

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.

October 1, 2023

World Communion Sunday

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.*)

Jesus, teach us to trust You with our whole hearts and to praise You in every circumstance so that Your grace and mercy might reach out through us to the entire world. Amen.

PRELUDE

“Minuet” from Dance Suite No. 4

TELEMANN

LIFE AT ST. ANDREW'S

† **CALL TO WORSHIP**

based on Psalm 67

One: Let the peoples praise You, O God;

Many: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,

One: For You judge the peoples with equity,

Many: And guide the nations upon earth.

All: Let all the peoples praise You!

† **HYMN 435**

We All Are One in Mission

WALDVOGELEIN

We all are one in mission, we all are one in call, Our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.
A single, great commission compels us from above To plan and work together that all may know Christ's love.

We all are called for service to witness in God's name; Our ministries are different, our purpose is the same:
To touch the lives of others by God's surprising grace So every folk and nation may feel God's warm embrace.

Now let us be united and let our songs be heard. Now let us be a vessel for God's redeeming Word.

We all are one in mission, we all are one in call, Our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.

† INVITATION TO CONFESSION

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of grace, we come to You this morning as one part of the whole of Your people. On this World Communion Sunday, we join with all Your people around the world to give You honor and glory as the God of all creation and as the Savior of our souls. We need You, Lord. We confess that we too often think of ourselves, our church, and our country as the center of the universe. We forget that we are not the center, but You are. We are sorry; please forgive us. Holy Spirit, turn our eyes toward You, and fill us with Your grace, love, and hope. Give us eyes to see what part of the Kingdom work You have for us. Give us the strength and courage to be Your hands and feet and voice in the world we pray.

† ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Sisters and brothers, proclaim the Good News!
In Christ Jesus, we are made right with God!

† PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

TIME FOR CHILDREN

ANTHEM

Gather Us In

ARR. LLOYD LARSON

Here in this place, the new light is streaming, now is the darkness vanished away.
See in this space our fears and our dreamings, brought here to You in the light of this day.

Gather us in, the lost and forsaken; gather us in, the blind and the lame.
Call to us now, and we shall awaken; we shall arise at the sound of our name.

We are the young, our lives are a mystery; we are the old who yearn for Your face.
We have been sung throughout all of history, called to be light to the whole human race.

Gather us in, the rich and the haughty; gather us in, the proud and the strong.
Give us a heart, so meek and so lowly; give us the courage to enter the song.

Here we will take the wine and the water; here we will take the bread of new birth.
Here You shall call Your sons and Your daughters, call us anew to be salt for the earth.

Give us to drink the wine of compassion; give us to eat the bread that is You.
Nourish us well, and teach us to fashion lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

Not in the dark of buildings confining, not in some heaven, light years away,
Here in this place the new light is shining; now is the kingdom, and now is the day!

Gather us in and hold us forever; gather us in and make us Your own.
Gather us in, all peoples together, fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Acts 16:6-15

Pew Bible p. 951-952
Large Print p. 1684-1685

SERMON

The Good News of Jesus Is Shared with All

† HYMN 507

I Come with Joy

DOVE OF PEACE

I come with joy to meet my Lord, forgiven, loved, and free,
In awe and wonder to recall His life laid down for me, His life laid down for me.

I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are fed,
The new community of love in Christ's communion bread, In Christ's communion bread.

As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud division ends.
The love that made us, makes us one, and strangers now are friends, And strangers now are friends.

And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His presence, always near,
Is in such friendship better known: we see and praise Him here, We see and praise Him here.

Together met, together bound, we'll go our different ways,
And as His people in the world, we'll live and speak His praise, We'll live and speak His praise.

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

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

*Please wait until everyone has been served and then we will share in the bread and cup together as a sign of our unity in Christ Jesus.
There is a gluten-free option in the center of the tray.*

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.

† HYMN 295

O God of Love, O God of Peace

DU MEINER SEELEN

O God of love, O God of peace, make wars throughout the world to cease;
The wrath of nations now restrain, give peace, O God, give peace again!

Remember, Lord, Thy works of old, the wonders that Thy people told;
Remember not our sin's deep stain: give peace, O God, give peace again!

Whom shall we trust but Thee, O Lord? Where rest but on Thy faithful Word?
None ever called on Thee in vain: give peace, O God, give peace again!

Where saints and angels dwell above, all hearts are knit in holy love;
O bind us in that heavenly chain: give peace, O God, give peace again!

† BENEDICTION

† SENDING SONG

Go with Us, Lord

TALLIS' CANON

Go with us, Lord, and guide the way through this and every coming day,
That in Your Spirit strong and true our lives may be our gift to You.

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

POSTLUDE

"Allegro" from Dance Suite No. 4

TELEMANN

We thank Martha Giarratano and Valera Messer for sharing their gifts of music with us in worship today.

Please use the **CONNECT** 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.

We will collect the **PCUSA PEACE AND GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING** today (World Communion Sunday). 25% of the offering stays with our congregation to support peacemaking and reconciliation in our own community; 25% goes to the mid-council to join other congregations in supporting regional peacemaking work; and 50% supports the work being done by Presbyterians across the globe.

St. Andrew's Prayer List

MEMBERS: Susie Champion, Mike Dove, Bill McIlrath, Pat Caywood, Bob Fisher, Lee and Shelley Plunkett, Barbara and Dalton Abel, Kay Long

FRIENDS AND FAMILY: 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, OCTOBER 1, 2023

- 9:15AM Sunday School
- 10:30AM Worship
- 11:45AM Choir Rehearsal
- 3:00PM Boy Scouts
- 5:00PM Youth Group

MONDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2023

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

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2023

- 10:00AM PW Coordinating
- 10:00AM Staff Meeting
- 5:15PM SAS
- 5:30PM Fellowship Team
- 6:30PM C.E. Team
- 6:30PM Tuesday Group

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2023

- 8:15AM Soup Kitchen
- 9:30AM Dayschool Chapel
- 5:30PM Handbell Rehearsal
- 6:30PM Mission/Evangelism

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2023

- 8:30AM MOW Cooks
- 10:00AM MOW Delivers
- 6:00PM GTHE Rehearsal

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2023

- 9:15AM Sunday School
- 10:30AM Worship
- 11:45AM Choir Rehearsal
- 3:00PM Boy Scouts
- 5:00PM Youth Group

CHURCH STAFF

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

Hours: Monday - Thursday, 8:30AM - 4:30PM
1350 N. 23rd Street ✘ Beaumont, TX 77706
409.892.8611 ✘ www.saintandy.org