

St. Andrew's
Episcopal Church

Sunday Worship Booklet

November 1, 2026 - 10:30am

All Saints

Are You New?

We are **SO** glad you are here!
St. Andrew's is a warm community just waiting to love you. If you like, you will definitely **find good friends** here.

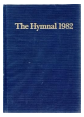
- This booklet is designed to help you fully join us in our worship experience. If it feels like a lot of words to follow, don't worry. Let go, and listen. It is perfectly OK to let us wash you with our prayers.
- Please fill out one of our **connection cards** (or use this QR Code) so we can let you know how happy we are to meet you.
- More info about the church and what we are up to can be found in the insert to this booklet.

The Word of God

Prelude Joyful, Joyful Medley

Hand Chimer Ringers: Melaney Penny, Christopher Pons, Noah Wren

Before worship begins, the priest greets the people and introduces the first hymn. The people stand, as able, to sing.



Hymn #293 I Sing a Song of the Saints of God

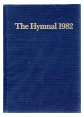
Opening Acclamation

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.



Collect (Prayer) for Purity

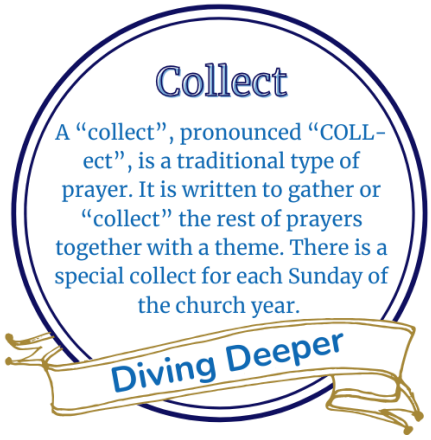
Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



Hymnal S-278

The Collect (Prayer) of the Day

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Let us pray.



Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: Give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys that you have

prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

The people are seated for the lessons.

The First Lesson: Revelation 7:9-17

A Reading from the Book of Revelation

After this I, John, looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. "For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God

Psalm 34:1-10, 22

Psalm is read/prayed in unison

1 I will bless the LORD at all times; *
his praise shall ever be in my mouth.

2 I will glory in the LORD; *
let the humble hear and rejoice.

3 Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD; *
let us exalt his Name together.

4 I sought the LORD, and he answered me *
and delivered me out of all my terror.

5 Look upon him and be radiant, *
and let not your faces be ashamed.

6 I called in my affliction and the LORD heard me *
and saved me from all my troubles.

7 The angel of the LORD encompasses those who fear him, *
and he will deliver them.

8 Taste and see that the LORD is good; *
happy are they who trust in him!

9 Fear the LORD, you that are his saints, *
for those who fear him lack nothing.

10 The young lions lack and suffer hunger, *
but those who seek the LORD lack nothing that is good.

22 The LORD ransoms the life of his servants, *
and none will be punished who trust in him.

The Second Lesson: 1 John 3:1-3

A Reading from John

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Please stand as able



LEVAS #20 When We All Get to Heaven

The Gospel Lesson: Matthew 5:1-12

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. "Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon: Rev. Les Carpenter

Preacher prays, then all sit

The Nicene Creed

All stand as able and say the creed in unison.

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.

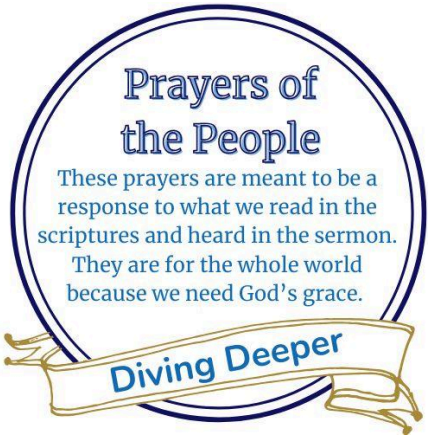
Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

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

All kneel as able



God, you love us and call us your children. We bring our prayers to you today for your Church, the world, and everyone you have made. Help us to share your love, welcome our neighbors, and follow Jesus together.
Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

We pray for all leaders and for every country. Give wisdom to our President, our local leaders, and all who make decisions. We pray for those in the military especially _____; so everyone may live in peace and safety.
Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

We pray for our earth and all of creation. Help us to take good care of your trees, your oceans, and the land you trust us with. We thank you for our dogs, cats, and bunnies.
Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

We pray for our schools, our teachers, our principals, our neighborhoods, and our parish family. Help us to be kind friends, good neighbors, and forgiving to one another.
Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

We pray for anyone who is sick, sad, lonely, or afraid especially _____.
Comfort them, heal them, and let them know you are close to them.

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

We thank you for all the happy things in our lives—for our families, our friends, and all your blessings. We thank you for our food, our toys, and cars, and our homes.
Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

We remember all those who have died and are now safe with you in heaven. We remember the Memaws, Nanas, Papas, and Grandpas.

(The reader may pause briefly for names)

Give comfort to those who miss them.
Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

We also pray for forgiveness for our sins and our mistakes.

Confession and Absolution

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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.

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

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

The people greet one another and offer their blessings of peace.

Welcome and Announcements

The congregation sits as directed, and announcements are shared. If you are new, this is a great time to fill out your Connection Card. There should be a paper one in your pew, or you can use the QR code on the front page.

If you want to give electronically to our church, the best way is to download the church's app (see last page), or you can make a one-time gift through the QR code here.

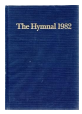


The Liturgy of the Table

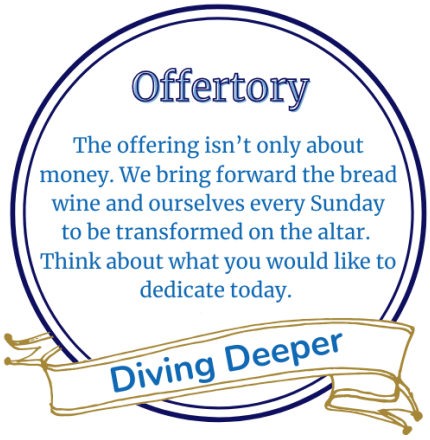
Offertory Music

Offertory Music For All the Saints

After which the people stand and sing the Doxology.



Hymn 380 v 3



The Great Thanksgiving

(Eucharistic Prayer D, BCP 372)

All stand as able

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

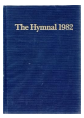
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing:



Hymnal #S-129 "Sanctus"

The people kneel or stand

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new. And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

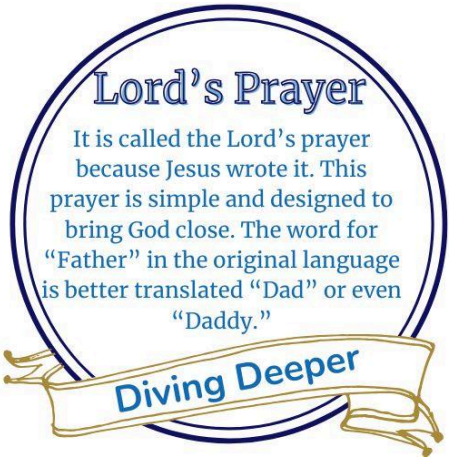
Celebrant and People

We praise you, we bless you,
we give thanks to you,
and we pray to you, Lord our God.

The Celebrant continues

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.



Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

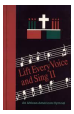
Remember all who have died in the peace of Christ, especially Wayland Abernathy, Gene Arnold, David Arnow, Phyllis Cary, Phil Combs, Stephen Earle, Barbara Love-Lisitza, Janet Luba, Jack Mason, Jr., Jimmy Parker, Sr., Chris Strandberg, Blake Tharin, Wanda Thayer, and George Vargha; and those whose faith is known to you along; bring them into the place of eternal joy and light.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with St. Andrew and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to sing,



LEVAS #264

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

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The people sit

Ministers come forward to receive communion before sharing it. The congregation follows as directed by the ushers.

Distribution of Communion Instrumental

Post Communion Prayer

The people kneel as able

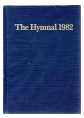
Let us pray,

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

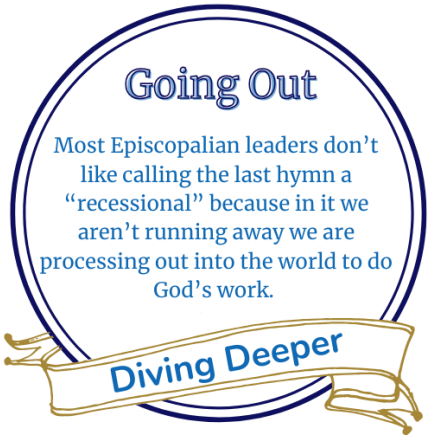
to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing

As you leave this place go forth in peace. Be assured that the past is forgiven. Know that the future is in God's hands. Return no person evil for evil. Remember the poor. Pray for the sick. And make no peace with injustice in this world. And the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you all now and always. **Amen**



Hymn #526 Let Saints on Earth in Concert Sing



Dismissal

Alleluia! Alleluia! Let us go forth in the name of Christ!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude Organ Voluntary



Welcome to Worship

Thank you for joining us!

We have two different regular worship services on Sunday, both of which include Holy Communion. Holy Communion is a sacrament using bread and wine. It reminds us of Jesus, His teachings, His sacrifice on the Cross, and His continued presence in this church. A few more things about Holy Communion.

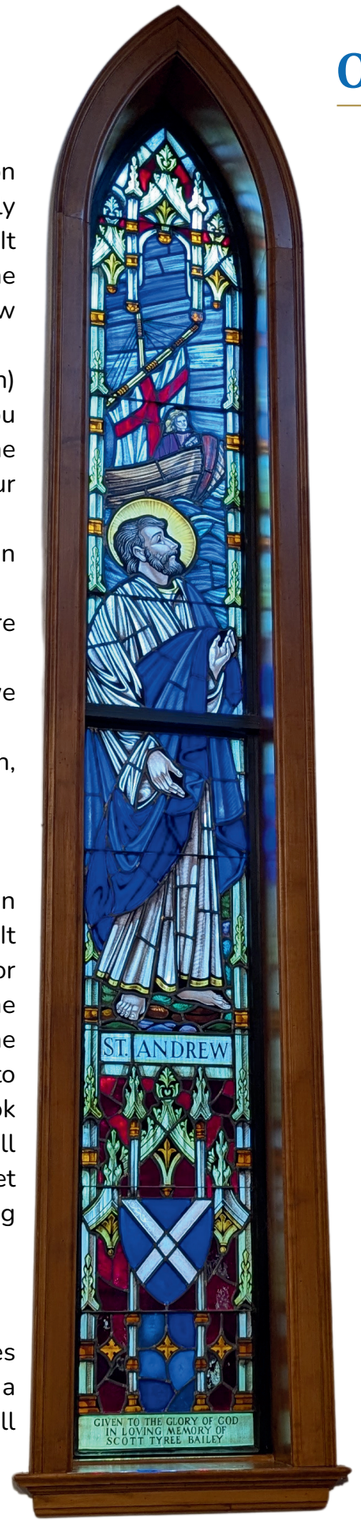
- All baptized people (regardless of Christian Tradition) are invited to receive Communion with us. If you prefer, you can come forward for a blessing. When the minister comes to you, cross your arms across your chest to indicate your preference
- If you don't want to come forward feel free to stay in your seat.
- If you have a gluten sensitivity, Gluten free wafers are available on request.
- If you have mobility concerns tell an usher and we would be happy to bring Communion to you.
- For more info on the basics of the Episcopal church, check out our "Priest Me" podcast on YouTube.

8 AM Rite I

Our 8 am service is smaller and more contemplative than our 10:30. Most Sundays, it is spoken (without music). It uses traditional (Old English) language throughout. For those new to this form of worship, it can take some getting used to, but it is also special to pray in the language of Shakespeare. For the service, you will need to use the *Book of Common Prayer*, which is the black book in your pews with the cross on the front. The priest will call out page numbers as we go. We also provide a sheet with today's readings, which will be helpful for praying the psalm and following todays teaching

10:30 AM Rite II

This is our principal (largest) service on Sunday. It includes music and singing in addition to prayer. We offer a "Sunday Booklet" to help you follow this service. You will also need the blue "1982 Hymnal" found in the pew.



Other Regular Offerings

Children's Chapel/Sunday School/Nursery

Children are always welcome in worship at St. Andrew's! To support our families, we do offer **nursery care** (0-PreK), and **Children's Chapel** (Elementary Age) during the 10:30 service. Ask an usher, and they will tell you where to drop off your kids prior to the service. Your children will join you for Communion.

Youth Ministries and Acolyting

We love to see our youth grow in service and fellowship with us. There is an active youth group. Indicate your interest on the Connection Card and we would love to reach out to you with more Info. Also, children and youth often participate in our Sunday Worship by serving as acolytes (Those in red robes with a white top). If you are interested in learning more ask Rev. Les or any member of the Vestry (church board)

Adult Sunday School

Meets at 9:15am in the Rector's Study. It is a lovely and informal Bible study. Join Us!

Getting Involed

We have so many active ministries, it can be difficult to know where to start. If you want to get more involved here, but aren't sure how to start, fill out one of the **connection cards** in your pew. We will follow up and make sure that you find a meaningful way to start. The Connection card is a way to make sure we have your correct contact info and you are getting the news you want.



Prayers and Celebrations

Prayers Requested

For the Sick and Those in Need:

Catherine
Lisa
Jinx
Teresa
Zanetta
Pris
Annetta
Cyril
Angela
Linda
Jay
Elizabeth
Sandra
Barbara
Dale
Roger
Tina
Donna
Penny
Helen
Mark
Denise
Donna
Carol
Clark
Nicole
Hope

For those serving in our Armed Forces:

Sean
Veronica
Matt
Eric
Bradford
Fletcher
Will
Rodney
Jonathan
Adam
James
Thomas
Austin
Landon M.
Dillon
All Veterans

For the Deceased:

On for Next Sunday? (check it out here)

8 AM

LAY: Dick Arnow
LEM: Ramona Orzell

Food Pantry

Rita Coggins
Rosemary Clark
Missy Filliettaz

10:30 AM

LAY: Brad Earle
LEM: Brad Earle
Elizabeth Pope
Acolytes: Lauren and Christopher
Ushers: Billy Suggs and Steve Thurkill
Vestry Greeters: Jon Renck
Mary Ruffin

Altar Flowers today

are given to the Glory of God by
Carol Bass
In loving memory of Jessica Bass



Announcements

We Are Blooming - Stewardship 2027

As we look ahead to 2027, St. Andrew's is preparing to blossom! Grounded in deep roots of faith and love, our community is growing through vibrant worship, expanded youth and music ministries, and hands-on local outreach. This growth is only possible through the faithful stewardship of our church family.

Our 2027 Stewardship Season begins Sunday, October 18, and concludes on Commitment Sunday, November 15, 2026. Please prayerfully consider how you are called to support St. Andrew's with your time, talents, and financial gifts, and bring your completed pledge card with you on Commitment Sunday as we celebrate all the ways God is helping us bloom—please join us!



All Saints

Every year on All Saints' Day, we pause to hold up the names of those we have loved and lost, giving thanks for their lives and God's faithful presence with us in our grief.

If there is someone in your life who passed away—whether they were a member of St. Andrew's or a loved one from afar—we want to name them and hold them in prayer. **Write your names of your loved ones and leave them in the vase on the round table in the Commons**.

Christmas Pageant Meeting Sunday, November 8th

After the 10:30am service in the Parish hall. Lunch is included!

Advent Wreath Making

Nov. 29th after the 10:30am service in the Parish Hall. Everyone is invited! Lunch included.

Wings of Love

October – Carriage Apartments: We are completing our Christmas bags for residents. Please make sure your bags are turned in by **December 6th.**

November – Thanksgiving Food Pantry: We will be collecting items to fill Thanksgiving food pantry bags, including turkeys, for distribution on **Monday, November 23rd**. If you can help, please contact the church office.

Substitutes for Meals on Wheels Routes

For anyone who is interested please contact Jan Thurkill 252-903-9330. It's the 3rd Thursday at 10am.

Healing Service

Wednesdays at 10:30am
Join us in the Sanctuary



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Believe
Become
Belong

Led by the Spirit, we lovingly serve God through worship, fellowship, spiritual growth, and ministry.

"Branch"

Today's Homily
Preacher: Rev. Les Carpenter