



HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

THE 15TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST: PROPER 18, YEAR A

SEPTEMBER 6, 2026: 10:00 A.M.

ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Seekers, believers, and doubters of all ages, welcome home to St. Andrew's! Everything you need for the Liturgy of the Word is found in your bulletin. Music may be found in this bulletin, or you can refer to the blue 1982 Hymnal (in the pew rack). Restrooms are downstairs in the undercroft; our greeters can direct you to a more accessible restroom in the parish house as well. Children of all ages are welcome to join us in our Soft Space, located at the front of the church by the flag, during worship. Please move around our space as you and your children are most comfortable. Visitors, we would love to get to know you, and we invite you to fill out one of our welcome cards and place it in the offering plate or hand it to one of our greeters. ***We are so glad you are here!***

Prelude

Opening Hymn

At the Lamb's high feast we sing

Hymn #174

Sung by all. Please stand as you are able.

Opening Acclamation

The Book of Common Prayer (BCP), p. 355

Please remain standing as you are able.

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

People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

The Collect for Purity

Please remain standing as you are able.

Celebrant Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid:

All 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

Glory to God

Hymn #S280

Sung by all. Please remain standing as you are able.

THE WORD OF GOD

The Collect of the Day

BCP, p. 233

Please remain standing as you are able.

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

Ezekiel 33:7-11

NRSV

Please be seated.

A reading from the book of the prophet Ezekiel.

You, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, "O wicked ones, you shall surely die," and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life. Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you

have said: “Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?” Say to them, As I live, says the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

The Response

Psalm 119:33-40

Psalter for the Christian People

Sung by all. Please stand as you are able.



- 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 com - / mandments, *
for that is my de - / sire.
- 36 Incline my heart to your de - / crees *
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 com - / mandments; *
in your righteousness preserve my / life.
Glory to the Father, and to the / Son,
and to the Holy / Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is / now,
and will be forever. **A - / men.**

The Epistle

Romans: 13:8-14

NRSV

Please be seated.

A reading from the letter to the 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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn

God is love

Hymnal #577, verses 1-2

Sung by all. Please stand as you are able.

The Gospel

Matthew 18:15-20

NRSV

Please remain standing as you are able.

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.**

Sequence Hymn

God is love

Hymnal #577, verse 3

Sung by all. Please remain standing as you are able.

The Sermon

The Rev. Canon Dr. Lynn Collins

Please be seated.

The Nicene Creed

BCP, p. 358

Said by all. Please stand as you are able.

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

Praying the Scriptures

Please remain standing or kneel as you are able.

Intercessor 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.**

Intercessor O Lord, you have caused grapes to grow on the vine and wheat to grow in the fields so that we might celebrate this festive day. Bless the land to grow enough that all people may celebrate its bounty. We pray for all who live, work, and go to school on Oregon Hill and for all who are celebrating birthdays this week, including Carlos Alvarez, Carole Justice. We are gathered in your name,

People **Accept our prayers.**

Intercessor 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.**

Intercessor 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 in peace. And may all know that it was you, the Lord, who did this. We are gathered in your name;

People **Accept our prayers.**

Intercessor 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.**

Intercessor God of wisdom who knows our path, we humbly ask you to guide our discernment committee: Christine, Patrick, Shar, Steve, and Vivien by the Holy Spirit towards the priest whom you have raised up to lead us. Quiet their hearts, keep them from sin, and strengthen Your gifts within them so they may better listen and respond to Your perfect counsel. We pray also for our future priest, that You may prepare them to aid us in continuing the mission of the church, began in the apostles, continued in Grace Arents, us, and all St. Andreans, and perfected in the return of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Until that day, be close to St. Andrew's and strengthen our spirits, so we may continue in doing Your good work.

Intercessor At this time we invite you to share your prayers of intercession and thanksgiving, either silently or aloud.

The celebrant adds the concluding collect.

The Confession

BCP, p. 360

Please remain standing or kneeling as you are able.

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All **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. **Amen.**

The Peace

BCP, p. 360

Please stand as you are able.

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Welcome and Announcements

Please be seated.

Offertory Anthem

Please remain seated.

The loose offering this morning will go to support St. Andrew's Pastoral Discretionary Fund.

Presentation Hymn

Let us, with a gladsome mind

Hymnal #389, verses 1,3,6,7

Sung by all. Please stand as you are able.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B

BCP, p. 367

Please remain standing as you are able.

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 give our thanks and praise.

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 by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world. 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

Holy, holy, holy Lord

Hymn #S129

Please remain standing or kneel as you are able.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life. On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father:

All We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Andrew, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **Amen.** And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

The Lord's Prayer

BCP, p. 364

Said by all. Please remain standing or kneeling as you are able.

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.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept. Please remain standing or kneeling as you are able.

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

Healing Prayer is being offered in the chapel during Communion.

Communion Hymn

Come, risen Lord

Hymnal #306

Postcommunion Prayer

BCP, p. 365

Please stand or kneel as you are able.

Celebrant Let us pray.

All **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

Closing Hymn

Christ is made the sure foundation

Hymn #518

Sung by all. Please stand as you are able.

The Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit!

People **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude

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THIS MORNING'S LEADERS

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev. Canon Dr. Lynn Collins *Organist:* Demas Boudreaux

Intercessor: Jim Evans *Crucifer & Altar Guild:* Belinda Brugh *Reader:* Milo Williams

Lead Greeter: Mike Culver *Sunday Steward of the Day:* Chris Prior *Tellers:* Katrina Comissiong-Williams & Chuck Baur

Guitar Soloist: Jameson Brunkow *Email your vestry:* vestry@standrewsoregonhill.org

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

- Jim Bennett, Pat Bridgewater, John Cyrus, Sarah Farber, Ellen Field, Mil Floyd, Patrick Getlein, Sandra Heitzler, Bill Jackson, Tracey Miles, Crystal Munnings, Cathy O'Neil, Deya Porter & family, Brick Quinn, Lizzie Schress, Carol Slonaker, the Thompson-White family, Chris Vega.
- Pray for those who live and work and go to school on Oregon Hill and for the ministry of Anna Julia Cooper School.
- Pray for our discernment committee: God of wisdom who knows our path, we humbly ask you to guide our discernment committee: Christine, Patrick, Shar, Steve, and Vivien by the Holy Spirit towards the priest whom you have raised up to lead us. Quiet their hearts, keep them from sin, and strengthen Your gifts within them so they may better listen and respond to Your perfect counsel. We pray also for our future priest, that You may prepare them to aid us in continuing the mission of the church, began in the apostles, continued in Grace Arents, us, and all St. Andreans, and perfected in the return of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Until that day, be close to St. Andrew's and strengthen our spirits, so we may continue in doing Your good work.
- Pray for those in our armed forces, especially those deployed to combat zones.
- Pray for the schools and educational institutions of Metropolitan Richmond: For all superintendents, school boards, school administrators, PTAs, teachers, students, and staff. For curriculum that is grounded in truth and meaning. For space to nourish the creative seed in both teachers and students.
- Pray for those who are celebrating birthdays this week: Carlos Alvarez (9/8), Carole Justice (9/11),

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Shelter Lunches: ~ New Later Start Time!** On the second Saturday of each month, St. Andreans gather in the chapel to assemble and deliver eighty-five lunches to three different local shelters. The start time has now been pushed back to 9:00 a.m. and the lunches are usually packed in an hour, so if you need a bit of extra sleep on Saturday but still want to help out, this will be a perfect way to start your day! If you'd like to help on this coming *Saturday, September 12*, or have questions, please contact Chris Prior. If you can't make it in to pack lunches, you can always donate! Please go to tinyurl.com/stagivenow to donate (please choose Shelter Lunches in the dropdown menu). Thank you for your support of Shelter Lunches!
- **Choir Returns September 13:** Welcome back, choir! Their first rehearsal of the season will be at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday, September 13. Interested in singing? We are always seeking new singers! Email Demas at music@standrewsoregonhill.org for more information.
- **I Will, With God's Help:** This Ministry for Racial Justice and Healing training is for all who want to activate their racial justice heart. We'll gather from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. on September 26 in St. Andrew's chapel. What's included: lunch, spirit-centered conversations about justice, practical tools for ministry, and liturgically centered racial justice training with a closing Eucharist. Scan the QR code or click to [register here](#). 
- **St. Andrew's at Pridefest 2026:** Join the celebration with the Episcopal Churches of Central Richmond on September 12, noon until 5:00 p.m., Booths 119-120, at the annual RVA Pridefest at Midtown Green! Together, we'll staff a tent that offers an inclusive welcome on behalf of the Episcopal church in RVA. Whether you're a Pridefest veteran or a newcomer, we need your smiling face and loving heart! To sign up or learn more, please email the office at office@standrewsoregonhill.org.
- **Pride Eucharist!** We'll gather at St. Stephen's, Richmond, (6000 Grove Ave.) on September 11 at 6:30 p.m. The preacher is the Rt. Rev. V. Gene Robinson, who served as ninth bishop of New Hampshire from 2003 until 2013. This joyous occasion provides the wider community the opportunity to give thanks for the life and witness of LGBTQ+ people in the church and the world. A reception will follow in the large fellowship hall.
- **Paige Trivett's Ordination to the Priesthood:** God willing and the people consenting, the Rt. Rev'd E. Mark Stevenson will ordain Kendall Paige Trivett and three others to the Sacred Order of Priests at St. James's, 1205 W. Franklin, RVA, on September 19 at 10:30 a.m.
- **It's not too late to pledge!** Pledge cards are available in the narthex, or you can pledge online using this QR Code to the right. 
- **Pride Shirts for PACE – Turning Welcome Into Action:** Support St. Andrew's Fellowship Ministry by purchasing a Pride shirt that gives back to our community. Proceeds from every shirt sold are used exclusively to purchase food ingredients for homemade soup donations through the PACE Center's Gather • Eat • Share program, serving VCU students experiencing food insecurity. Click [here](#) or scan the QR code to order. Questions? Please email fellowship@standrewsoregonhill.org. Thank you for helping us turn welcome into action! 
- **Organ Restoration Project:** How Can I Help? While most of the project work is being handled by our Organ Committee or the contractors we have hired, members of the congregation can still get involved if you have an interest in photography, which can help document the various phases of the project by creating accurate and lasting records of the process. Also, we will need help clearing out the old nursery area in the undercroft located at the bottom of the stairs near the back door of the church. This is to make room for the installation of the blower, which supplies the air enabling the organ pipes to sound. As other opportunities arise to give of your time, talent, and treasure during the organ restoration, we will let you know. Please contact Dwight Johnson or Dale Holcomb if you are interested in lending a hand.
- **Updated Directory Available:** If you still have a 2025 or older directory, have changes to your information, or have questions or concerns, please see or email Britton Trimble for the new, updated directory at office@standrewsoregonhill.org. Please do not share your copy of the directory and please do not distribute information contained in this directory outside of our parish family.

Sunday Christian Formation - Fall 2026

September 20: *A Teachable Minute* during Coffee Hour in the chapel

October 4, 11, 18, & 25: *Wisdom Over Fear* - A Four Week Offering. We will gather in St. Andrew's House from 11:30 a.m. until 12:15 p.m. to reflect together on a brief reading that touches on these uncertain times and how we remain resilient and hopeful and committed to living out "The Way" shown to us by Jesus.

November 8: *A Teachable Minute* during Coffee Hour in the chapel

November 29: *Annual Advent Wreath Workshop* in the chapel

December 6, 13, & 20: *The Sacraments* - A Three Week Offering

Tuesday Evening Bible Study - Fall 2026 - The Prophets

Tuesdays, October 6 - November 10, On Zoom, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Join us for this Bible study led by Rev. Lynn! We'll use the study guide *Embracing the Prophets* by the Rev.

Walter Bruggeman, though you need not purchase the study guide. Kindly register in the chapel; forms are on top of the small organ.

What future formation offerings would you like to see? What are you curious about? What would help support you on your faith journey? What might help deepen your prayer life or strengthen your commitment to serve others? Tell us - write your ideas on the white board in the chapel!

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANDREW'S

The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 18, September 6

- Holy Eucharist Rite II: 10:00 a.m., church and on Facebook Live
- Coffee Hour: directly following the service, chapel

Friday, September 11

- Pride Eucharist: 6:30 p.m., St. Stephen's, 6000 Grove Ave., Richmond

Saturday, September 12

- Shelter Lunches Ministry 9:00 a.m., chapel
- St. Andrew's at Pridefest 2026: Noon-5:00 p.m., Booths 119-120, Midtown Green

The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 18, September 13

- Choir Rehearsal: 9:00 a.m., undercroft
- Holy Eucharist Rite II: 10:00 a.m., church and on Facebook Live
- Coffee Hour: directly following the service, chapel



Seekers, believers, and doubters of all ages:

Welcome home to St. Andrew's!

Together we are building a community in Christ that gathers to worship joyfully, love abundantly, and serve wholeheartedly.

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