

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 8, 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, help us keep the commands of Jesus, follow the promptings of the Spirit, and witness to the hope that is within us, sharing Your love with the world. Amen.

PRELUDE

This Is My Father's World

TERRA BEATA

LIFE AT ST. ANDREW'S

† **CALL TO WORSHIP**

based on Acts 17

One: We gather together to worship the Lord of heaven and earth,

Many: The Maker of the universe and all it contains,

One: Who gives life and breath to all things,

Many: And satisfies every need.

All: This is the God we have come to worship!

† **HYMN 288**

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

ELLACOMBE

I sing the mighty power of God that made the mountains rise;
That spread the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty skies.

I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day; The moon shines full at God's command, and all the stars obey.

I sing the goodness of the Lord that filled the earth with food;
God formed the creatures with a word and then pronounced them good.

Lord, how Thy wonders are displayed, where'er I turn my eyes; If I survey the ground I tread, or gaze upon the skies!

There's not a plant or flower below but makes Thy glories known;
And clouds arise, and tempests blow, by order from Thy throne;

While all that borrows life from Thee is ever in Thy care, And everywhere that we can be, Thou, God, art present there.

† INVITATION TO CONFESSION

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy One, we have done what is evil in Your sight. We have disobeyed Your commandments and failed to trust Your wisdom in the way it comes to us. Forgive us our sins and restore us to right relationship with You. Unstop our ears and open wide our hearts to hear and receive Your grace. Let that grace flow freely through our lives, to renew our joy, hope, and service to You. Help us do better. Give us vision, strength, and courage to follow wherever Your love and leading takes us.

† 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

ANTHEM

Sing to the Lord

ARR. MARY McDONALD

Sing to the Lord, He is worthy of praise; raise up your voices in song.
Sing to the Lord for the rest of your days; to Him your praises belong.

The Lord has provided for our every need; His mercy and love overflow.
The gift of salvation is God's gift indeed; we sing that the whole world may know.

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is our health and salvation!
All those who hear; now to His temple draw near; Praise Him in glad adoration.

Sing to the Lord, He's done marvelous things; creation pronounces His name.
Sing to the Lord, He's the Savior and King; With all the earth praise His name.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Acts 17:16-34

Pew Bible p. 953
Large Print p. 1686-1687

SERMON

Open Invitation

† HYMN 229

From All That Dwell Below the Skies

ERFRUEN

From all that dwell below the skies Let the Creator's praise arise: alleluia! Alleluia!
Let the Redeemer's name be sung through every land, in every tongue.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

In every land begin the song, To every land the strains belong: alleluia! Alleluia!
In cheerful sound all voices raise, and fill the world with joyful praise.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Eternal are Thy mercies, Lord; Eternal truth attends Thy word: alleluia! Alleluia!
Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore, till suns shall rise and set no more.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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 324

Open My Eyes That I May See

OPEN MY EYES

Open my eyes, that I may see glimpses of truth Thou hast for me;
Place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free.
Silently now I wait for Thee, ready, my God, Thy will to see;
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Open my ears, that I may hear voices of truth Thou sendest clear;
And while the wave notes fall on my ear, everything false will disappear.
Silently now I wait for Thee, ready, my God, Thy will to see;
Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Open my mouth, and let me bear gladly the warm truth everywhere;
Open my heart, and let me prepare love with Thy children thus to share.
Silently now I wait for Thee, ready, my God, Thy will to see;
Open my heart, illumine me, Spirit divine!

† 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

All Creatures of Our God and King

ERFREUEN

*The flowers today were given to the glory of God and in loving memory
of Ruth Jurik, by Janet Jurik, Stephanie, and the Sandwell family.*

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.

Join us for **SCOTTISH SUNDAY** next week, October 15! We will enjoy some special music (a bagpipe prelude and postlude played by Jeff Courts) and a luncheon of stew, biscuits, and shortbread following the worship service.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SUBSCRIBE to *St. Andy's Review* (our monthly newsletter) or *This Week at St. Andrew's* (our weekly email) to stay abreast of upcoming events, just contact the Church Office with your name and email address.

October is **ST. ANDREW'S STOCK THE PANTRY MONTH** for Some Other Place. Donations of the following items can be dropped off in the bins at the Church Office and in the Gladys Foyer: white rice, powdered milk, macaroni and cheese, peanut butter, pancake mix, pancake syrup, hot cereal, canned potatoes, and oatmeal. Please be generous!

St. Andrew's Prayer List

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

FRIENDS AND FAMILY: Family of Jason Boudoin, 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 8, 2023

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

MONDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2023

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

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2023

- 5:15PM SAS
- 5:30PM Finance and Property
- 6:30PM Tuesday Group

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2023

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

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2023

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

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2023

- 8:30AM SETX Food Bank

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2023

- 9:15AM Sunday School
- 10:30AM Worship
- 11:30AM Fellowship Luncheon
- 12:15PM Choir Rehearsal
- 12:30PM Pumpkin Carving
- 12:30PM New Elders' Training
- 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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