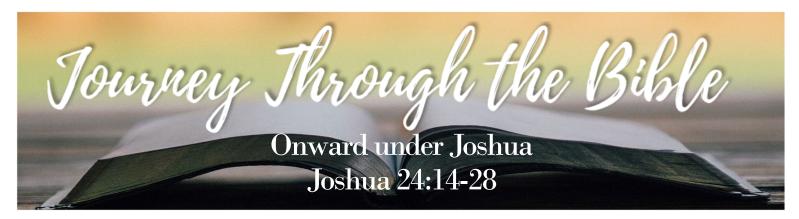
St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church



CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

Please note that all text in **bold** is spoken in unison. † Worshipers are asked to stand in body or spirit.

March 19, 2023 10:30AM

WELCOME! What a delight that you are here! We hope you will experience the love of Jesus and the joy of community in this time of worship. If we can be of help to you, please let us know. We would love to assist you in finding ways to get involved and grow in your faith.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION (You are invited to pray this prayer in silence.)

O Lord, our God, challenge us to forsake paths that ask little of us and help us resist the evils and temptations of this world, so that we may truly follow the way of kingdom living. Amen.

PRELUDE I Have Decided to Follow Jesus ASSAM

LIFE AT ST. ANDREW'S

† CALL TO WORSHIP based on Psalm 25

One: We lift up our souls to You, Holy God.

Many: We trust the Lord with our past, present, and future.

One: Teach us, Lord, that we may know Your ways.

Many: Guide our every move that we may walk in Your paths of love and mercy.

One: Let us worship the One who leads us in what is right.

All: Together, let us worship God!

† HYMN 326 Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart

MORECAMBE

Spirit of God, descend upon my heart; Wean it from earth, through all its pulses move; Stoop to my weakness, mighty as Thou art, And make me love Thee as I ought to love.

Hast Thou not bid us love Thee, God and King; All, all Thine own: soul, heart, and strength and mind? I see Thy cross, there teach my heart to cling. O let me seek Thee, and O let me find!

Teach me to feel that Thou art always nigh; Teach me the struggles of the soul to bear, To check the rising doubt, the rebel sigh; Teach me the patience of unanswered prayer.

Teach me to love Thee as Thine angels love, One holy passion filling all my frame; The baptism of the heaven-descended Dove, My heart an altar, and Thy love the flame.

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God our Father, we want to be Your people, but we are sometimes afraid of Your demands. Our fears run deep and we cannot overcome them by ourselves. You know, O Lord, that we have tried. Remind us once again that the beginning of wisdom is to trust Your holiness. Help us cling to this trust and live with the faith that You will provide for us. Forgive us for the times when we have chosen badly, opting for the easy way of habit and social convention, rather than the higher and harder ways of Jesus. Merciful God, loosen us from the grip of the world and our sin, and by Your Spirit bind us to You. Reshape us, redeem us, and renew us, so that we may take up our crosses and follow You.

† ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Happy are we when we walk in the ways of our God! Happy are we as we receive God's forgiveness!

† PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

TIME FOR CHILDREN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON Deuteronomy 30:11-20

Pew Bible p. 175

ANTHEM

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

Moses Hogan

I want Jesus to walk with me, I want Jesus to walk with me. All along my pilgrim journey, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

In my trials, Lord, walk with me; in my trials, Lord, walk with me. When my heart is almost breaking, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

When I'm troubled, Lord, walk with me; when I'm troubled, Lord, walk with me. Lord, when my head is bowed in sorrow, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Joshua 24:14-28

Pew Bible p. 201-202

SERMON

Onward under Joshua

† HYMN STF 2186

For the Faithful Who Have Answered

Omni Die

For the faithful who have answered when they heard Your call to serve, For the many ways You led them, testing will and stretching nerve, For their work and for their witness as they strove against the odds, For their courage and obedience we give thanks and praise, O God.

Many eyes have glimpsed the promise, many hearts have yearned to see.

Many ears have heard You calling us to greater liberty.

Some have fallen in the struggle, others still are fighting on.

You are not ashamed to own us. We give thanks and praise, O God.

For this cloud of faithful witness, for the common life we share, For the work of peace and justice, for the gospel that we bear, For the vision that our homeland is Your love—deep, high, and broad—For the different roads we travel we give thanks and praise, O God.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Invitation to the Offering

GIVE ONLINE

† HYMN 592

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

OLD HUNDREDTH

MARYTON

† PRAYER OF DEDICATION

† HYMN 357

O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee
O Master, let me walk with Thee In lowly paths of service free;
Tell me Thy secret; help me bear The strain of toil, the fret of care.

Help me the slow of heart to move By some clear, winning word of love; Teach me the wayward feet to stay, And guide them in the homeward way.

Teach me Thy patience; still with Thee In closer, dearer company, In work that keeps faith sweet and strong, In trust that triumphs over wrong.

In hope that sends a shining ray, Far down the future's broadening way; In peace that only Thou canst give, With Thee, O Master, let me live.

† BENEDICTION

† SENDING SONG 535

Go with Us, Lord
Go with us, Lord, and guide the way
Through this and every coming day,
That in Your Spirit strong and true
Our lives may be our gift to You.

TALLIS' CANON

POSTLUDE Marching to Zion LOWRY

The flowers today were given to the glory of God and in loving memory of her Grams, Ann Thompson, by Tara Thompson

We thank Bert Sanchez for sharing his gift of music with us today in worship.

Please use the **CONNEC** cards in the pews to let us know about prayer requests or areas of interest. If you are a visitor, please also include your contact information and help us get to know you better! You can place completed cards in the offering baskets.

The nursery is located near the sanctuary and is available for children ages 0-4. Children's activity bulletins and large print bulletins, Bibles, and hymnals are available on the sanctuary tables.

The MARCH 30 DEADLINE to order flowers for Easter Sunday is fast approaching! We are decorating the chancel with lilies, tulips, and other spring flowers this year. Each plant is \$15 and can be taken home with you after the service on April 9. Dedications will be printed in the bulletin that morning.

Don't miss the annual **LENTEN PREACHING SERIES** at St. Anne Catholic Church! Services will be at 7:00PM each night from March 20-22. Fr. Bruce Nieli is preaching on *Thirsting for Living Water: How the Holy Spirit Quenches Our Common Thirst for Truth, Goodness, and Beauty.*

If you like to bake, please consider baking some homemade cookies for the LENTEN PREACHING SERIES RECEPTIONS! Cookies can be dropped off at the St. Anne Catholic Church Parish Hall on Monday, March 20th, from 5:30PM-6:30PM.

St. Andrew's Prayer List

MEMBERS: Tara Thompson, Peg Towers, Bobbie Wied, Shelley Plunkett, Barbara Abel, Dalton Abel, Peg Towers, Bob Fisher, Eleanor Alexander, Kay Long, Bill McIlrath, Joyce Head, Dave Darchuk

FRIENDS AND FAMILY: Oliver Denenburg, Frances Towers, Mary Jane Nogay, Chase Hoyt, Brenda Allen, Tina Workman, Jack Dillard, Erin Lenhart, Mary and Tom Hayden, Thomas Fisher, Karen Thompson Butler, Jerry Linn, Janie Niederstadt Verderame, Mary Kennedy, Esmee Foster

St. Andrew's Calendar

SUNDAY, MARCH 19, 2023

9:15AM Sunday School

10:30AM Worship

11:30AM Meet and Greet

11:45AM Choir Rehearsal

12:00PM New Members' Class

3:00PM Boy Scouts

5:00PM Youth Group

MONDAY, MARCH 20, 2023

10:00AM Monday Group

5:30PM Strings After School

6:30PM La Hacienda

7:00PM Lenten Preaching Series

TUESDAY, MARCH 21, 2023

5:15PM Strings After School

7:00PM Lenten Preaching Series

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22, 2023

9:30AM Dayschool Chapel

5:30PM Handbell Rehearsal

7:00PM Lenten Preaching Series

THURSDAY, MARCH 23, 2023

8:30AM MOW Cooks

10:00AM MOW Delivers

6:30PM Cub Scouts

SUNDAY, MARCH 26, 2023

9:15AM Sunday School

10:30AM Worship

11:30AM Meet and Greet

11:45AM Choir Rehearsal

12:00PM Deacons' Meeting

3:00PM Boy Scouts

5:00PM Youth Group

CHURCH STAFF

Tara Thompson, Pastor Melissa Hoyt, Office Administrator Deanna Weitzel, Day School Director Thomas Furlow, Music Director Rachel Clark, Admin Assistant/Pianist

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