

# ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## Journey Through the Bible

### God Judges and Restores 2 Chronicles 34:26-33

#### CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

Please note that all text in **bold** is spoken in unison.

† Worshipers are asked to stand in body or spirit.

May 14, 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.*)

God of power and mercy, only with Your help can we offer You fitting service and praise. Strengthen us in our worship that we may live the faith we profess and trust Your promise of eternal life. Amen.

**PRELUDE**

*Thy Word*

GRANT

**LIFE AT ST. ANDREW'S**

† **CALL TO WORSHIP**

based on Isaiah 2

One: Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,

**Many: To the house of the God of Jacob;**

One: That He may teach us His ways,

**Many: And that we may walk in His paths.**

One: Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord,

**All: And sing God's praises evermore!**

† **HYMN 327**

*O Word of God Incarnate*

MUNICH

O Word of God incarnate, O wisdom from on high,  
O Truth unchanged, unchanging, O light of our dark sky:  
We praise You for the radiance That from the hallowed page,  
A lantern to our footsteps, Shines on from age to age.

The church from You, dear Savior, Received this gift divine,  
And still that light is lifted On all the earth to shine.  
It is the chart and compass That, all life's voyage through,  
Amid the rocks and quicksands, Still guides, O Christ, to You.

O make Your church, dear Savior, A lamp of purest gold  
To bear before the nations Your true light, as of old;  
O teach Your wandering pilgrims By this our path to trace,  
Till, clouds and storms thus ended, We see You face to face.

† INVITATION TO CONFESSION

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, from You, comes all truth, all healing, all that makes our world good and whole. Forgive us, Lord, those times when we have listened to those who do not speak for You. Forgive us for the weakness that has led us at times to seek life from sources that can never satisfy. Forgive us for not testing the spirits that are around us. Forgive us too for how we play with empty knowledge and delight in useless predictions that help neither us nor those around us. Have mercy on us and speak to us once again. Help us to hear the Word You send and to turn away from the words that come from false prophets and those who do not know Your ways.

† ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Sisters and brothers, proclaim the good news!  
In Christ Jesus, we are forgiven!

† PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

TIME FOR CHILDREN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

2 Kings 17:13-15

Pew Bible p. 329

ANTHEM

*Restoration*

HEATHER SORENSON

Forgive our sin, O Lord. Heal us and restore us, we pray.  
Take our iniquities. Cleanse us from every evil.  
Restore the joy of Your salvation.

Heal all our brokenness. Mend the places marred by our sin.  
Cover our stains with grace. Loosen the chains that bind us.  
Redeem our weakness for Your glory.

Teach us to follow You. Give us the strength to walk in Your truth.  
Lead us in pastures green. Give us the victory, Lord, for Your name!

Rebuild the shattered walls. Gather Your children back to Your love;  
And by Your power we will conquer all!  
Forgive our sin, O Lord. Heal us and restore us, we pray.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

2 Chronicles 34:26-33

Pew Bible p. 399

SERMON

God Judges and Restores

† HYMN INSERT

*Without Him*

LEFEVRE

Without Him, I could do nothing,  
Without Him, I'd surely fail;  
Without Him, I would be drifting  
Like a ship without a sail.  
Jesus, O Jesus! Do you know Him today?  
Do not turn Him away.  
O Jesus, O Jesus, Without Him, how lost I would be.

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 INSERT

*Thy Word*

THY WORD

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

When I feel afraid, think I've lost my way,  
Still You're there right beside me,  
And nothing will I fear as long as You are near.  
Please be near me to the end.

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

Now I will not forget Your love for me and yet  
My heart forever is wandering.

† BENEDICTION

† SENDING SONG

*King of Kings*

KING OF KINGS

King of kings and Lord of lords, glory, hallelujah!  
King of kings and Lord of lords, glory, hallelujah!  
Jesus, Prince of Peace, glory, hallelujah!  
Jesus, Prince of Peace, glory, hallelujah!

*You are encouraged to sit and enjoy the postlude after the sending song.*

POSTLUDE

*Wonderful Words of Life*

WORDS OF LIFE

Please use the **CONNECT** 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 0-5. Children's activity bulletins and large print bulletins, Bibles, and hymnals are available on the sanctuary tables.

The **GOLDEN TRIANGLE HANDBELL ENSEMBLE** is presenting their Mother's Day Concert today at 3:00PM in the St. Andrew's Sanctuary. Make Mother's Day special with music!

**THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE** would like to have your input as they prayerfully seek the right candidates to fill various church positions. Nominating slips will be available in your bulletins from April 16 until June 4, the deadline for nominations.

St. Andrew's folks are going to see the **HOUSTON ASTROS** play the Cincinnati Reds on June 17 at 3:10PM! If you're interested in purchasing tickets, please contact the office or RSVP using the Connect Card in your pew. Depending on interest, we may be able to charter a bus and ride together.

On **PENTECOST SUNDAY**, May 28, we will collect the PCUSA Pentecost Offering. Your donations will help the church encourage, develop, and support its young people, and also address the needs of at-risk children. Please be generous!

## St. Andrew's Prayer List

**MEMBERS:** Family of Bobby Thompson, Julie Glenn, Bob Webb, Bobbie Wied, Bill McIlrath, Shelley Plunkett, Peg Towers, Barbara Abel, Dalton Abel, Bob Fisher, Kay Long, Joyce Head

**FRIENDS AND FAMILY:** Valera Giarratano, David Nelson, Mickey Shuffield, Oliver Denenburg, Chasity Furlow, 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, MAY 14, 2023

MOTHER'S DAY

- 9:15AM Sunday School
- 10:30AM Worship
- 11:30AM Meet and Greet
- 11:45AM Choir Rehearsal
- 3:00PM Boy Scouts
- 3:00PM GTHE Concert

MONDAY, MAY 15, 2023

- 10:00AM Monday Group
- 6:30PM La Hacienda

TUESDAY, MAY 16, 2023

- 6:30PM Session Meeting
- 6:30PM Tuesday Group

WEDNESDAY, MAY 17, 2023

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

THURSDAY, MAY 18, 2023

- 8:30AM MOW Cooks
- 10:00AM MOW Delivers
- 6:30PM Cub Scouts

SATURDAY, MAY 20, 2023

- 8:30AM SETX Food Bank
- 9:00AM GTHE Rehearsal

SUNDAY, MAY 21, 2023

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