

# 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.

June 25, 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.*)

We praise and adore You, O God, for the wonderful signs of Your love. May this time of worship and the service of our lives be a worthy response to Your gifts, we pray. Amen.

**PRELUDE**

*Sing Hallelujah*

STASSEN

**LIFE AT ST. ANDREW'S**

† **CALL TO WORSHIP**

based on Psalm 92

One: Worship God with gladness!

**Many: We come into God's presence with joyful songs,**

One: For God has taken away our garments of sadness,

**Many: And clothed us with joy.**

**All: We will sing God's praise, and we will not be silent!**

† **HYMN 412**

*Eternal God, Whose Power Upholds*

FOREST GREEN

Eternal God, whose power upholds both flower and flaming star,  
To whom there is no here nor there, no time, no near nor far,  
No alien race, no foreign shore, no child unsought, unknown:  
O send us forth, Thy prophets true, to make all lands Thine own!

O God of love, whose Spirit wakes in every human breast,  
Whom love, and love alone, can know, in whom all hearts find rest:  
Help us to spread Thy gracious reign till greed and hate shall cease,  
And kindness dwell in human hearts, and all the earth find peace!

O God of truth, whom science seeks and reverent souls adore,  
Who lightest every earnest mind of every clime and shore:  
Dispel the gloom of error's night, of ignorance and fear,  
Until true wisdom from above shall make life's pathway clear!

O God of beauty, oft revealed in dreams of human art,  
In speech that flows to melody, in holiness of heart:  
Teach us to turn from sinfulness that shuts our hearts to Thee,  
Till all shall know the loveliness of lives made fair and free!

O God of righteousness and grace, seen in the Christ, Thy Son,  
Whose life and death reveal Thy face, by whom Thy will was done:  
Inspire Thy heralds of good news to live Thy life divine,  
Till Christ is formed in every heart, and every land is Thine!

† INVITATION TO CONFESSION

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, You have blessed us with the entirety of Your creation and we have taken it all and tried to place it in a box that we can control. When we go against Your will, we wonder why life does not work out for us. In our brokenness, we seek happiness and joy in people and things. Then, outside of Your hope, we are crushed by the world around us and our own expectations. Holy Father, shine the light of Jesus into the dark days and nights of our lives. Forgive us for wandering from Your love and blessings. Restore in us the joy that only comes through Your Spirit living in us and through us.

† ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Truly, God is our salvation!  
**In Jesus, we trust and rejoice!**

† PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

TIME FOR CHILDREN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Proverbs 17:22

Pew Bible p. 556  
Large Print p. 958

ANTHEM

*Lift Your Voice and Rejoice!*  
Come, lift your voice! Come, lift your voice!  
Come lift your voice and rejoice!

VICTOR C. JOHNSON

Come and rejoice with a glad alleluia, lifting your voice to the sky!  
Come and rejoice with a glad alleluia, singing your praises on high!  
Let all the earth sing a song of exultation. Let all creation shout aloud with jubilation!

Gaudeamus hodie! Gaudeamus, gaudeamus!  
Come, lift your voice! Come, lift your voice!  
Come lift your voice and rejoice!

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Nehemiah 8:5-17

Pew Bible p. 418  
Large Print p. 691

SERMON

Let's Celebrate!

Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!

For Christ the Lord has led us through the ages long!

Chorus: In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!

Long years have come and gone, and still God reigns supreme,  
Empowering us to catch the vision, dream the dream! (Chorus)

Let courage be our friend, let wisdom be our guide,  
As we in mission magnify the Crucified! (Chorus)

Come sing, O church in joy! Come join, O church, in song!  
For Christ the Lord has triumphed o'er the ages long! (Chorus)

## 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*

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

*How Great Is Our God*

CHRIS TOMLIN

Verse 1: The splendor of the King, clothed in majesty; Let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice.

He wraps Himself in light, and darkness tries to hide, And trembles at His voice, and trembles at His voice.

Verse 2: And age to age He stands, and time is in His hands; Beginning and the End, beginning and the End.

The Godhead, three in one, Father, Spirit, Son, The Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb.

Chorus: How great is our God! Sing with me: how great is our God!

And all will see how great, how great is our God!

Bridge: Name above all names, worthy of all praise.

My heart will sing: How great is our God!

### † BENEDICTION

### † SENDING SONG

*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

HYMN TO JOY

Ever singing, marching onward, Victors in the midst of strife,

Joyful music leads us sunward In the triumph song of life.

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

### POSTLUDE

*The Heavens Are Telling*

HAYDN

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

The Old Testament portion of our year-long, church-wide Bible study is complete today! Join us for **SUNDAE SUNDAY** in the Fellowship Hall immediately following worship to celebrate.

**NEW TESTAMENT CASKET EMPTY** books are ready to pick up today! Limit one set per household to ensure that we have enough for everyone. Additional sets of books are available for purchase (books only for \$42, complete set for \$54).

**GIVE BLOOD, SAVE A LIFE!** The St. Andrew's LifeShare Blood Drive will be in the Fellowship Hall from 4:00PM-7:30PM on June 28.

## St. Andrew's Prayer List

**MEMBERS:** Family of Treva West, Ted and Deanna Weitzel, Family of Jack Woodworth, Lee and Shelley Plunkett, Bob Fisher, Bill McIlrath, Barbara and Dalton Abel, Kay Long, Joyce Head

**FRIENDS AND FAMILY:** Ron Williamson, Chasity Furlow, Oliver Denenburg and Family, Mickey Shuffield, Mary Ellen Myers, Thomas Fisher, Jack Dillard, Erin Lenhart, Mary and Tom Hayden, Karen Thompson Butler, Jerry Linn, Janie Niederstadt Verderame, Mary Kennedy, Rachel Lawrence, Jill Botkin, Esmee Foster

## St. Andrew's Calendar

### SUNDAY, JUNE 25, 2023

- 9:15AM Sunday School
- 10:30AM Worship
- 11:30AM Sundae Sunday
- 12:15PM Teacher Meeting
- 3:00PM Boy Scouts
- 5:00PM Youth Group

### MONDAY, JUNE 26, 2023

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

### TUESDAY, JUNE 27, 2023

- 6:30PM Tuesday Group

### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28, 2023

- 4:00PM LifeShare Blood Drive

### THURSDAY, JUNE 29, 2023

- 8:30AM MOW Cooks
- 10:00AM MOW Delivers

### SATURDAY, JULY 2, 2023

- 9:15AM Sunday School
- 10:30AM Worship
- 11:30AM Meet and Greet
- 3:00PM Boy Scouts

## 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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