

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 26, 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.*)

Make this the place and time, good Lord, when heaven and earth become one, and we in word and flesh know ourselves beloved. Amen.

PRELUDE

The Love of God

LEHMAN

LIFE AT ST. ANDREW'S

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

† **CALL TO WORSHIP**

based on Psalm 146

One: Joy comes to those who hope in God.

Many: For the Lord is a keeper of promises.

One: Our God is a God of healing and help and hope!

Many: The Lord will reign forever,

One: Our God will keep faith with all generations.

All: Let us praise the Lord both now and forevermore!

† **HYMN 376**

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

HYFRYDOL

Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heaven, to earth come down,
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling, All Thy faithful mercies crown!
Jesus, Thou art all compassion, Pure, unbounded love Thou art;
Visit us with Thy salvation, Enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit Into every troubled breast!
Let us all in Thee inherit, Let us find the promised rest;
Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith, as its beginning, Set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty to deliver, Let us all Thy life receive;
Suddenly return, and never, Nevermore Thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing, Serve Thee as Thy hosts above;
Pray, and praise Thee without ceasing Glory in Thy perfect love.

Finish, then, Thy new creation; Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see Thy great salvation Perfectly restored in Thee;
Changed from glory into glory, Till in heaven we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before Thee, Lost in wonder, love, and praise.

† INVITATION TO CONFESSION

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of Sarah, Rebekah, and Ruth, we have worked without letting You work in us. We have not let You watch over us. Instead, we wear our busy, busy days as a badge of honor. By Your Spirit give us the openness to let You work in us, to let You care for us, to let You fill our days, that we may live, not in the strength of our own hands, but in the strength that comes from life in You, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

† ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God!

† PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

TIME FOR CHILDREN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Judges 2:16-19

Pew Bible p. 204

ANTHEM

The Power of Your Love

G. BULLOCK

I Lord I come to You, let my heart be changed renewed
Flowing from the grace that I found in You.
And Lord I've come to know the weaknesses I see in me,
Will be stripped away, by the pow'r of Your love.

Hold me close, let Your love surround me;
Bring me near, draw me to Your side.
And as I wait, I'll rise up like the eagle,
And I will soar with You.

Your Spirit leads me on In the pow'r of Your love.

Lord unveil my eyes, let me see You face to face,
The knowledge of Your love, as You live in me.
Lord renew my mind, as Your will unfolds in my life,
In living ev'ry day, by the pow'r of Your love.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Ruth 4:11-17

Pew Bible p. 227-228

SERMON

A Shining Example

Once to every man and nation comes the moment to decide,
 In the strife of truth with falsehood, for the good or evil side;
 Some great cause, some new decision, offering each the bloom or blight,
 And the choice goes by forever 'twixt that darkness and that light.

Then to side with truth is noble, when we share her wretched crust,
 Ere her cause bring fame and profit, and 'tis prosperous to be just;
 Then it is the brave man chooses while the coward stands aside,
 Till the multitude make virtue of the faith they had denied.

Though the cause of evil prosper, yet 'tis truth alone is strong;
 Though her portion be the scaffold, and upon the throne be wrong,
 Yet that scaffold sways the future, and, behind the dim unknown,
 Standeth God within the shadow keeping watch above His own. Amen.

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

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† HYMN 592

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD HUNDREDTH

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.

† PRAYER OF DEDICATION

† HYMN 438

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

DENNIS

Blest be the tie that binds Our hearts in Christian love:
 The fellowship of kindred minds Is like to that above.

Before our Father's throne We pour our ardent prayers;
 Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, Our comforts and our cares.

We share our mutual woes, Our mutual burdens bear,
 and often for each other flows The sympathizing tear.

From sorrow, toil, and pain, And sin we shall be free;
 And perfect love and friendship reign Through all eternity.

† BENEDICTION

† SENDING SONG 535

Go with Us, Lord

TALLIS' CANON

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.

POSTLUDE

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS

We thank Lauren Sanchez for sharing her gift of music with us today in worship.

Please use the **C O N N E C T** 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.

St. Andrew's collects the **ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING**, a PCUSA special offering, on Easter Sunday. Donations are split between hunger relief, disaster assistance, and human development. Please be generous!

St. Andrew's Prayer List

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

FRIENDS AND FAMILY: Kay-Alana Turner, Rev. Tommy Williams, Madeline Johnson, Siew Yap, Oliver Denenburg and Family, 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 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

MONDAY, MARCH 27, 2023

- 10:00AM Monday Group
- 5:30PM Strings After School
- 6:30PM La Hacienda

TUESDAY, MARCH 28, 2023

- 10:00AM PW Bible Study
- 5:15PM Strings After School
- 6:30PM Tuesday Group

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29, 2023

- 9:30AM Dayschool Chapel
- 5:30PM Handbell Rehearsal

THURSDAY, MARCH 30, 2023

- 8:30AM MOW Cooks
- 10:00AM MOW Delivers
- 6:00PM GTHE Rehearsal

SUNDAY, APRIL 2, 2023

PALM SUNDAY

- 9:15AM Sunday School
- 10:30AM Worship
- 11:30AM Meet and Greet
- 11:45AM Choir Rehearsal
- 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
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