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.

November 19, 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.)

Increase our understanding, we pray, and open our minds and hearts to receive You, Jesus. Speak Your Word of peace to us and let Your love shine on any dark areas in our lives. May this worship that we offer in Your Name be a worthy response to Your love and Your sacrifice for us. Amen.

Prelude

Children of the Heavenly Father

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LIFE AT ST. ANDREW'S

† CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Come and see the love God has given to us.

Many: Come and see what it means to be children of God.

One: Come with the hope that Christ's presence is real.

Many: Come with joy to see the Lord. *All: We come to praise the Lord!*

† HYMN 376

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Hyfrydol

based on 1 John 3

Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heaven, to earth come down, Fix in us Thy humble dwelling, All Thy faithful mercies crown! Jesus, Thou art all compassion, Pure, unbounded love Thou art; Visit us with Thy salvation, Enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit Into every troubled breast!

Let us all in Thee inherit, Let us find the promised rest;

Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be;

End of faith, as its beginning, Set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty to deliver, Let us all Thy life receive;

Suddenly return, and never, Nevermore Thy temples leave. Thee we would be always blessing, Serve Thee as Thy hosts above; Pray, and praise Thee without ceasing Glory in Thy perfect love.

Finish, then, Thy new creation; Pure and spotless let us be; Let us see Thy great salvation Perfectly restored in Thee; Changed from glory into glory, Till in heaven we take our place, Till we cast our crowns before Thee, Lost in wonder, love, and praise.

† Invitation to Confession

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, You call us Your own children and cover us with Your love. We would seek to be merciful as You are, and to show compassion as You do, but we fail to live the life to which we have been called. Where we ought to forgive, we condemn; the evil we should shun, we embrace. Forgive our sinful ways, tame our wayward wills, and make us more like Christ, until we are raised in perfection on the last day we pray.

† ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Siblings in Christ, proclaim the Good News!

In Jesus Christ, w are forgiven!

† PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

TIME FOR CHILDREN

SPECIAL MUSIC Salt and Light LAUREN DAIGLE

Oh, the beauty of a King! You make righteous those who seek.
You have written and redeemed my story. Let my eyes see Your kingdom shine all around.

Let my heart overflow with passion for Your name.

Let my life be a song, revealing who You are, for You are salt and light.

Oh, the love that set me free! You bring hope to those in need.
You have written and redeemed my story. Let my eyes see Your kingdom shine all around.
Let my heart overflow with passion for Your name. Let my life be a song, revealing who You are, for You are salt and light. You are love's great height. You are deep and wide, a consuming fire.
You are salt and light.

Let my eyes see Your kingdom shine all around.

Let my heart overflow with passion for Your name.

Let my life be a song, revealing who You are, for You are salt and light.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON 1 John 3:1-10

Pew Bible p. 1055 Large Print p. 1858-1859

SERMON Key Identity and Witness

O God, our faithful God, O fountain ever flowing, Without whom nothing is, All perfect gifts bestowing, Grant us a faithful life, And give us, Lord, within, Commitment free from strife, A soul unhurt by sin.

God, grant us strength to do with ready heart and willing, Whatever You command, Our calling here fulfilling, And do it when we ought, With zeal and joyfulness, And bless the work we've wrought, For You must give success.

If dangers gather round, Still keep us calm and fearless; Help us to bear the cross When life is bleak and cheerless, To overcome our foes with words and actions kind; O God, Your will disclose, Your counsel let us find.

TIME OF COMMITMENT

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.

A TIME FOR STEWARDSHIP

Martha Pate

Invitation to the Offering

GIVE ONLINE

† HYMN 592

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

DOXOLOGY

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 359

More Love to Thee, O Christ

MORE LOVE TO THEE

More love to Thee, O Christ, More love to Thee! Hear Thou the prayer I make on bended knee. This is my earnest plea: More love, O Christ, to Thee, More love to Thee, More love to Thee!

Once earthly joy I craved, Sought peace and rest; Now Thee alone I seek, Give what is best. This all my prayer shall be: More love, O Christ, to Thee, More love to Thee, More love to Thee!

Then shall my latest breath whisper Thy praise; This be the parting cry, my heart shall raise. This still its prayer shall be: More love, O Christ, to Thee, More love to Thee, More love to Thee!

† BENEDICTION

† SENDING SONG

May You Run and Not Be Weary

PRINCE OF PEACE

May you run and not be weary. May your heart be filled with song.

And may the love of God continue to give you hope and keep you strong.

And may you run and not be weary. May your life be filled with joy!

And may the road you travel always lead you home.

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

POSTLUDE How Deep the Father's Love for Us

TOWNEND

The flowers today were given to the glory of God by Bob and Judy Fisher.

Please use the **OONNEO** 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.

ALL HANDS ON DECK TO DECK THE HALLS! Join us for Advent decorating TODAY from 4:00PM-6:00PM. We will enjoy pizza and drinks together afterwards.

If you would like to order Christmas flowers in honor or memory of loved ones, Poinsettia Order Forms can be found in the church office and online. The deadline for orders is December 7.

SOME OTHER PLACE CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE: Sign out a tag from the Christmas Tree in the parlor, purchase and wrap the requested gift and attach the tag. Please return by December 10.

St. Andrew's Prayer List

MEMBERS: Family of Susie Champion, Gloria Blanco and Pete Emerson, Greta Ott, Pat Caywood, Bob Fisher, Shelley Plunkett, Lee Plunkett, Barbara Abel, Dalton Abel, Kay Long FRIENDS AND FAMILY: Madeline Johnson, David Cobble, Val Rayzor, Karen Thompson Butler, Mary Kennedy, Mickey Shuffield, Thomas Fisher, Jack Dillard, Erin Lenhart, Jerry Linn, Janie Niederstadt Verderame, Rachel Lawerence, Esmee Foster

St. Andrew's Calendar

Sunday, November 19, 2023

9:15AM Sunday School

10:30AM Worship

Choir Rehearsal 11:45AM

Deacon's Meeting 12:00PM

3:00PM **Boy Scouts**

Safe Church Training 3:00PM

4:00PM Advent Decorating

Monday, November 20, 2023

Monday Group 10:00AM

6:30PM La Hacienda

Tuesday, November 21, 2023

Wednesday, November 22, 2023

OFFICE CLOSES AT 12:30 PM

MOW Cooks 8:30AM

10:00AM MOW Delivers

Thursday, November 23, 2023 THANKSGIVING DAY OFFICE CLOSED

Friday, November 24, 2023

Saturday, November 25, 2023

Sunday, November 26, 2023

9:15AM Sunday School

10:30AM Worship

Choir Rehearsal 11:45AM

3:00PM **Boy Scouts**

CHURCH STAFF

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

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