



## Order of Worship for Holy Eucharist Rite II

Second Sunday after Pentecost

June 7, 2026

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*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 welcome 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.)*

*The God of Abraham praise*

Hymnal 401

### **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.***

### **Song of Praise**

*Surely it is God who saves me*

Hymnal 679

## **The Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

O God, from whom all good proceeds: Grant that by your inspiration we may think those things that are right, and by your merciful guiding may do them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

## **The Word of God**

**The Lesson from the Hebrew Bible** (*Please be seated.*)

Genesis 12:1–9

Now the Lord said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother’s son Lot, and all the possessions that they had gathered, and the persons whom they had acquired in Haran; and they set forth to go to the land of Canaan. When they had come to the land of Canaan, Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. Then the Lord appeared to Abram, and said, “To your offspring I will give this land.” So he built there an altar to the Lord, who had appeared to him. From there he moved on to the hill country on the east of Bethel, and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east; and there he built an altar to the Lord and invoked the name of the Lord. And Abram journeyed on by stages toward the Negeb.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* ***Thanks be to God.***

**The Psalm** (*read responsively by whole verse*)

Psalm 33:1–12

*Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous; \**

*it is good for the just to sing praises.*

***Praise the Lord with the harp; \****

***play to him upon the psaltery and lyre.***

*Sing for him a new song; \**

*sound a fanfare with all your skill upon the trumpet.*

***For the word of the Lord is right, \*  
and all his works are sure.***

*He loves righteousness and justice; \*  
the loving-kindness of the Lord fills the whole earth.*

***By the word of the Lord were the heavens made, \*  
by the breath of his mouth all the heavenly hosts.***

*He gathers up the waters of the ocean as in a water-skin \*  
and stores up the depths of the sea.*

***Let all the earth fear the Lord; \*  
let all who dwell in the world stand in awe of him.***

*For he spoke, and it came to pass; \*  
he commanded, and it stood fast.*

***The Lord brings the will of the nations to naught; \*  
he thwarts the designs of the peoples.***

*But the Lord's will stands fast for ever, \*  
and the designs of his heart from age to age.*

***Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord! \*  
happy the people he has chosen to be his own!***

## **The Epistle**

Romans 4:13–25

The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations")—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God,

being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith “was reckoned to him as righteousness.” Now the words, “it was reckoned to him,” were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* ***Thanks be to God.***

### **Gradual Hymn** (*standing*)

*We all are one in mission (vv. 1–2)*

WLP 778

1. We all are one in mis - sion, we all are one in call,  
our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.  
A sin - gle, great com - mis - sion com - pels us from a - bove  
to plan and work to - geth - er that all may know Christ's love.

***2. We all are called for service to witness in God's name.  
Our ministries are diff'rent, our purpose is the same:  
to touch the lives of others by God's surprising grace,  
so people of all nations may feel God's warm embrace.***

### **The Holy Gospel**

Matthew 9:9–13, 18–26

*Priest* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

*People* ***Glory to you, Lord Christ.***

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, “Follow me.”

And he got up and followed him. And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw

this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" But when he heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners."

While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader of the synagogue came in and knelt before him, saying, "My daughter has just died; but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live." And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, for she said to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well." Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, "Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well." And instantly the woman was made well. When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, he said, "Go away; for the girl is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. And the report of this spread throughout that district.

*Priest*        The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*        ***Praise to you, Lord Christ.***

### **Gradual Hymn**

*We all are one in mission (vv. 3–4)*

WLP 778

***3. We all behold one vision, a stark reality;  
the steward of salvation was nailed upon a tree.  
Yet resurrected Justice gives rise that we may share  
free reconciliation and hope amid despair.***

***4. Now let us be united and let our song be heard.  
Now let us be a vessel for God's redeeming Word.  
We all are one in mission, we all are one in call,  
Our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.***

**The Sermon** (*seated*)

The Rev. Ginny Bain Inman

**The Nicene Creed**

BCP p. 358

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

BCP p. 387

The Peace

Announcements

The Holy Communion

*Our liturgy this morning features prayers from **Enriching Our Worship (EOW)**, an authorized resource of the Episcopal Church meant to be used in tandem with the Book of Common Prayer. The season after Pentecost is a wonderful time to explore the different ways in which the Spirit speaks to the Church; we hope that you find these beautiful prayers meaningful.*

Offertory Anthem

*Hear My Words*

Stephen Paulus

Psalm 5

*Hear my words, O gracious Lord,  
To my thoughts attentive be;  
Hear my cry, my King my God,  
I will make my prayer to Thee.*

*With the morning light O Lord,  
Thou shalt hear my voice arise;  
And expectant I will bring,  
Prayer as morning sacrifice.*

*Thou are Holy O my God,  
Thou delightest not in sin;  
Evil shall not dwell with Thee,  
Nor the proud Thy favor win.*

At the Presentation

*The Doxology*

Hymnal 380, v. 3

**The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer 1** (*standing or kneeling*)

EOW

*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.***

*Celebrant* You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your

constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life. Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

## **Sanctus**

Hymnal S-130

*Celebrant* Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people. Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People* ***Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.***

*Celebrant* Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with blessed Mary and Andrew and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

**The Breaking of the Bread**

*Celebrant* We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

*People* **We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one 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** *(sung by all)*

*I come with joy to meet my Lord*

Hymnal 304

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

LEVAS 129

1. I am thine, O Lord, I have heard thy voice, And it  
 I told thy love to me; But I long to rise in the  
 arms of faith, And be clos - er drawn to 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.

**2. Consecrate me now to thy service, Lord, by the pow'r of grace divine;  
 Let my soul look up with a steadfast hope, and my will be lost in thine. (Refrain)**

3. *Oh, the pure delight of a single hour that before thy throne I spend,  
When I kneel in prayer, and with thee, my God, I commune as friend with friend!* (Refrain)
4. *There are depths of love that I cannot know till I cross the narrow sea;  
There are heights of joy that I may not reach till I rest in peace with thee.* (Refrain)

God is Love, let heaven adore him

Hymnal 379

### Postcommunion Prayer

EOW

*God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.*

### Blessing

### Closing Hymn

*O Zion haste, thy mission high fulfilling*

Hymnal 539

### The Dismissal

### Postlude

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*A little chilly?* With air conditioning season upon us, **prayer shawls** are available at the back of the church and chapel, should you find yourself wishing for an extra layer. Use them as needed during the service, then please return them to the back pew on your way out for others to use next week. These shawls will be available throughout the summer for all to enjoy. If you would like to request a prayer shawl for someone, please contact Lynda Sanecki, at [lsanecki894@gmail.com](mailto:lsanecki894@gmail.com).

**Acolyte:** Sam Inman, Holden Troutman, Will Troutman. **Readers:** Jill Lowe, Roger Manuel, Anna Sibley. **Chalicians:** Stephen Inman, John Walton. **Verger:** Debbie Dowd. **Ushers:** Lee Eanes, Joe Graves, Nancy Kimbrough, Roger Kimbrough, Sandy Shelton. **Greeter & Newcomer Host:** Jon Anderson. **Altar Guild Members:** Dottie Clark, Carolyn Hackett, Anne Jones, Shelley Kappauf, Betty Self, Laurinda Stokes, Linda Van Ormer, Gail Walters. **Livestream Team:** Jorge Chaires, Joe Stultz.

*The flowers at the altar today are given to the glory of God by  
Cindy Shane and Johnetta Shablack, in celebration of their 19<sup>th</sup> anniversary.*

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## We Pray For

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Scottish Episcopal Church

**Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:** St. Paul's, Monroe; St. James', Mooresville; St. Patrick's, Mooresville

**Those on our parish prayer list:** Norma Bullock, Traci and Erik, Jeff Cummer, Betty Atwell, Mack Baker, Lauren, Martha and Jim Kaley, Heather, Victoria, Pauline Tatum, Jim Tatum, Pia, Jeannie Phillips, James, Madeline Colavito, Myra Stephens, E. MacKenzie, Susan Seaton, Karl Towle, Heidi Dohmeier, Barbara Van Cleve, Faye Thompson, Ethan Shoffner, Paul, Karen, Sabrina, John Bald, Julie Dameron, Lynn Hayworth, Vicky, Terese Southern, Jordan, Bill Hill, Carl and Angie Smith, James R. Smith, Lauren Vasquez and family, Ken Sisk, Ken, Patricia, Lee Martin, Charlyne Hanna, Julia Davis, Carrether, Michael Ballard, Katherine Yost Hayden, Carole, Kat, and Julia, Greta, Susan Mole, Angela, Keats, Nancy, Mary Gail, Joe and Sandra Redding, Wee and Eddie, Emani and Desiree, Mary Cathryn Murray, Jane Smith and family, Nancy Bishop, Henry, Arwyn, and Christine Davis-Potter, Judy Stancil, Patricia Henry, Nancy K., Kayla Alford, Steve Hall, Steve Strong, Darlene Barnett, Sharyl, Hyggins, Ed Hoffman, Ashley Fuller

**Seminarian:** Ryan Waide

**All participating in Cursillo Weekend #112, which closes today:** Sherry Chappell, Cecil Haynes, Pamela Haynes, Amelia Menston-Sambola, Yvonne Michel, Jankoba Sambola, David Stokes, Laurinda Stokes.

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

**Those expecting:** Cody and Kelly Grant Lankford (late July)

**Birthdays:** Eleanor Baker, Sherry Chappell, Bob Cook, Ella Frahm, Jack Jezorek, Ed Lawless, Anne Webb

**Anniversaries:** Barbara Cooke and Jim Baker, Keith and Liz Nash, Cindy Shane and Johnetta Shablack, Ken and Catharine Sisk, Dawn and Joseph Spinks, Glenn and Mary Lou Strohl

*Please send prayer requests to Susan Frye at [parish@standrewsgso.org](mailto:parish@standrewsgso.org) or 336-275-1651, ext. 1. Names remain on our parish prayer list for six weeks. If you would like a name to remain on the list, please let Susan know. Please also email Susan with birthdays or anniversaries for the bulletin.*

## Today

### ***Holy Living, Holy Dying—Right after Worship (Cloister)***

Join Mother Ginny for a conversation about end-of-life planning after worship today. In this session we will explore how we understand death and dying as Christians, review the Book of Common Prayer burial liturgy, and consider a practical resource for funeral planning to make known and communicate our wishes. We will also discuss the mystery of death as a means of affirming God's precious gift of life. If you are unable to attend but would like to receive a copy of our Funeral Planning guide or Memorial Garden information, please contact Susan Frye at [parish@standrewsgso.org](mailto:parish@standrewsgso.org), or download them from our website using links in this week's eNews.

### ***Our Intergenerational Ministry Team Needs Your Input!—Today & by June 14***

St. Andrew's was recently selected to participate in the diocese's Let the Children Come discernment and grant process to help us create new intergenerational ministry practices! Our grant team is in the process of identifying what those practices should be and how they can best serve the children, youth, and adults in our parish—**and we need your input!** Please check your inboxes for **a brief online survey** included in our eNews and mailings to Sprouts and EYC email lists this week and next, and **please submit your responses by June 14**. Want a more hands-on way to help—today? We have written two questions for you to consider and posted them on the walls of the classroom hall. **After worship, please visit the posted questions and share your thoughts in writing.** Becca Redding, one of our wonderful Children's Ministry team members and Godly Play teachers, will be around to answer any questions you have as you ponder and write. Thank you for your input. We can't wait to see what St. Andrew's comes up with!

### ***Wear Orange this Month for Gun Violence Prevention Awareness***

June is National Gun Violence Awareness Month. On this first Sunday of June, all are invited to show support for Gun Violence Awareness by wearing orange, its official color. Orange ribbon lapel pins are available at the church entrance to wear today and throughout the month.

## Announcements

### ***Let's Go to the Hoppers! Sign Up Today & Bring a Friend—June 11 at 6:30 p.m.***

St. Andrew's is gearing up for another night at the Greensboro Grasshoppers this Thursday at 6:30 p.m., which is also Pride Night. We have secured a block of 25 tickets at a discounted rate of \$11 each and invite you to come and bring a friend!

- ***If you have already emailed Spencer to confirm that you're coming, he has included you***

*in our block and will send your ticket(s) to you electronically before game day. Please follow the payment instructions below.*

- ***If you want to come but haven't reserved yet, now's the time!*** Email Spencer at [spencermusick@outlook.com](mailto:spencermusick@outlook.com) with the number of tickets you want to reserve. Then follow the payment instructions below.
- ***If you're unsure of your plans and need to purchase directly from the Hoppers closer to game day, you can use the link in our eNews to purchase tickets in a section adjacent to our pre-purchased block. These seats are also discounted but cost a little more, at \$13 each.***

***Baseball Ticket Payment Instructions:*** For tickets reserved with Spencer, please pay the church \$11 per ticket by check to St. Andrew's, with "Baseball Tickets" on the memo line, or on our website, selecting Donation/Pledge Offering and noting "Baseball Tickets" as the memo. We look forward to seeing you Thursday!

### ***Hearing the Gospel Bible Study Summer Session—Begins Wednesday, June 10***

*Summer meetings of our weekly Bible Study, Hearing the Gospel, begin June 10, at 10:30 a.m. We follow a modified lectio divina format where we read the Gospel for the coming Sunday, followed by discussion of what it meant in Jesus' day and what it means to us today. Sessions are in the Parish Hall and last about an hour, closing with Noonday Prayer. All members of the parish and visitors are welcome. Please contact Jill Lowe with any questions at [gmlowe17325@yahoo.com](mailto:gmlowe17325@yahoo.com).*

### ***Join Us for Community Conversation on Affordable Housing—June 14 after Worship***

*You can do a little—entirely optional—homework to prepare for our Community Conversation on June 14. First, check out Interfaith Housing Initiative at [ihigso.org](http://ihigso.org). St. Andrew's is a founding member of IHI and is actively pursuing financial support to construct six apartment homes this year. Then put Short St. and W. Terrell St. into your GPS and follow the prompts to see "our" site. Homework or not, please plan to attend the Community Conversation after Worship on June 14 to catch up on your church home's response to homelessness and to hear from an IHI representative who will be joining us in the Parish Hall.*

### ***Come to a Brotherhood of St. Andrew Meeting—June 14, 8:30 a.m. (Library)***

*The next meeting of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew (BOSA) will be next June 14 (the second Sunday of the month) at 8:30 a.m. in the Library. Please join us as we seek to grow this men's ministry of prayer, study, and service at St. Andrew's. Contact David Stokes with any questions at [dstokes56@bellsouth.net](mailto:dstokes56@bellsouth.net) or 502-523-6396 (mobile).*

### ***Introduction to Dismantling Racism Sessions Offered—Starting June 19–20***

*Introduction to Dismantling Racism: Reclaiming Our Baptismal Promise* is a free interactive workshop designed to deepen spiritual commitment to dismantling racism as participants in the Jesus Movement. Through presentations, prayer, story sharing, videos, and small group discussion, participants explore how the sin of racism impacts all lives. You can register for your choice of three sessions offered by our diocese—June 19–20, July 24–25, and September 18–19—using links shared in this week's eNews.

### ***Compassion Camp VBS Needs Volunteers!—July 27–31 (9 a.m.–12 p.m.)***

*Compassion Camp VBS* is a huge success with our littlest parishioners and friends thanks to the many loving St. Andrew's folks who volunteer their time and talent to make it happen. **Adult volunteer storytellers, craft supervisors, singers, dancers, shepherds, and general lovers of kids aged 4–9 are invited to sign up now by emailing [martha@standrewsgso.org](mailto:martha@standrewsgso.org).** Campers and youth Helpers are also invited to sign up ASAP. Registration links for Campers (ages 4–9) and Helpers (youth 10+ who want to help) are in this week's eNews. Come join us!

### ***Join Our Livestream Summer Team***

Our livestream has become an important ministry in our life together and keeps our community connected in worship. Volunteers receive training and work in conjunction with existing volunteers to help stream our services. Curious? Please email Anderson Burgess at [anderson@standrewsgso.org](mailto:anderson@standrewsgso.org) to learn more.

### ***Summer Choir Fun for Youth and Adults—Sundays at 9 a.m. (Sanctuary)***

During the summer months, all interested adults and teenagers are invited to sing with the Chancel Choir. We meet at 9 a.m. on Sundays to rehearse before worship, and we hope to fill the chancel seats with a joyful, summer choir! For more information, contact Ann Doyle at [ann.doyle1313@gmail.com](mailto:ann.doyle1313@gmail.com).

### ***Honor a Special Person or Day with Altar Flowers***

Donating altar flowers is a wonderful way to add beauty to our weekly worship, to honor God, and to offer a tribute to a loved one or a special occasion. Altar flowers can be dedicated in memory of, in honor of, in celebration of, or with thanksgiving for your chosen person or date. To submit a request for your preferred Sunday or to request more information, please contact Johnetta Shablack at 336-646-4973 (voicemail or text) or [jshablack12@gmail.com](mailto:jshablack12@gmail.com). Thank you for your consideration of a donation and your support of the Altar Guild ministry.

### ***Volunteer Behind the Scenes with the Altar Guild***

*If you are looking for a meaningful way to volunteer your time in service at St. Andrew's, look no further: the Altar Guild ministry might be your perfect match. This ministry is open to men and women, with a primary role of preparing the altar for the weekly Eucharist. If you are interested in learning more about the Altar Guild, look for information in the Parish Hall, or you are welcome to contact Johnetta Shablack at 336-646-4973 (voicemail or text) or [jshablack12@gmail.com](mailto:jshablack12@gmail.com). The good news is there's room for you, and we would love to have you join us!*

### ***Sign Up for a Sunday of Hospitality***

*Our weekly Coffee & Conversation after worship is a great time to both start and build relationships within the St. Andrew's community. All are invited to support this fellowship time by signing up to provide snacks for a Sunday. The signup sheet is on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall. Please contact David Stokes with questions at [dstokes56@bellsouth.net](mailto:dstokes56@bellsouth.net) or 502-523-6396 (mobile).*

### ***Calling All Puzzlers!— Give Your Old (Complete) Puzzles New Life***

*Do you like to put jigsaw puzzles together? And do you like sharing puzzles? Deck the Halls has an opportunity for you! This year we will offer used (with all the pieces) jigsaw puzzles for sale. For each pre-loved puzzle you donate between now and October 1, you will receive a coupon for \$1 off of any puzzles you purchase at the Deck the Halls event on December 5. Coupons are available to St. Andrew's members and friends, and our puzzle collection begins today. Please place your **complete** puzzle donations in the "Got Puzzles?" bin in the Parish Hall, and write your name, contact info, and number of puzzles donated on the signup sheet attached to the puzzle bin lid. Thank you for your help with this new venture.*

### ***Thank You for Your Pledges & Gifts***

*We are grateful for your continued gifts that sustain the mission and ministry of St. Andrew's. To make new or pledged gift, please visit [abundant.co/standrewsepiscopalch/give](http://abundant.co/standrewsepiscopalch/give) or scan the QR code at right. Checks may be mailed to St. Andrew's Episcopal Church (Bookkeeper), 2105 W. Market St., Greensboro, NC 27403. If you have questions about your giving, please email Ray Marsh at [bookkeeper@standrewsgso.org](mailto:bookkeeper@standrewsgso.org) or call him at 336-275-1651, ext. 3. Ray is in the office on Tuesdays and Thursdays.*



## BLESSING OF HOPE

*So may we know  
the hope  
that is not just  
for someday  
but for this day—  
here, now,  
in this moment  
that opens to us:*

*hope not made  
of wishes  
but of substance,*

*hope made of sinew  
and muscle  
and bone,*

*hope that has breath  
and a beating heart,*

*hope that will not  
keep quiet  
and be polite,*

*hope that knows  
how to holler  
when it is called for,  
hope that knows  
how to sing  
when there seems  
little cause,*

*hope that raises us  
from the dead—*

*not someday  
but this day,  
every day,  
again and  
again and  
again.*

—Jan Richardson

*from *The Cure for Sorrow: A Book of Blessings for Times of Grief**

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