Holy Eucharist: Rite II

The 25th Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 28: Year A

November 15, 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 in 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 by the St. Andrew's flag up front, 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 *O day of God* Hymn **#601**
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. **236**
Please remain standing as you are able.

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 *Zephaniah 1:7,12-18* NRSV
Please be seated.

A reading from the Prophet Zephaniah.

Be silent before the Lord God! For the day of the Lord is at hand; the Lord has prepared a sacrifice, he has consecrated his guests. At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people who rest complacently on their dregs, those who say in their hearts, "The Lord will not do good, nor will he do harm." Their wealth shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit

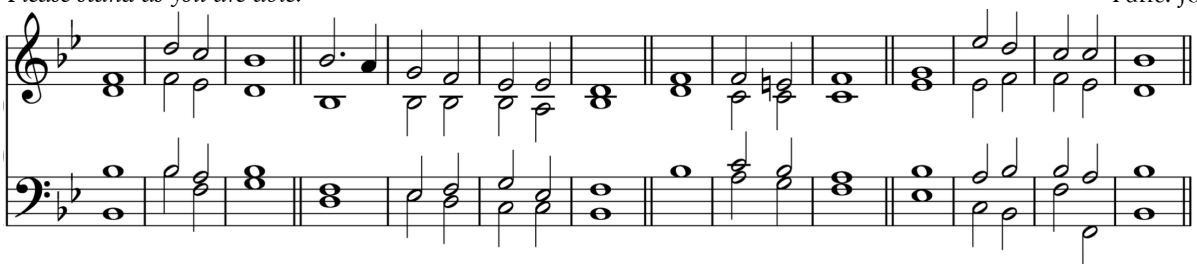
them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them. The great day of the Lord is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the Lord is bitter, the warrior cries aloud there. That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements. I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind; because they have sinned against the Lord, their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung. Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the Lord's wrath; in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed; for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Response *Psalm 90:1-8, 12* Text: Psalter for the Christian People

Sung by all. Please stand as you are able. Tune: Joseph Corfe



1 Lord, you have | been our | refuge *
from one gener- **a-** | tion to | a-no- | ther.
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, *
"**Gö** | 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 a-**way** | sudden-ly | like the | grass.
6 In the morning it is green and | flour-ish- | es; *
in the evening it is | dried up | and with- | ered.
7 For we consume away in | your dis- | pleasure; *
we are afraid because of **your** | wrath-ful | in-dig- | nation.
8 Our iniquities you have set | be-fore | you, *
and our secret sins in the light | of your | count-en- | ance.
12 So teach us to num- | ber our | days *
that we may apply | our hearts | to wis- | dom. ||
Glory be to the Father, and | to the | Son, ||
änd | to the | Ho - ly | Ghost: ||
as it was in the be - | ginning, is | now, ||
and ever shall be, world without | end. A - | men, a - | men. ||

The Second Lesson *1 Thessalonians 5:1-11* NRSV

Please be seated.

A reading from 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.

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

Sequence Hymn *Jesus calls us* Hymn **#550, verses 1,2,5**
Sung by all. Please stand as you are able.

The Gospel *Matthew 25:14-30* NRSV
Please remain standing as you are able.

Priest 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.'"

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon The Rev. Denise Bennett
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 stand or kneel as you are able.

Leader Siblings in Christ, in love let us encourage one another and build each other up. Let us pray, saying, have mercy upon us, O Lord,

People **Have mercy.**

Leader Lord God, you have destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ: strengthen your Church to confidently share your gospel throughout the world. Have mercy upon us, O Lord,

People **Have mercy.**

Leader Lord God, have mercy on all who are shown contempt and scorn: hear the cries of the needy and lift up the downtrodden and lowly. Have mercy upon us, O Lord,

People **Have mercy.**

Leader Lord God, you rule the day and the night: bless and sustain the works of your hands. Restore your creation. Have mercy upon us, O Lord,

People **Have mercy.**

Leader Lord God, you are enthroned in the heavens: may we trust not our own schemes but lift up our eyes to you. Lead and guide our city and its leaders in all justice and truth. Have mercy upon us, O Lord,

People **Have mercy.**

Leader Lord God, you are a merciful God: hear the prayers of those who cry out to you for help. Be present with the suffering in their waking and their sleeping. We pray for all who live, work, and go to school on Oregon Hill; for all who are celebrating birthdays this week, especially Dwight Johnson. Have mercy upon us, O Lord,

People **Have mercy.**

Leader Lord God, your Son Jesus died for us that we might dwell in your light forever: give to the dying and the dead, especially Gerry Laverty, the hope of salvation. Have mercy upon us, O Lord,

People **Have mercy.**

Leader 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.

The celebrant adds the concluding collect.

The Confession BCP, p. **360**

Please kneel 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

Please stand as you are able.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

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

Welcome & Announcements
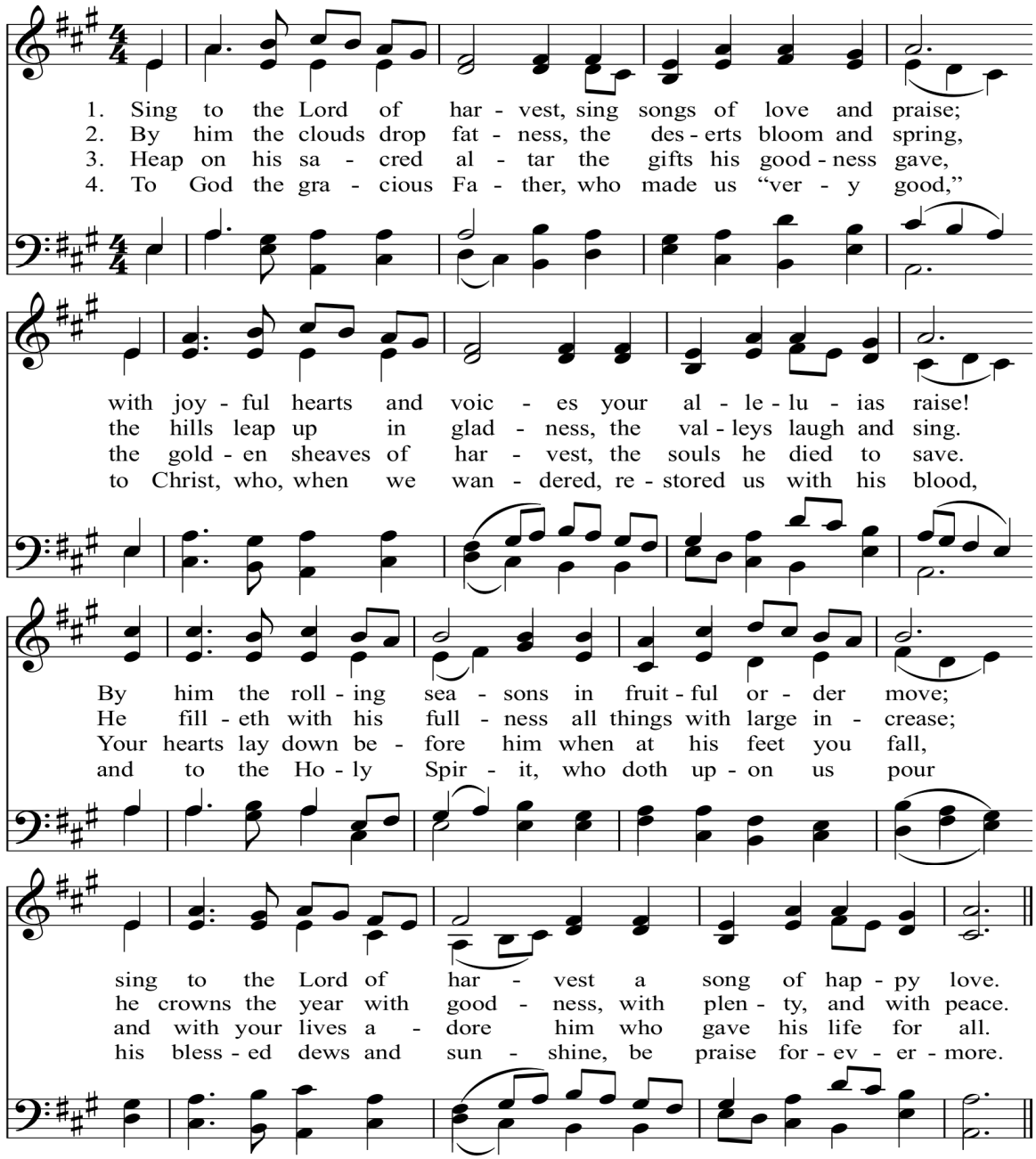
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Offertory Anthem

Presentation Hymn

Sing to the Lord of harvest

Sung by all. Please stand as you are able.



The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving *Eucharistic Prayer A* BCP, p. **361**

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 #**S130**

Please remain standing or kneel as you are able.

Holy and gracious God: 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:

All **Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O God, 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 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!**

Invitation to Communion

All are welcome at Christ's table. *You are invited to come forward to receive the bread and the wine. Communion is offered in both kinds, bread and wine. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. Those who do not wish to receive the Eucharist may come forward and simply cross their hands over their chest to receive a blessing or a healing prayer. Please let a greeter know if you would prefer to have communion brought to you in your seat.*

Communion Hymn *Where cross the crowded ways of life* Hymn #**609**

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 BCP, p. **366**

Please remain standing as you are able.

Closing Hymn *Rise up, ye saints of God!* Hymn #**551**

Sung by all. Please stand as you are able.

The Dismissal BCP, p. **366**

Please remain standing as you are able.

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

People **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude

This Morning's Leaders

Celebrant: The Rev. Canon Dr. Lynn Collins *Preacher:* The Rev. Denise Bennett

Organist & Choirmaster: Demas Boudreaux

Crucifer: Dwight Johnson *Altar Guild:* Belinda Brugh *Tellers:* ??? ????

Lay Reader: Milo Williams *Lead Greeter:* Mike Culver *Intercessor:* Jim Evans

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The Prayers of the People

- Alexandria Bluing, Jayne Jenkins Bowden, Pat Bridgewater, Cathy Creamer, Ellen Field, Mil Floyd, Patrick Getlein, Sandra Heitzler, Tracey Miles, Crystal Munnings, Deya Porter & family, Lizzie Schrass, the Thompson-White family.
- Pray for those who have died, especially Gerry Laverty, and those who mourn.
- Pray for those who live and work and go to school on Oregon Hill and for the ministry of the Laundry Ministry.
- 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 for persons in financial need in Metropolitan Richmond: For healthy relationships; for constructive, safe, and caring households for the bringing up and nurturing of children and the care of the elderly.
- Pray for those who are celebrating birthdays this week: Dwight Johnson (11/19).

Announcements

- **Vestry nominations are open!** We will elect five new vestry members at the Annual Meeting in January 2027: three people to serve full three-year terms and two others to one-year positions that will complete two unexpired terms. A printed nomination form is included in your bulletin; extras are available in the narthex. Alternatively, you can click the QR code to the right to use the online form. Nominations close on Sunday, November 29. Questions and completed print forms should go to the Nominating Committee: Chuck Baur, Jim Evans or Katrina Comissiong-Williams.
- **Your prayers are appreciated as our organ project nears its completion**. If you have any questions, please see Demas Boudreaux.

Sunday Christian Formation - Fall 2026

** **TODAY,** November 15: ***Guest Storyteller Denise Bennett*** – *God is With You Wherever You Are* – in the chapel
** November 29: ***Annual Advent Wreath Workshop*** in the chapel – Begins after the service. Saucers, oasis, and candles provided. Please bring ***clippers*** and fresh greens!
** December 6, 13: ***The Sacraments, 11:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m., St. Andrew's House***
December 6 – ***Holy Baptism***
December 13 – ***Holy Eucharist***

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This Week at St. Andrew's

The 25th Sunday after Pentecost, November 15

- **Choir Rehearsal**: 9:00 a.m., undercroft
- **Holy Eucharist Rite II**: 10:00 a.m., church and on Facebook Live
- **Coffee Hour**: after the service, in the chapel
- **Formation**: after coffee hour, in the chapel
- **Vestry Meeting**: 5:00 p.m., on Zoom
- **Oregon Hill Parks Board Meeting**: 7:00 p.m., chapel

Wednesday, November 18

- **Laundry Ministry**: 1:30 p.m., corner of Cary & Meadow Streets

The 26th Sunday after Pentecost, November 22

- **Choir Rehearsal**: 9:00 a.m., undercroft
- **Morning Prayer Rite II**: 10:00 a.m., church and on Facebook Live
- **Coffee Hour**: after the service, in the chapel

Poinsettias for Christmas 2026

Help us decorate St. Andrew's with poinsettias on Christmas! If you would like to order a poinsettia in memory of or in thanksgiving for a loved one, please fill out this form, attach a check or pay online in the amount of **$20** *with "poinsettia" written in the memo section, and drop it in the offering plate or the office.*

Please submit a separate form for each poinsettia!

Alternatively, you can scan or click the QR code to the right to order your poinsettia online.

Please submit your orders by Sunday, November 29.

Donor:_____

In Memory of / In Thanksgiving for:_____
(Please Circle one)

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Check here if you wish to give your poinsettia to someone unable to attend the service: _____

Poinsettias may be picked up after the 10:00 a.m. Christmas Day service.

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