

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.

August 20, 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.*)

Almighty God, You spoke Your Word and revealed Your Good News in Jesus, the Christ. Fill all creation with that Word again, so that by proclaiming Your joyful promises to all nations and singing of Your glorious hope to all peoples, we may become messengers of Your love. Amen.

PRELUDE

The Light of the World Is Jesus

BLISS

LIFE AT ST. ANDREW'S

† **CALL TO WORSHIP**

based on Isaiah 60:1-6

One: Arise! Shine! The light you have been waiting for is here!

Many: Darkness has been banished!

One: God's light of hope floods the earth.

Many: God's light comes to us all.

All: God is here among us. Let us rejoice and be glad!

† **HYMN 132**

Come, Great God of All the Ages

ABBOT'S LEIGH

Come, great God of all the ages, make Your earthly mission known;
Speak through every deed and person, let Your way and will be shown.

Guide the church to true commitment, give direction now, we ask;
Fit us for the work of building, dedicate us to the task.

Come, Christ Jesus, flesh and Spirit, sure foundation, cornerstone,
Help us form the church eternal, may Your vision be our own.
Send a message to each follower, lead all people to Your way;
Urge us to strong faith and action as we build the church today.

Come, great Spirit, in and with us, tune our ears to hear Your call;
Through the moving of Your presence, let redeeming love recall
Ministry in dedication, love embodied in our deeds;
Challenge us to do Your bidding, see Your purpose, fill all needs.

Come, o come, in celebration, household of the one true God,
In commitment and rejoicing let us go where Christ has trod;
As we act in faith and reverence, let us, Lord, the future see;
Place us in the church triumphant, now and for eternity.

† INVITATION TO CONFESSION

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of wonder, You surround us with signs of Your glory and surprise us with Your presence. Yet we often miss the marvels You place before us. Forgive our dullness and make us alert to the ways You make Yourself known so that we might be witnesses to Your Good News and proclaim Your extravagant love through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

† ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

The glory of the Lord has risen upon you!
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

† PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

TIME FOR CHILDREN

ANTHEM

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

CHAD FOTHERGILL

Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand;
Ponder nothing earthly minded, for with blessing in His hand
Christ our God to earth descendeth, comes full homage to demand.

King of kings, yet born of Mary, as of old on earth He stood,
Lord of lords in human vesture, in the body and the blood,
He will give to all the faithful His own self for heavenly food.

Rank on rank the host of heaven spreads its vanguard on the way;
As the Light of light descendeth from the realms of endless day,
Comes the power of hell to vanquish, as the darkness clears away.

At His feet the six-winged seraph, cherubim with sleepless eye,
Veil their faces to the presence, as with ceaseless voice they cry:
"Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia, Lord Most High!"

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 2:22-40

Pew Bible p. 880-881
Large Print p. 1561-1562

SERMON

Jesus Our Messiah Has Come

† HYMN INSERT

Jesus, the Light of the World

WALK IN THE LIGHT

Hark! the herald angels sing. Jesus, the light of the world.
Glory to the newborn King, Jesus the light of the world.

Chorus: We'll walk in the light, beautiful light. Come where the dewdrops of mercy shine bright.
O, shine all around us by day and by night. Jesus, the light of the world.

Joyful all you nations, rise. Jesus, the light of the world.
Join the triumph of the skies. Jesus, the light of the world.

Christ by highest heaven adored; Jesus, the light of the world.
Christ, the everlasting Lord; Jesus, the light of the world.

Hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Jesus, the light of the world.
Hail, the Sun of righteousness! Jesus, the light of the world.

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 603

Song of Simeon

LAND OF REST

Lord, bid Your servant go in peace, Your word is now fulfilled.
These eyes have seen salvation's dawn, this child is long foretold.

This is the Savior of the world, the Gentiles' promised light,
God's glory dwelling in our midst, the joy of Israel.

† BENEDICTION

† SENDING SONG

Jesus, Name above All Names

NAME ABOVE ALL NAMES

Jesus, name above all names, beautiful Savior, glorious Lord.
Emmanuel, God is with us, blessed Redeemer, living Word.

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

POSTLUDE

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

ELLACOMBE

*The flowers today were given to the glory of God
and in celebration of Bob Fisher's birthday.*

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.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL is back! Students in Pre-K through 5th grade are invited to Journey Room 304 at 9:15AM every Sunday. They are studying *The Heart of God* together.

As we **JOURNEY THROUGH THE NEW TESTAMENT**, make sure to plug in to one of our many discussion groups and to get your study materials! We have five discussion groups to choose from:

Sundays at 9:15AM
Discovery Class (Library)
Pew Sisters (Room 2)
Fellowship Class (Room 3)

Weekday Groups
Monday Group, 10:00AM (Parlor)
Tuesday Group, 6:30PM (Library)

There will be a **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** on August 27 immediately following worship to hear and act on the report of the 2023 Nominating Committee.

St. Andrew's Prayer List

MEMBERS: Pat Caywood, Pat Richard, Evelyn Lord, Lee and Shelley Plunkett, Bob Fisher, Bill McIlrath, Barbara and Dalton Abel, Kay Long

FRIENDS AND FAMILY: Jerry Fisher, Karen Thompson Butler, Mary Kennedy, Mickey Shuffield, Mary Ellen Myers, Thomas Fisher, Jack Dillard, Erin Lenhart, Jerry Linn, Janie Niederstadt Verderame, Rachel Lawrence, Jill Botkin, Esmee Foster

St. Andrew's Calendar

SUNDAY, AUGUST 20, 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, AUGUST 21, 2023

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

TUESDAY, AUGUST 22, 2023

6:30PM Tuesday Group

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23, 2023

9:30AM Dayschool Chapel

THURSDAY, AUGUST 24, 2023

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

SUNDAY, AUGUST 27, 2023

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
Thomas Furlow, Music Director
Deanna Weitzel, Day School Director
Rachel Stiles, Admin Assistant/Organist
Patricia Williamson, Pianist

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