make this possible by making a donation toward the purchase of the ducks. Checks can be made payable to St. Andrew's with "Halloween" on the memo line. In addition to the little duckies, St. Andrew's also provides a welcome rest stop for families—water and restrooms available. If you'd like to volunteer to help out on Halloween night, please contact Rachel Roby, rachelroby13@gmail.com or 757-532-1738.

# Men's and children's clothing needed

The clothing closet at Four Oaks (formerly Tori's Closet) is in need of men's and children's clothing. Donations can be left at the front of Four Oaks (7401 Warwick Blvd.) seven days a week, 7 AM to 5 PM.

