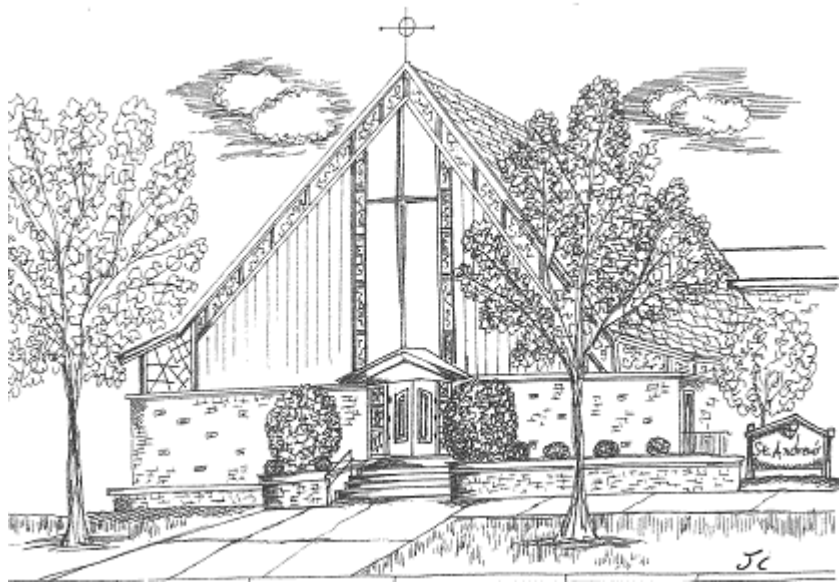


St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

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 Seventh Sunday After the Epiphany
Holy Eucharist, Rite II
10:30 AM
February 23, 2025

45 Main Street, Newport News, VA 23601
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10:30 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Prelude

Processional Hymn

At the name of Jesus

Hymnal 435

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.***

Song of Praise

Hymnal S-280

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

Collect of the Day

O Lord, you have taught us that without love whatever we do is worth nothing: Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts your greatest gift, which is love, the true bond of peace and of all virtue, without which whoever lives is accounted dead before you. Grant this for the sake of your only Son Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

³Joseph said to his brothers, “I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?” But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence. ⁴Then Joseph said to his brothers, “Come closer to me.” And they came closer. He said, “I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. ⁵And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. ⁶For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. ⁷God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. ⁸So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. ⁹Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, ‘Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. ¹⁰You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children’s children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. ¹¹I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.’¹⁵And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

¹ Do not fret yourself because of evildoers; *
do not be jealous of those who do wrong.

² ***For they shall soon wither like the grass, *
and like the green grass fade away.***

³ Put your trust in the Lord and do good; *
dwell in the land and feed on its riches.

⁴ ***Take delight in the Lord, ****
and he shall give you your heart's desire.

⁵ Commit your way to the Lord and put your trust in him, *
and he will bring it to pass.

⁶ ***He will make your righteousness as clear as the light ****
and your just dealing as the noonday.

⁷ Be still before the Lord *
and wait patiently for him.

⁸ ***Do not fret yourself over the one who prospers, ****
the one who succeeds in evil schemes.

⁹ Refrain from anger, leave rage alone; *
do not fret yourself; it leads only to evil.

¹⁰ ***For evildoers shall be cut off, ****
but those who wait upon the Lord shall possess the land.

¹¹ In a little while the wicked shall be no more; *
you shall search out their place, but they will not be there.

¹² ***But the lowly shall possess the land; ****
they will delight in abundance of peace.

⁴¹ But the deliverance of the righteous comes from the Lord; *
he is their stronghold in time of trouble.

***42 The Lord will help them and rescue them; *
he will rescue them from the wicked and deliver them,
because they seek refuge in him.***

The Second Reading

1 Corinthians 15:35-38,42-50

³⁵But someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?" ³⁶Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. ³⁷And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. ³⁸But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body.⁴²So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. ⁴³It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. ⁴⁴It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. ⁴⁵Thus it is written, "The first man, Adam, became a living being"; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. ⁴⁶But it is not the spiritual that is first, but the physical, and then the spiritual. ⁴⁷The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven.⁴⁸As was the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; and as is the man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. ⁴⁹Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven. ⁵⁰What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn

Blessed Jesus, at thy Word

Hymnal 440, v 1-2

Response: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

²⁷“But I say to you that listen, love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. ²⁹If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. ³⁰Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. ³¹Do to others as you would have them do to you. ³²“If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. ³³If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. ³⁴If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. ³⁵But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. ³⁶Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. ³⁷“Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; ³⁸give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.”

Response: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Gradual Hymn

Blessed Jesus, at thy Word

Hymnal 440, v 3

The Sermon

The Rev. Katherine Gray

The Nicene Creed

BCP p. 358

Bidding the Prayers

Prayers of the People: Form VI

BCP p. 392

The Absolution

The Peace

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

People: *And also with you.*

Announcements

Offertory Sentence

The Holy Communion

Offertory

The Doxology

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

The Great Thanksgiving: Prayer B

BCP p. 367

Sanctus

Hymnal S-129

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

The Lord's Prayer

The Breaking of the Bread

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

All: *Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*

Administration of Communion

Communion Stations

- To receive the common cup or just the wafer, come to the lectern side of the altar rail.
- To receive an intincted wafer, come to the pulpit side of the altar rail.

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

Alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord Hymn 178

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus Hymn 460

Postcommunion Prayer

BCP p. 366

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn *God is love, let heaven adore him* Hymnal 379

Dismissal

Response: Thanks be to God.

Voluntary

If you choose to leave during the voluntary, please depart in reverent quiet.

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God
and in celebration of Martha Field's 90th birthday.*

Service Participants

The Rev. Anne R. Kirchmier

The Rev. Marc Vance

The Rev. Katherine Gray

Ginny Chilton, *Minister of Music*

Lector: James Wilcox
Prayers: Judy Carey
Chalicers: Al Roby, James Wilcox
Acolytes: Lindsey Nicolai, Madeline Hastings, Rachel Edquist
Ralph Maxwell, Gwyneth Hinson, Abigail Hastings,
Christopher Hein, Olivia Goodwin
Ushers: Rick Donaldson, Chris Robinson, Bob Wharton
Greeter: Ron and Susan Nixon
Sound: Doug Burgoyne
Camera: Channing Guvernator
Children's Chapel: Liz Rous, Domonique Bennett, Karen Waddill

This Week at St. Andrew's

Tuesday, Feb. 25	1:00 PM	Crafters gathering
	7:00 PM	Vestry meeting
Wednesday, Feb. 26	6:15 PM	Choir rehearsal
Thursday, Feb. 27	7:30 AM	Centering Prayer
	10:00 AM	Bible Study
	1:00 PM	Senior Lounge Game Day

Announcements

Lenten calendars from Anne and John

The Lenten calendars, *Join the journey through Lent 2025*, are a gift to the parish from Anne and John. They will be available for you to pick up after each service this Sunday.

Marathon Sunday: A change of pace!

Newport News will be hosting its One City Marathon on Sunday, March 2nd. As usual, we will not hold morning worship that day but instead will have a 4 PM service of Holy Eucharist. Note: Because our Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper will take place just two days after the Marathon Sunday service, we will not be serving dinner on March 2nd after worship. Therefore our 4 PM service will take place in the sanctuary. As is typical on Marathon Sunday, our worship will be less formal than usual and will include guitar music. Feel free to come dressed casually. We look forward to seeing you there!

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Join us on Tuesday, March 4, for a tradition we all love—Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper! It's a chance to kick up your heels before Lent kicks off. Dinner is 5:30 to 6:30 PM. Cost is \$5 per person, \$20 max per family. No reservations required!

Third Annual Pancake Supper Talent Show!

Do you have a talent you'd like to share with your church family while we all chow down on our pancakes? If you'd like to sign up for the Pancake Supper Talent Show, please send your name(s) and talent to Ann Turner (757-595-0371 or parish.admin@standrews-episcopal.org) **by March 3**. So we can fit everyone in, please submit only one talent per person/group, and keep it to three minutes or less. We can't wait to see what you have in store for us this year!

Ash Wednesday Services

March 5th is Ash Wednesday. Begin your observance of a Holy Lent at one of our Ash Wednesday services—7:30 AM, 11:00 AM, and 7:00 PM. There will also be two Children's Ash Wednesday services in the St. Nicholas Chapel at 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM.

Lenten Series: Celebrating the Disciplines

“Superficiality is the curse of our age,” says Richard Foster, author of *Celebrating the Disciplines*, which is the basis for our Lenten study this year. Foster notes that, “The doctrine of instant gratification is a spiritual problem,” but “the classical spiritual disciplines of the spiritual life call us to move beyond surface living into the depths.” Spiritual discipline, however, is not “dull drudgery,” but rather is characterized by joy because, by placing ourselves before God, the disciplines allow transformation of the inner spirit.

Concurrent with our Lenten disciplines outlined in the invitation to a holy Lent on page 265 in the *Book of Common Prayer* (self-examination, repentance, prayer, fasting, self-denial, and reading and meditating on God's holy Word), **beginning on Wednesday, March 12, and continuing on Wednesdays through April 9, we will gather for a simple meal beginning at 5:30 pm with program from 6:00 to 7:00 PM.**

- ♦ March 12 Simplicity & Confession
- ♦ March 19 Solitude & Worship
- ♦ March 26 Study & Service
- ♦ April 2 Guidance & Celebration
- ♦ April 9 Meditation & Prayer

Knock Knock... Who's there?... Opportunity!

Opportunity is knocking for 4 or 5 volunteers. Our partner school Sedgefield Elementary is looking for support with tutoring for SOL preparation for 3rd-5th grades in March and April. Focus is on math and reading. Volunteers should be retired teachers or individuals currently working in the school system. Grades 4 and 5 will receive support from 12:00 - 3:00 PM while 3rd grade will have both morning and afternoon sessions. Contact Diana Skelton, dianaskelton413@gmail.com or 757-897-7395.

Sewing volunteers needed

The Children's Ministry team is working on cloth worship bags to help our children worship more intentionally during services. If you like to sew, this is an easy project! Call Karen Waddill to get the materials and the template. 757-604-3238

PORT volunteers needed

St. Andrew's will be partnering with New Beech Grove Baptist Church on Tuesday evening, March 25, through Wednesday morning, March 26, for our final PORT commitment this season. PORT is a program that provides meals and overnight accommodation at host churches for the homeless in our community. Our volunteers will be feeding and hosting the overnight guests at the site location (361 Beechmont Drive, Newport News). Volunteers will greet the guests, help store their personal bags, help with the clothing closet, and hand out bedding. The number of guests has grown this season to 130 adults. Consequently, the Cook Team is asking for the parish's assistance with preparing one-half of the casseroles needed. We will provide the recipe, a casserole baking pan, and reimbursement. The St. Andrew's Cook Team will prepare the remaining half. Morning volunteers will assist in handing out bagged breakfasts, returning personal belongings and taking in bedding. If you would like to join us on any of these teams, a sign-up sheet is available in the Main Street Lobby, and additional information is in the Net. Thank you for considering helping! Questions may be directed to Teresa Duncan at 804-712-2010 or teresaduncan712@yahoo.com.

Parish Retreat 2025

Have you marked your calendar for our 2025 parish retreat? Plan on joining us at Chanco Sept. 12-14, 2025. More info coming this spring.