



## Order of Worship for Holy Eucharist Rite II

Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

October 13, 2024



Feeding the Hungry + Welcoming the Stranger  
Being Transformed by God

## Welcome to this morning's worship!

*Thank you for joining us. If you are new to our service, please take a moment to fill out our visitor's card so we can get to know you. Please use this bulletin, the red Book of Common Prayer (BCP), and the blue Hymnal to follow along in worship. Nursery care is available down the stairs at the back of the church. Activity bags are available at the back of the church to keep little hearts and hands engaged.*

### Prelude

#### **Opening Hymn** *(Please stand as you are able.)*

*Love divine, all loves excelling*

Hymnal 657

#### **The Opening Acclamation**

BCP p. 355

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

*People* ***And blessed be God's 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.***

### Gloria

Hymnal S-277

#### **The Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* ***And also with you.***

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

#### **The Children's Procession**

*Children in grades K-5 are invited to a children's ministry time. They will process out of the church together for Godly Play (K-2) and Kids of the Kingdom (3-5) on the classroom hall, returning for the announcements.*

*Jesus loves you (sung by all)*

***Jesus loves you, this we know, for the Bible tells us so.  
Little ones to him belong, they are weak but He is strong.***

***Yes, Jesus loves you. Yes, Jesus loves you.***

***Yes, Jesus loves you; the Bible tells us so.***

## The Word of God

### The First Reading

Hebrews 4:12–16

The word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

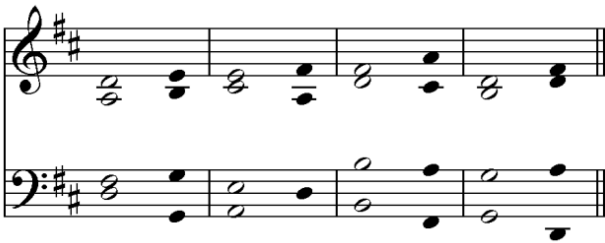
*Reader*        *The Word of the Lord.*

*People*        *Thanks be to God.*

### The Psalm *(sung by all)*

Psalm 90:12–17

Anglican Chant by Jerome Meacham



#### *Chanting the Psalm*

*Move to next note after / and \*  
and at each new verse.*

*So teach us to number our / days \*  
that we may apply our hearts to / wisdom.*

*Return, O Lord; how long will you / tarry? \*  
be gracious to your / servants.*

*Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the / morning; \*  
so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our / life.*

*Make us glad by the measure of the days that you af- / flicted us \*  
and the years in which we suffered ad- / versity.*

*Show your servants your / works \*  
and your splendor to their / children.*

*May the graciousness of the Lord our God be u- / pon us; \*  
prosper the work of our hands; prosper our / handiwork.*

### **Gradual Hymn** *(Please stand as you are able.)*

*Come, thou fount of every blessing (vv. 1–2)*

Hymnal 686

**The Holy Gospel** (*standing*)

Mark 10:17–31

*Deacon* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

As Jesus was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: ‘You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.’” He said to him, “Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.” Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, “You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.” When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!” And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” They were greatly astounded and said to one another, “Then who can be saved?” Jesus looked at them and said, “For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.”

Peter began to say to him, “Look, we have left everything and followed you.” Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.”

*Deacon* The Gospel of the Lord.*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.****Gradual Hymn***Come, thou fount of every blessing (v. 3)*

Hymnal 686

**The Sermon** (*seated*)

The Rev. Ginny Bain Inman

**The Nicene Creed** (*standing*)

BCP p. 358

**The Prayers of the People (Form III)** (*standing or kneeling*)

BCP p. 387

**The Confession and Absolution**

BCP p. 360

**The Peace****Announcements****Together — Stewardship Campaign Kickoff**

## The Holy Communion

### Offertory Anthem

*Speak, Lord*

Tom Trenney

*You are the way, the truth, and the life.  
You are our hope, our victory o'er the strife.  
You are our peace, our calm upon the sea.  
Bringing good news to the oppressed, you set the captive free!*

*Speak, Lord, for your servants are listening.  
Speak, Lord, how we need to hear from you.  
Give us courage to speak, Lord, till injustice is silent.  
Speak your words of love in all we say and do.*

*You come to heal our broken heart,  
comfort as we mourn, just mercy to impart.  
You call us to preach the Gospel, dream the dream,  
till justice rolls down like water, righteousness like a mighty stream.*

*Give us sight to see the world through the eyes of a stranger.  
Help us to hear the beauty of a language not our own.  
Set our hearts to beat with compassion for our neighbor.  
When we love each other, you are seen and known.*

Sean Toso, soloist

### At the Presentation

*The Doxology*

Hymnal 380, v. 3

### The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP p. 361

*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 God thanks and praise.***

### Sanctus

Hymnal S-130

### The Lord's Prayer

BCP p. 364

### The Breaking of the Bread

*We are offering Communion in both kinds. If you do not want to receive Communion but would like to come forward for a blessing, come to either side of the altar rail and place your arms across your chest in the form of an "X" or cross.*

# Communion Hymns

As we gather at your Table

WLP 763

1. As we gath - er at your  
2. Turn our wor - ship in - to

Ta - ble, as we lis - ten to your Word, help us  
wit - ness in the sac - ra - ment of life; send us

know, O God, your pres - ence; let our hearts and minds be  
forth to love and serve you, bring - ing peace where there is

stirred. Nour - ish us with sa - cred sto - ry till we  
strife. Give us, Christ, your great com - pas - sion to for -

claim it as our own; teach us through this ho - ly  
give as you for - gave; may we still be - hold your

ban - quet how to make Love's vic - t'ry known.  
im - age in the world you died to save. *to verse 3*

3. Gra - cious Spi - rit, help us

sum - mon oth - er guests to share that Feast where tri -

um - phant Love will wel - come those who had been last and

least. There no more will en - vy blind us nor will

pride our peace des - troy, as we join with saints and  
an - gels to re - peat the sound - ing joy.

*Seek ye first the kingdom of God*

Hymnal 711

*I am thine, O Lord, I have heard thy voice*

LEVAS 129

1. I am thine, O Lord, I have heard thy voice, And it  
2. Con - se - crate me now to thy ser - vice, Lord, By the  
3. Oh, the pure de - light of a sin - gle hour That be -  
4. There are depths of love that I can - not know Till I

1. told thy love to me; But I long to rise in the  
2. pow'r of grace di - vine; Let my soul look up with a  
3. fore thy throne I spend, When I kneel in prayer, and with  
4. cross the nar - row sea; There are heights of joy that I

1. arms of faith, And be clos - er drawn to thee.  
2. stead - fast hope, And my will be lost in thine.  
3. thee, my God, I com - mune as friend with friend!  
4. may not reach Till I rest in peace with thee.

Draw me near - er, near - er, bless - ed Lord, To the

cross where thou has died, Draw me near - er, near - er,

near - er bless - ed Lord, To thy pre - cious, bleed - ing side.

**The Blessing**

**Closing Hymn**

*O Zion, haste, thy mission high fulfilling*

Hymnal 539

**The Dismissal**

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*Deacon* Let us go forth together sharing the love of Christ.

*People* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

**Postlude**

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**Readers:** Stephen Inman, Jennifer Jones. **Chalicians:** Barbara Lawless, Buster Lewis. **Verger:** Debbie Dowd. **Ushers:** Mitzi Bond, Bob Emmaus, Charles Kappauf, Laurinda Stokes, Craig Taylor. **Greeters & Newcomer Hosts:** Anne Jones, Charles Kelshaw, Stephen Martin. **Altar Guild Team:** Nancy Bishop, Mary V. Compton, Nancy Kimbrough, Barbara Lawless, Sandy O'Briant. **Livestream Team:** Jorge Chaires, Virginia Haskett.

*The flowers at the altar today are given to the glory of God by Julia Rayborn, in loving memory of Jim Rayborn and in honor of Cory, Rebecca, and Katherine; and by Betty and Alan Atwell, in loving memory of his parents, Edith and Everett, on the anniversary of their marriage.*

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**We Pray For**

**Those impacted by hurricanes: A Prayer for Those Working to Rebuild**

*Compassionate God, source of all comfort, we pray for the people  
whose lives have been devastated this hurricane season.*

*Bring them comfort, we pray.*

*Protect the vulnerable.*

*Strengthen the weak.*

*Keep at bay the spread of disease.*

*Have mercy on all those working to rebuild.*

*And may our response to their suffering  
be generous and bring you praise.*

*We ask this in Jesus' name.*

— Adapted from Christian Aid, UK  
*Pray - Episcopal Relief & Development*



## Hurricane Relief—Updated News & Guidance from Our Diocese

As our siblings in Florida assess the damage from their second hurricane in 13 days, and we continue to see the impact of Hurricane Helene in western North Carolina, we understand the depth of desire to help. Please explore our [“Ways to Help with Hurricane Relief Efforts”](#) webpage thoroughly for updates and new information on ways you can help. This page is being updated regularly and includes links for prayer, giving, and other ways to help.

**Prayer:** Those in affected regions are overwhelmed and exhausted. They need your ongoing prayers. Episcopal Relief & Development offers [prayer resources](#) that may be helpful.

**Financial Gifts:** Having financial resources to respond is one of the most critical needs. Today, the best way to help is to provide responding agencies with the financial resources they need. We encourage donations to the seven affected dioceses in North Carolina, Tennessee, Georgia, the Gulf Coast, and Florida; Episcopal Relief & Development; and the American Red Cross. Links to all of these organizations are provided on the diocese’s [hurricane relief page](#).

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Episcopal Church in the Philippines

*Victory in the Spanish-American War in 1898 left the Americans with the Philippines as a colony, and no longer faced with a Spanish prohibition of missionary work by non-Catholic churches, the Episcopal Church in the United States began missions there in 1901. Charles Henry Brent (a fascinating man whom we remember in our Episcopal Church calendar on March 27<sup>th</sup>) became the first bishop. Opposed to proselytization, he was determined not to “put up an altar over against another altar.” That limitation left Episcopalians in regions where there was little church presence, and it took time for the Church to develop. As a result, no Filipinos were ordained for over three decades. Though still under the Episcopal Church in the U.S, in 1937 the Church evolved from a “missionary district” to become the Philippine Episcopal Church. Finally, in 1990, the Episcopal Church in the Philippines separated from the American Episcopalians and became its own province in the Anglican Communion.*

**Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:** Christ’s Beloved Community, Winston-Salem; St. Anne’s, Winston-Salem

**Those on our parish prayer list:** Mary Stalter; Norma Bullock; Moira Ermentrout; Maria Wilmoth; Jimmie Olivey; Patrick and Margaret Miller; Ed Morea; Julie Dameron; Traci and Erik; Barbara Cernansky; Ella Janssen; Gabriel; Charles Claunch; Libby Eberhard; Gwen Snead; Barbara Van Cleve; David Heflin; Jeff Cummer; Charles Kelshaw; David McGraw; Maureen Morea; Carolyn Ritchie; Betty Atwell; Eva Harris; Judy Gecinger; Liz Wert; Carol Phillips; Ed Phelps; Mack Baker; Lauren; Downs Brown, Jr.; Martha and Jim Kaley; Nancy O’Donnell; Tina Sink Gangi; Florine; Vickie; Heather; Victoria; Dean Barrett; Johnetta Shablack; Doug Baker; Erik Flak; Elizabeth Nevius; Frank Tatem; Pauline Tatum; Jim Tatum; Pia; Henry, Christine, and Emily Davis-Potter; Linda Heller; Katelyn Flowers; Amelia Menston-Sambola; Rafael Morales and family; Jeannie Phillips; James; Jim and Sue Ligon; Madeline Colavito; Bob Emmaus; Hilary Towle; Cory and Jasper; Elisabeth; Renee Maness; Kayla Alford; Charlotte Lloyd; Walker Sanecki

**Those serving in our military:** Tom Stauffer, Paul Zeigler, Stephen Johnson, Benjamin Phillips, Kenneth Gearhart, Alex Reyes, Michael McNeil, Jordan Payne, Catharyn Nosek

**Birthdays:** Alan Atwell, Ralph Bricker, Anne Jones, Chris Lillpopp, Dennis Pollard, Lynda Sanecki, Penny Summers, Sandra Tatem, Maddie Testa

**Anniversaries:** Melissa & Tim Fleming, Shirley Keel & Don Tessmann, Roger & Nancy Kimbrough

*Prayer requests can be sent to Susan Frye, Parish Administrator, at [parish@standrewsgso.org](mailto:parish@standrewsgso.org) or 336-275-1651, ext. 1. Please also contact Susan with birthdays and anniversaries for the bulletin.*



## Together: Our Giving Pledge Campaign Begins

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*May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of Lord Jesus Christ. Romans 15:5–6*

Our annual Giving Campaign for 2025 kicks off today. This year's stewardship theme, "**Together,**" invites us to reflect on our connection with one another as the Body of Christ, a movement of people following Jesus.

St. Andrew's has a long history of coming together in times of difficulty and hardship and in times of joy and celebration. For over 130 years, the Holy Spirit has woven thousands of lives together in this faith community as we have fed the hungry, welcomed the stranger, and been transformed by God. During our **Together** campaign, all are encouraged to reflect on how we can give of our time, talent, and treasure to celebrate and share God's love together as a community of faith and followers of Christ.

Pledge commitment packets will be available to be picked up **before and after worship today**. Packets that are not picked up will be mailed this week. **Our ingathering will be October 27, when we will celebrate after worship with a festive reception.**

May we give generously and joyfully together so that St. Andrew's can continue to grow in Christ's love and make that love visible in this church, this community, and this world.

## Today

### **Walk in Love: Episcopal 101—Learn about the Episcopal Church! October 13–27, 11:15 a.m. (Cloister)**

Are you new or new-ish to the Episcopal Church? Or maybe you've been here a while but still have questions or are looking for a way to deepen your faith? Join us for *Episcopal 101*, a class on the basics of the Episcopal Church. All are welcome—no matter how long or short a time you've called the Episcopal Church home—or if you aren't sure yet if it feels like home. We will explore the faith, beliefs, history, structure, and practices of the Episcopal Church, with plenty of space to ask questions! Led by Spencer Musick, Rev. Ginny Inman, and others.

*The text for this class can be purchased at <https://www.amazon.com/Walk-Love-Episcopal-Beliefs-Practices/dp/0880284552>. If you have questions about Episcopal 101, please feel free to contact Spencer Musick at [spencermusick@outlook.com](mailto:spencermusick@outlook.com) or 706-233-1223.*

### **Youth Confirmation Class Continues—Right after Worship in Herman Hall**

Our Youth Confirmation class will meet after worship today downstairs in Herman Hall. If you have questions about youth confirmation, please email Martha Chaires at [martha@standrewsgso.org](mailto:martha@standrewsgso.org). Classes are Sundays, 11:15 a.m.–12:30 p.m., through October 27.

### **Living Compass Class for Parents Continues—Right after Worship in the Library**

Grounded in Scripture, the tradition of the Church, and the sharing our own stories, this course is designed to support participants as they seek to live the abundant life God intends for them. We often say that you have to put on your own life vest before you can help another, but it is easy to lose sight of our own well-being when we are actively parenting. The Living Compass is a model that invites us to attend to our mind, heart, strength, and soul. In a small group setting, we'll create a space of rest, contemplation, deep conversation, and compassion, while learning to better care for ourselves as we care for our kids. The class runs through October 27, concurrently with our *Confirmation for Youth* course, and childcare will be available. Facilitated by Anna Taylor and Rev. Ginny Inman.

### **EYC is Together for Service Tonight—Meet at Pathways Center on N. Church St. at 5:00 p.m.**

Our middle and high school youth will gather tonight for service at Pathways Center, Greensboro Urban Ministry's shelter for families experiencing homelessness. Please meet at the front entrance of the Pathways building at 3517 N. Church St. at 5:00 p.m. We will head into their kitchen to make a yummy taco bake. Then we'll sit down to dine with the families in residence at 6:00 p.m. Pickup will be at 6:30 p.m. at the front entrance. We're excited about this awesome opportunity to serve our neighbors in Greensboro! This EYC meeting is eligible for Service Learning Hours, so it's a great opportunity to earn those while doing something good for vulnerable families in our community.

*Pathways provides temporary housing for up to 16 houseless families. These families are not charged any fee to move in, allowing residents the opportunity to pay off bills and save money for deposits. Families come to Pathways for a variety of reasons, such as eviction from housing they could not afford, living in overcrowded or substandard housing, and domestic problems.*

## Coming Right Up at St. Andrew's

### **Come to an ECW Meeting with the St. Agatha & St. Mary Chapter—October 14**

All are invited to our next chapter meeting, October 14 at 2:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall, with a program led by parishioner Pat Marsh about the tradition of Chrismons. You may have seen them on display during Advent in past years and been unaware of their history and symbolism. Chrismons are ornaments that reflect the birth, life, ministry, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Come and learn about Frances Spencer and her desire to truly celebrate the birthday of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ and her quest to glorify him. Pat will display her ornaments, and there will be a display of St. Andrew's Chrismons, as well. **Please contact Janice Cox Pollard at [jcallcox@att.net](mailto:jcallcox@att.net) to learn more.**

### **EYC is Heading to Costa Rica for Our Summer Mission Trip—Signup & Deposit Due October 15**

Next summer St. Andrew's EYC will be heading south to serve our neighbors in Limon, Costa Rica, **June 17–24, 2025**. Signup and initial deposits of \$500 are due **October 15**. Financial assistance is available. All interested youth and chaperones are asked to ensure that their passports are current or get them renewed ASAP if need be. *You can find more information about this trip at <https://bit.ly/2025CRMissionFacts>. Email [martha@standrewsgso.org](mailto:martha@standrewsgso.org) with any questions.*

### **Women of St. Andrew's, Sign Up for Connect in Community—October 17 at 7 p.m.**

At our women's retreat earlier this year, one of the collective hopes was for more intentional time together. In response, Connect in Community will be a quarterly gathering for *all* women in our parish, a time for deepening our relationships with one another and our faith. Sarah Chowning will help shape our first gathering on Thursday, October 17, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. We'll talk in small groups with time for prayer and song. Please sign up at <https://bit.ly/2024-STA-CONNECT> and, if you'd like to, sign up to bring a dessert to share. We are so excited to be together!

### **Bring Your Lunch and Join Us for Book Club—October 22**

St. Andrew's Brown Bag Book Club will meet on Tuesday, October 22, at 12 p.m. in the Cloister. All are invited! You are welcome to bring a sandwich or snack and beverage. Questions? Contact Janet at [janetowenshomes@gmail.com](mailto:janetowenshomes@gmail.com).

## New Items, Needs, & Signups

### **Discovering the Holy in the Ordinary—Join us for a St. Andrew’s Urban Pilgrimage**

*Saturday, October 26, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.*

We often think of a pilgrimage as a trip to a foreign or faraway place, but a pilgrimage is, quite simply, a journey that is spiritually motivated. Pilgrims travel to sacred sites to follow in the footsteps of their spiritual forbearers, to encounter the divine, and to deepen their personal faith. Pilgrimage has a rich history and deep theological roots within the Christian tradition and beyond. Celtic Christians often speak of “thin places” as places where the distance between heaven and earth is very thin. The more we experience thin places, the more we find thin places all around us. *This urban pilgrimage has been designed to help us experience thin places in our own community, to see how God is at work right here in Greensboro.* We will begin and end at Greensboro Urban Ministry (305 Gate City Blvd.) and walk together to places of significance in our city including, among others, the Guilford County Courthouse, the International Civil Rights Museum, The Depot, and the Interactive Resource Center. **We will walk at a slow pace and all are welcome!**

*Our pilgrimage will be led by Rev. Frank Dew. Born in Raleigh and raised in Lumberton, Frank graduated from Wake Forest University with a B.A. in Politics and earned a Master of Divinity degree from Duke Divinity School. He has served as a pastor in the PCUSA for over 40 years and currently serves as Engagement Pastor for Salem Presbytery as well as being a Peace and Justice Advocate. Frank also serves on the boards of Bread for the World, the North Carolina Council of Churches, and Recovery Cafe Greensboro.*

### **It’s Time to Sign Up for Our EYC Retreat! Together for Fun at Hyco Lake is October 19–20**

We’re so excited to be headed up to Hyco Lake for a fun overnight retreat of fellowship, fun, and worship, October 19–20. More details will follow soon, but if you’re interested, please sign up at <https://bit.ly/2024EYCRetreat> now to help us plan the fun, work out transportation needs, and figure out food for the weekend. We hope you will join us for this first (of hopefully many) EYC retreat!

### **Deck Hands Needed for Deck the Halls—Saturdays in November**

Starting Saturday, November 2, and through November 23, we will host a St. Andrew’s tent at The Corner Farmers Market to take orders for Deck the Halls wreaths, cookies, and gingerbread houses. **We are looking for two helpers for each week who can join us in this fun Saturday morning outreach effort!** We meet at 7:00 a.m. at the church to move our tent, tables, chairs, and supplies from the church to the Market. When the market closes at noon, we break camp and return our supplies to the church. It is a wonderful way to start your day in the neighborhood. We appreciate your support in making it happen—we could not do this without you! **The dates are November 2, 9, 16, and 23. Eight volunteers will fill the bill!** Please email Fran Swan to sign up at [francinemq53@gmail.com](mailto:francinemq53@gmail.com).

### **Send Us Your College Students' Addresses by November 11—Care Packages are in the Works**

The ECW Chapter of St. Agatha and St. Mary's soon will be packing and mailing their annual college boxes of snacks to college students of families at St. Andrew's. The boxes will arrive in time for hours of studying for exams. Please send us addresses! If you know of college students you would like to be included in this love mailing, we invite you to submit their names and mailing addresses **by November 11**. Please send information to Janice Cox Pollard at 336-317-4171 or [jcallcox@gmail.com](mailto:jcallcox@gmail.com), or to Susan Frye at [parish@standrewsgso.org](mailto:parish@standrewsgso.org).

### **Sign Up for Coffee Hour—We Have Openings**

Please visit the refreshments sign-up sheet in the Parish Hall. There are many open dates awaiting a generous sponsor like you. All snacks are appreciated.

### **Deck the Halls Next Steps—Trim Our Giving Tree with Gift Cards**

There are so many ways to help with Deck the Halls between now and the actual event on December 7! In addition to donations of wine, ladies' accessories, and candies, the Giving Tree needs your help. Deck the Halls shoppers will pay \$20 to select an envelope number from the tree, with the promise that the matching envelope will contain a gift card or cards worth at least \$25. You can reach out to any business with a request for a gift certificate or card in any amount. (*Please encourage extravagant generosity!*) Make your list of prospects now, and Carolyn Hackett can supply tax exemption letters and colorful flyers explaining the event for them. If you're a little uncertain about how to make a request, she will gladly coach you. Carolyn can be reached at 336-706-1583 or [carolyn322@gmail.com](mailto:carolyn322@gmail.com).

## **Supporting St. Andrew's**

### **Thank You for the Support that Sustains Us**

Thank you for your generous gifts that make all that we do possible at St. Andrew's and in our community. If you have questions about your giving, please email Ray Marsh at [bookkeeper@standrewsgso.org](mailto:bookkeeper@standrewsgso.org) or leave him a message at 336-265-1651, ext. 3. Ray is in the office on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. To make a new gift, scan the code at right, visit [abundant.co/standrewsepiscopalch/give](http://abundant.co/standrewsepiscopalch/give), or mail a check to St. Andrew's Episcopal Church Bookkeeper, 2105 W. Market St., Greensboro, NC 27403.



## Souls to the Polls

### **Christians' Responsibilities in Elections—Please Visit the Advocacy Table in the Parish Hall**

*"It is a Christian obligation to vote, and more than that it is the church's responsibility to help get souls to the polls." — Presiding Bishop Michael Curry*

As we approach Election Day, we will all have opportunities to persuade others to go to the polls. We may encounter obstacles to success, of which the most talked about these days is feelings that elections are not secure, are vulnerable to manipulation, or are "rigged." **The Advocacy Table** in the Parish Hall has a display of highly reliable information about election security in North Carolina, including some fact sheets that you may take with you. Please visit the table to arm yourself with persuasive facts.

### **Who is on Your Ballot this November 5th?—Early Voting Begins October 17**

Before you head for the polls you will want to learn more about all of the candidates on your ballot. Often, we aren't familiar with down-ballot candidates for North Carolina and local offices and judgeships or what they stand for. These positions greatly affect our day-to-day lives on issues such as education, reproductive rights, health care and gun violence / public safety. To see a sample ballot for your precinct, go to the State Board of Elections at <https://vt.ncsbe.gov>, click on "voter search," and enter your information. You can then search for their web pages to make sure they will support the issues you care about.

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