

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Journey Through the Bible

Jesus Proclaims the Kingdom Matthew 21:33-46

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

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

† Worshipers are asked to stand in body or spirit.

August 27, 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.*)

Holy God, open our minds that we may perceive Your presence. Strengthen our resolve that we may press toward growth in love and faith. Help us grow close to Your likeness each and every day. Amen.

PRELUDE

Built on the Rock the Church Doth Stand

KIRKEN

LIFE AT ST. ANDREW'S

† **CALL TO WORSHIP**

based on Matthew 21 and Psalm 19

One: Christ the cornerstone welcomes us to this house of God.

Many: May our minds perceive God's Word,

One: Even as our hearts receive God's love.

Many: May God's Spirit bless us with wisdom and faith,

All: As we join our voices in declaring God's glory!

† **HYMN 441**

I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord

ST. THOMAS

I love Thy kingdom, Lord, the house of Thine abode,
The church our blest Redeemer saved with His own precious blood.

I love Thy church, O God; Her walls before Thee stand,
Dear as the apple of Thine eye, and graven on Thy hand.

For her my tears shall fall, for her my prayers ascend;
To her my cares and toils be given, till toils and cares shall end.

Beyond my highest joy, I prize her heavenly ways,
Her sweet communion, solemn vows, her hymns of love and praise.

Sure as Thy truth shall last, to Zion shall be given,
The brightest glories earth can yield, and brighter bliss of heaven.

† INVITATION TO CONFESSION

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, when our faith is rooted deeply in You our lives reflect Your kingdom values of justice and righteousness, but sometimes our lives become so entangled with the values of the world that Your values take second place. Forgive us, and reconnect us to the Holy Spirit, our source of power and life. Merciful God, strip our hearts and minds of all that prevents our lives being firmly rooted in You. May our lives bear fruit worthy of our faith in You, as we watch and wait for Your breaking into our world once more, in the person of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

† ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

In Jesus, you are forgiven and loved.
Thanks be to God! Amen!

† PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

TIME FOR CHILDREN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 13:18-21

Pew Bible p. 896
Large Print p. 1589

ANTHEM

Hold On to the Rock

PEPPER CHOPLIN

You've got to hold on to the Rock of Ages, Hold on to the Cornerstone.
Stand strong on the Sure Foundation, Surrounded by the Fortress strong.
When all the storms of life are raging, Hold on, hold on, hold on, Hold on to the Rock.

You know that it doesn't take a mighty earthquake To shake the ground you stand on!
'Cause life can change, like a hurricane, And blow all the plans you planned on.
Well, the ground is gonna shake and the wind is gonna blow, Who you gonna trust and where you gonna go?

You know sometimes when life is easy, It's so easy to keep the faith,
To be grateful for every blessing, When every blessing comes our way.
But when life shakes us to our very soul, Who you gonna trust and where you gonna go?

You've got to hold on to the Rock of Ages, Hold on to the Cornerstone.
Stand strong on the Sure Foundation, Surrounded by the Fortress strong.
When all the storms of life are raging, Hold on, hold on, hold on, Hold on to the Rock.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 21:33-46

Pew Bible p. 848
Large Print p. 1505

SERMON

Jesus Proclaims the Kingdom

† HYMN INSERT

Cornerstone

SOLID ROCK

My hope is built on nothing less, Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, But wholly trust in Jesus' Name.

Chorus: Christ alone, cornerstone, Weak made strong in the Savior's love,
Through the storm, He is Lord, Lord of all.

When darkness seems to hide His face, I rest on His unchanging grace.
In every high and stormy gale, My anchor holds within the veil,
My anchor holds within the veil.

When He shall come with trumpet sound, Oh may I then in Him be found;
Dressed in His righteousness alone, Faultless to stand before the throne.

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 447

Lead On, O King Eternal

LANCASHIRE

Lead on, O King eternal, the day of march has come;
Henceforth in fields of conquest Thy tents shall be our home:
Through days of preparation Thy grace has made us strong,
And now, O King eternal, we lift our battle song.

Lead on, O King eternal, till sin's fierce war shall cease,
And holiness shall whisper the sweet amen of peace;
For not with swords' loud clashing, nor roll of stirring drums;
With deeds of love and mercy the heavenly kingdom comes.

Lead on, O King eternal: we follow not with fears;
For gladness breaks like morning where'er Thy face appears;
Thy cross is lifted o'er us; we journey in its light:
The crown awaits the conquest; lead on, O God of might.

† 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

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KIRKEN

*The flowers today were given to the glory of God by Tom and Julie Munro,
in thanksgiving for the marriage of their daughter, Lauren, to William Jove.*

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.

The Session has called a **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** today (August 27) immediately following worship to hear and act on the report of the 2023 Nominating Committee.

Worship services at St. Andrew's have many moving parts: liturgists, musicians, and **AUDIO-VISUAL VOLUNTEERS** all play an important role in making Sunday morning possible. Right now, we are in need of more volunteers to help with our audio-visual program. This includes running our sound board and monitoring the livestream. If you would like to help, no prior experience is required! Training will be provided. Please contact the Church Office if you are interested in helping in either area.

St. Andrew's Prayer List

MEMBERS: Family of Jill Botkin, Pat Caywood, Pat Richard, Bob Fisher, Lee and Shelley Plunkett, 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, Esmee Foster

St. Andrew's Calendar

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

MONDAY, AUGUST 28, 2023

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

TUESDAY, AUGUST 29, 2023

6:30PM Tuesday Group

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30, 2023

9:30AM Dayschool Chapel

THURSDAY, AUGUST 31, 2023

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

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2023

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

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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