



Welcome!

ST. ANNE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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2nd Sunday in Lent
March 1, 2026

We've been expecting you.

Please maintain prayerful silence and
turn off cell phones before the service.

THE WORD OF GOD

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCESSIONAL HYMN (Please stand)..... Red Hymnal 401

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins.
His mercy endureth forever. Amen.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

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

THE DECALOGUE..... Prayer Book 317

THE SUMMARY OF THE LAW.....Prayer Book 324

THE KYRIE.....Red Hymnal S-90

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.
And with thy spirit.
Let us pray.

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all
who have gone astray from thy ways, and bring them again with
penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the
unchangeable truth of thy Word, Jesus Christ thy Son; who with
thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, for ever
and ever. Amen.

THE LESSON

A Reading from the Book of Genesis.

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. (Genesis 12:1-
4a)

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM 121 (Prayed in unison)

1. I lift up my eyes to the hills; *
from where is my help to come?
2. My help comes from the LORD, *
the maker of heaven and earth.
3. He will not let your foot be moved *
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.
4. Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel *
shall neither slumber nor sleep;
5. The LORD himself watches over you; *
the LORD is your shade at your right hand,
6. So that the sun shall not strike you by day, *
nor the moon by night.
7. The LORD shall preserve you from all evil; *
it is he who shall keep you safe.
8. The LORD shall watch over your going out
and your coming in, *
from this time forth for evermore.

THE EPISTLE

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor
according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works,
he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what
does the scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was
reckoned to him as righteousness." Now to one who works,
wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to
one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly,
such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

For 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. (Romans 4:1-5,
13-17)

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN (Please stand).....Red Hymnal 313

THE GOSPEL

The Lord be with you.
And with thy spirit.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
Glory be to thee, O Lord.

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews.
He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that
you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do
these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." Jesus
answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom
of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him,
"How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter
a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus
answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom
of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of
the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not
be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.'
The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it,
but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it
is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to
him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you
a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

"Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to
what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I
have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how
can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has
ascended into heaven except the one who descended from
heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent
in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that
whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that
everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have
eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to
condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved
through him." (John 3:1-17)

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise be to thee, O Christ.

THE SERMON.....Fr. Nathan Wilson
A period of silent reflection is observed after the sermon.

THE NICENE CREED.....Prayer Book 326

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE.....Prayer Book 383

THE CONFESSION OF SINPrayer Book 330

THE PEACE

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY & DOXOLOGY..... Red Hymnal 380 (v. 3)

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER I (Please stand)Prayer Book 333

THE SANCTUS (“Holy, holy, holy”)Red Hymnal S-113

THE LORD’S PRAYER..... Prayer Book 364

THE FRACTION ANTHEM.....Red Hymnal S-157

COMMUNION & HEALING

All who have been baptized with water in the Name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—regardless of denomination—are welcome to receive Holy Communion at St. Anne’s. If you wish to receive a blessing instead, fold your arms across your chest as the minister approaches. If you would like information about baptism at St. Anne’s, please speak to the priest after the service.

Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. If you have trouble coming to the altar, notify an usher so that the priest can come to your pew.

After all have received Communion, the Altar rail is open for those who seek healing for themselves or others in body, mind, or spirit.

COMMUNION HYMNS

As We Gather at Your Table..... Blue Hymnal 695

Bread of the World 693

Knowing You.....357

And Jesus Said 635

Give Thanks 359

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER.....Prayer Book 339

THE SOLEMN PRAYER

PROCESSIONAL HYMN (Please stand)..... Red Hymnal 473

THE DISMISSAL Prayer Book 340

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: We will have Stations of the Cross every Friday in Lent at 6:00 p.m.

TODAY: Loaves of Love is inviting anyone and everyone interested in sharing their baking skills and/or time to support St. Anne’s baking ministry. Today at Coffee hour, in the room formerly known as the bookstore, just off the Parish Hall, Kim Moore and Art Lawton will be available to discuss what Loaves of Love is all about and how to become a part of the Ministry. Not a baker? Volunteers to deliver baked goods would be greatly appreciated. At the meeting we will talk about plans, recipes, and baking tips. We hope to see you there right after church today.

FAURÉ REQUIEM IN D MINOR: This Tuesday, March 3 at 7:00 p.m., St. Anne’s will host the ABAC choir as they offer the Fauré Requiem in D Minor. After losing both of his parents in the 1880s, French composer Gabriel Fauré set out to compose a beautiful, serene setting of the Catholic Mass. He achieved this through flowing, peaceful melodic lines and rich tone colors that reflect Fauré’s musical style. The ABAC choir and special guests aim to reflect the composer’s vision of hope, peace, and tranquility through their performance of this work, which will add a special spiritual element to this Lenten season. All ABAC First Tuesday Concerts are free to the public; no tickets are required. For more information, call (229) 391-4945 or email The Fine Arts Department at musc@abac.edu.

MINISTRY FAIR: How can you use your talents and get involved in new ways at St. Anne’s? Do you know all the exciting areas our church are involved in? The Ministry Fair will take place on March 15, 2026, right after church, in the Parish Hall (no Sunday School, so all can visit!). Each ministry area has been invited to set up a table to review the work that is in process and talk about opportunities and visions! There will be snacks, a cake raffle—one of Teresa Fant’s luscious, lemon, sour cream pound cakes!—and joyful celebrations of what has been and will be opportunities of all that is St. Anne’s! St. Anne’s has so many exciting and nurturing ministries; let’s find out about them on the 15th. **Everyone is invited!**

BABY SHOWER: A baby shower for Harlee and Kristifer Bell’s baby (a boy, due soon!) will be held in the St. Anne’s Parish Hall at 2 p.m. on Saturday, March 21. Everyone at St. Anne’s is invited to bring a gift and congratulate the parents. Call or text 894-1819 to RSVP.



GIVING

YOUR GIVING MAKES A DIFFERENCE: St. Anne’s runs solely on the generosity of its members. Give today via the offering plate; or text STANNESTIFTON to 73256; or scan this code to give online. Every gift, large or small, sustains the church we love.

OUR GIFTS AT WORK: Appalachian Service Project. Every summer, a youth mission team heads north to spend a week serving with the Appalachian Service Project. The youth and adult leaders make home repairs and improvements and build relationships with the families they serve. Contact Patrick Davies to learn more.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

JANUARY 2026

Income: \$48,699

Expenses: \$30,844

TODAY’S LITURGICAL MINISTERS

MC Bettie Sue McDonald

Vestry Hans Schmeisser

Lectors Peter Pinnow, Erin Campbell

Eucharistic Ministers Linda Moore, Kim Onyeri

Media Ron Elizondo

Eucharistic Visitors Rich McDonald, Libby Robertson

Greeters Pat Walker, Hans Schmeisser

Acolytes Sarah Johnson, Acolyte Master; Riley Johnson, Ella Johnson, Eli Johnson, Oliver Johnson, Alyssa Johnson, Korbin Huggins, Jenna Logan

Altar Guild Glenda Johnson, Marilynne Marshall, Sarah Cook

Ushers Pat & Darrell Walker, Raquel Popham, Micah Johnson

PARISH PRAYER LIST: Mack, Harmon, Kathy, Debbie, Joey, Mike, Joyce, Kim, Jack, Jason, Karen, Mike & Marion, Jerry, Cheryle, Lisa, Gerald & Nancy, Elsa, Sheila, Tommy, Jackie, Paula, Grace

BIRTHDAYS: Lisa Meadows, Bonne Cella, Calvin Yost, Charlie Oppel, Sherry McCullough, Paul May, Mitchell Tillman

ANNIVERSARIES: Skip & Nikki Hill, Tyler & Jenna Claire Riddle

FOR THE DEPARTED: Debbie Fletcher

OUR CLERGY: The Rt. Rev’d Frank Logue (Bishop),
The Rev’d Nathan Wilson (Rector)

OUR SEMINARIAN: Brandon Medley