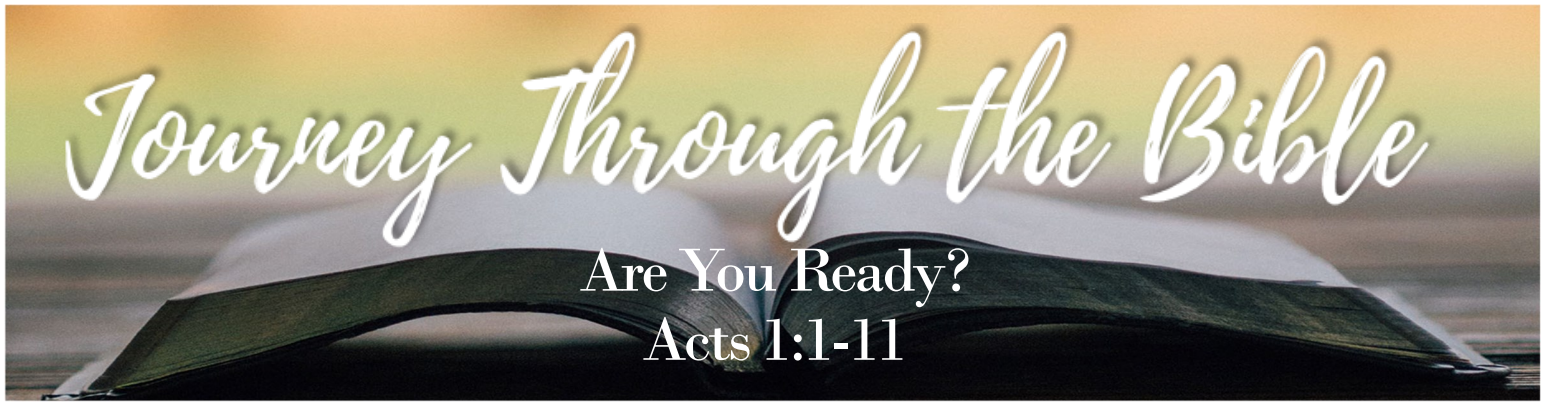


ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

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

† Worshipers are asked to stand in body or spirit.

September 10, 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, as we prepare to worship today, help us perceive how Jesus' presence in Heaven can give us confidence in our praying and hope for the future. Through Jesus, our Lord. Amen.

PRELUDE

There Is a Name I Love to Hear

O, HOW I LOVE JESUS

LIFE AT ST. ANDREW'S

† **CALL TO WORSHIP**

BASED ON PSALM 47

One: Come and worship, people of God!

Many: Let's celebrate with songs of praise!

One: For our God, the Most High, is seated on His holy throne,

Many: Sovereign over all the earth!

All: Let's worship God together.

† **HYMN STF 2070**

He Is Exalted

HE IS EXALTED

He is exalted, the King is exalted on high; I will praise Him.

He is exalted, forever exalted and I will praise His name!

He is the Lord, forever His truth shall reign;

Heaven and earth rejoice in His holy name.

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† INVITATION TO CONFESSION

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, we confess that we have our eyes set in the clouds instead of on the earth You have given us. We desire heavenly treasure but we keep believing that worldly means will help us attain it. We confess our lack of trust. While we sing of Your lordship over all creation, we have too often acted as though You are powerless in the face of today's events. Forgive us for our short-sightedness. Draw us away from the temptations to seek worldly power and measures of success and call us to the down-to-earth message of Your love, to care for the needs of those around us. Help us to live with confidence in Your presence today and in hope for life with You forever.

† ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Proclaim the Good News!
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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 28:16-20

Pew Bible p. 857
Large Print p. 1521

ANTHEM

Go Into the World!

LLOYD LARSON

Go, I tell you, go into the world! Go and make disciples of the Lord.
Go and save the lost, I tell you go, Go into the world!
And baptize in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. I tell you go into all the world!

Go, I tell you, go into the world! Go and teach them to obey My word,
The commands I've given you, I tell you go, Go into the world!

Know that I go with you; I will guide you and will see you through.
I tell you go into all the world! And as you go, be faithful to your call;
Your God is Lord of all! Proclaim Good News to every nation.

And as you go teach in the Savior's name, He's evermore the same,
The holy God of your salvation!

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Acts 1:1-11

Pew Bible p. 935
Large Print p. 1655-1656

SERMON

Are You Ready?

Julie Odle, CRE

† HYMN 141

A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing

DEO GRACIAS

A hymn of glory, let us sing, new hymns throughout the world shall ring;
By a new way none ever trod Christ takes His place, the throne of God!

You are a present joy, O Lord, You will be ever our reward,
And great the light in You we see to guide us to eternity.

O risen Christ, ascended Lord, all praise to You let earth accord.
You are, while endless ages run, with Father and with Spirit One.

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 429

Lord, You Give the Great Commission

ABBOT'S LEIGH

Lord, You give the great commission: "Heal the sick and preach the word."

Lest the church neglect its mission, and the gospel go unheard,
Help us witness to Your purpose, with renewed integrity;
With the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.

Lord, You call us to Your service: "In My name baptize and teach."
That the world may trust Your promise, life abundant meant for each,
Give us all new fervor, draw us closer in community;
With the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.

Lord, You make the common holy: "This my body, this my blood."
Let us all, for earth's true glory, daily lift life heavenward,
Asking that the world around us share Your children's liberty;
With the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.

Lord, You show us love's true measure: "Father, what they do, forgive."
Yet we hoard as private treasure all that You so freely give.
May Your care and mercy lead us to a just society;
With the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.

Lord, You bless with words assuring: "I am with you to the end."
Faith and hope and love restoring, may we serve as You intend,
And, amid the cares that claim us, hold in mind eternity;
With the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.

† BENEDICTION

† SENDING SONG

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

ASSAM

I have decided to follow Jesus, I have decided to follow Jesus;
I have decided to follow Jesus, no turning back, no turning back.

POSTLUDE

From All That Dwell Below the Skies

DUKE STREET

*The flowers today were given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of George Brown on his birthday, by Martha Pate.*

We thank Julie Odle, Commissioned Ruling Elder, for leading us in worship today.

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 Beaumont Chapter of the American Guild of Organists is holding a free **HYMN FEST** this afternoon at 4:00PM at St. Mark's Episcopal Church (680 Calder in Beaumont). You can hear and sing along with some of your favorite hymns as played by your favorite local organists—including Thomas Furlow, our director at St. Andrew's! A reception will follow.

PIRATE SUNDAY is back by popular demand! Don your pirate hats and pirate costumes for worship on September 17, and afterwards join us for a lunch of gumbo, coleslaw, French bread, and desserts. Uncrustables will be available for children.

St. Andrew's Prayer List

MEMBERS: Bill McIlrath, Bob Fisher, Pat Caywood, Family of Jill Botkin, Lee and Shelley Plunkett, Barbara and Dalton Abel, Kay Long

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

St. Andrew's Calendar

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2023

- 9:15AM Sunday School
- 10:30AM Worship
- 11:30AM Meet and Greet
- 11:45AM Choir Rehearsal
- 3:00PM Boy Scouts
- 4:00PM AGO Hymn Fest
- 5:00PM Youth Group

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2023

- 10:00AM Monday Group
- 5:30PM Strings After School
- 6:30PM La Hacienda

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2023

- 5:30PM Finance Team
- 5:30PM Strings After School
- 6:30PM Tuesday Group

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2023

- 9:30AM Dayschool Chapel
- 5:30PM Handbell Rehearsal
- 6:30PM Worship Team

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2023

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

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2023

PIRATE SUNDAY

- 9:15AM Sunday School
- 10:30AM Worship
- 11:30AM Fellowship Luncheon
- 12:15PM Choir Rehearsal
- 3:00PM Boy Scouts

CHURCH STAFF

Tara Thompson, Pastor
Thomas Furlow, Music Director
Rachel Stiles, Admin Assistant/Organist
Patricia Williamson, Pianist

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