

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Why Wait?

Luke 1:5-25

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

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

† Worshipers are asked to stand in body or spirit.

July 23, 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.*)

Loving God, we pray that Your Holy Spirit would move among us as we worship. Open our hearts and our minds to see You at work among us, encouraging, challenging, uplifting, and inspiring, as each one has need. Amen.

PRELUDE

Gavotte en Rondeau

J.S. BACH

LIFE AT ST. ANDREW'S

† **CALL TO WORSHIP**

based on Psalm 93

One: Our God reigns!

Many: Robed with majesty and armed with strength,

One: God holds our world and our lives securely.

Many: This is the God to whom we have given our lives,

All: The God who deserves our worship and our praise!

† **HYMN 276**

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father, There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not; As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

Chorus: Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided; Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest, Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. (Chorus)

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! (Chorus)

† INVITATION TO CONFESSION

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Heavenly Father, give us hearts that wait with faith. Build in us the assurance that You are at work and in control. Forgive us for our impatience, our uneasiness, and our wandering desires when we do not feel that we have what we need. Help us to see and rejoice in the fruit that You are bearing in our own lives and the lives of those around us, in the small and the big things. Guide us to rest our concerns and anxieties in You.

† ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

† PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

TIME FOR CHILDREN

CRE Julie Odle

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 1:5-25

Pew Bible p. 878
Large Print p. 1556-1557

SERMON

Why Wait?

Chaplain James Hackman

† HYMN 602

Song of Zechariah

MERLE'S TUNE

Blest be the God of Israel, who comes to set us free;
Who visits and redeems us, who grants us liberty.
The prophets spoke of mercy, of freedom and release;
God shall fulfill that promise and bring the people peace.

God from the house of David a child of grace has given;
A Savior comes among us to raise us up to heaven.
Before Him goes the herald, forerunner in the way,
The prophet of salvation, the harbinger of day.

On those who sit in darkness the sun begins to rise,
The dawning of forgiveness upon the sinner's eyes.
God guides the feet of pilgrims along the paths of peace.
O bless our God and Savior with songs that never cease!

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

Live into hope of captives freed, Of sight regained, the end of greed.
The oppressed shall be the first to see The year of God's own jubilee!

Live into hope the blind shall see With insight and with clarity,
Removing shades of pride and fear, A vision of our God brought near.

Live into hope of liberty, The right to speak, the right to be,
The right to have one's daily bread, To hear God's word and thus be fed.

Live into hope of captives freed, From chains of fear or want or greed.
God now proclaims our full release To faith and hope and joy and peace.

† BENEDICTION

† SENDING SONG

Know You Will

HILLSONG

I don't know how You make a way, but I know You will.
I don't know how You make a way, but I know You will.
You've been good on every promise from Eden to Zion,
Through every dead end and out of that grave.
I don't know how You make a way, but I know You will.

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

POSTLUDE

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS

We thank Chaplain James Hackman for leading us in worship today,
and we also thank Andrew Brooke for sharing his gift of music with us.

The flowers today were given to the glory of God
and in honor and celebration of Bruce and Lynn Burnside's
50th wedding anniversary by Sara Hope Burnside.

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.

Until Kickoff Sunday (August 6), St. Andrew's will collect **SCHOOL SUPPLIES** to benefit children at local schools. Items needed include crayons, ink pens, pencils, glue sticks, dry erase markers, colored pencils, Kleenex tissue, watercolor paints, construction paper, hand sanitizer, and more. Please be generous!

THE TASTING FOR SOME OTHER PLACE is August 15 from 5:00PM-7:00PM. To purchase tickets (\$10.00 each), please contact Maryann Sweeney or the Church Office.

Join us for **CHRISTMAS IN JULY** next week! We will sing carols in worship at 10:30AM and hear a special message from Luke 2. For children and families, there will be a lunch of uncrustables, marshmallow crispies snowballs, and popsicles. Weather permitting, outdoor water games in a "melted ice rink" and on a "ski slope water slide" following worship. Bring a swimsuit and towels!

St. Andrew's Prayer List

MEMBERS: George Fulton, Tammy Markum, Pat Caywood, Family of David Penman, Charles Kirk, Bill McIlrath, Lee and Shelley Plunkett, Bob Fisher, Barbara and Dalton Abel, Kay Long

FRIENDS AND FAMILY: Tracey Woods, Landavazo Family, Mary Ellen Myers, Oliver Denenburg and Family, Mickey Shuffield, 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, JULY 23, 2023

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

MONDAY, JULY 24, 2023

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

THURSDAY, JULY 27, 2023

8:30AM MOW Cooks
10:00AM MOW Delivers
4:30PM Foundation

SUNDAY, JULY 30, 2023

CHRISTMAS IN JULY

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

CHURCH STAFF

Tara Thompson, Pastor
Thomas Furlow, Music Director
Deanna Weitzel, Day School Director
Renee Barnes, Bookkeeper
Rachel Stiles, Admin Assistant/Pianist

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