

# ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## Praying in the New Year

More Love, More Power  
Ephesians 3:16-17

### CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

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

† Worshipers are asked to stand in body or spirit.

January 28, 2024

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, fill us with Your Holy Spirit and lead us by the power of Your living Word that we might love that which You love and do that which You do, to Your everlasting praise and glory. Amen.

**PRELUDE**

*Just as I Am*

WOODWORTH

**LIFE AT ST. ANDREW'S**

† **CALL TO WORSHIP**

based on Psalm 108

One: Our hearts are ready, O Lord!

**Many: We will sing praises to You among the peoples,**

One: For Your steadfast love is great above the heavens,

**Many: And Your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.**

*All: We will sing Your praises with all of our hearts!*

† **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.

† INVITATION TO CONFESSION

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We are hesitant to confess, Holy God, how hard it is to love as You wish. It is easy to love You with all that we are, except when You ask us to love our neighbor with all that we have. We find it hard to love our neighbor when it is linked to the way we love ourselves. And it is difficult to love anyone, even You, more than we love ourselves. Forgive us and help us to take risks to love others compassionately, to love ourselves genuinely, and to love You wholeheartedly.

† ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS      In Jesus Christ, we are made right with God.

And nothing in creation can separate us from the love of God!

† PASSING OF THE PEACE      The peace of Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

TIME FOR CHILDREN

ANTHEM

*O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High*

COURTNEY

O love, how deep, how broad, how high; it fills the heart with ecstasy  
That God, the Son of God, should take our mortal form for mortals' sake!

For us He prayed; for us He taught; for us His daily works He wrought;  
By words and signs and actions thus still seeking not Himself, but us.

For us He rose from death again; For us He went on high to reign.  
For us He sent His Spirit here to guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.

All glory to our Lord and God, for love so deep, so high, so broad;  
The Trinity whom we adore forever and forevermore.

Forever and forevermore.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Ephesians 3:16-17

Pew Bible p. 1007

Large Print p. 1778

SERMON

More Love, More Power

† HYMN INSERT

*More Love, More Power*

HIERRO

More love more power; More of You in my life. x2

And I will worship You with all of my heart  
And I will worship You with all of my mind  
And I will worship You with all of my strength  
For You are my Lord

More love more power; More of You in my life. x2

And I will worship You with all of my heart  
And I will worship You with all of my mind

And I will worship You with all of my strength  
For You are my Lord

More love more power; More of You in my life. x2

And I will seek Your face with all of my heart  
And I will seek Your face with all of my mind  
And I will seek Your face with all of my strength  
For You are my Lord

## 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*

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 361

*How Firm a Foundation*

FOUNDATION

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in God's excellent word!  
What more can be said than to you God hath said, to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed, for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;  
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand, upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.

When through the deep waters I call thee to go, the rivers of sorrow shall not over flow;  
For I will be near thee, thy troubles to bless, and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie, my grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply;  
The flame shall not hurt thee; I only design thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.

The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose, I will not, I will not desert to its foes;  
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake, I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake.

### † BENEDICTION

### † SENDING SONG

*Make Me A Channel of Your Peace*

CHANNEL OF PEACE

Make me a channel of Your peace; where there's despair in life let me bring hope;  
Where there is darkness; only light and where there's sadness, ever joy.

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

### POSTLUDE

*I Sing the Mighty Power of God*

ELLACOMBE

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 **NEW MEMBER CLASS** is TODAY at 12:00PM in the parlor for anyone interested in learning more about SAPC.

Samaritan Counseling is **HONORING** St. Andrew's for our longstanding commitment to their organization. Tickets can be purchased at <https://sccset.org/> for a fun evening on February 1 at 6 pm to support this vital ministry in our community. Entertainment will include a Newlywed game with a twist.

There will be a **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** on Sunday, February 4, 2024, immediately following worship. The purpose is to conduct the annual meeting and to act on the recommendation of 2023 Nominating Committee to fill the vacancy on the 2024 Nominating Committee.

Join us for the **SOUPER BOWL OF CARING LUNCHEON** immediately following the service on February 11. The menu is red beans and rice and king cake. We will also collect non-perishable items to support the pantry at Some Other Place!

## St. Andrew's Prayer List

**MEMBERS:** Pat Richard, Linda Sparkman, Bob Fisher, Shelley Plunkett, Lee Plunkett, Barbara Abel, Dalton Abel, Kay Long

**FRIENDS AND FAMILY:** Gordon Long, Erika Russell, David Cobble, Karen Thompson Butler, Madeline Johnson, Val Rayzor, Mary Kennedy, Mickey Shuffield, Thomas Fisher, Jack Dillard, Erin Lenhart, Jerry Linn, Janie Niederstadt Verderame, Rachel Lawrence, Esmee Foster

## St. Andrew's Calendar

Sunday, January 28, 2024

9:15AM Sunday School  
10:30AM Worship  
11:30PM Choir Rehearsal  
12:00PM New Member Class  
3:00PM Boy Scouts  
5:00PM Youth Group

Monday, January 29, 2024

5:30PM Strings After School

Tuesday, January 30, 2024

10:00AM PW Work Day  
5:30PM Strings After School

Wednesday, January 31, 2024

9:30AM Day School Chapel  
5:30PM Handbell Rehearsal

Thursday, February 1, 2024

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

Friday, February 2, 2024

Saturday, February 3, 2024

Sunday, February 4, 2024

9:15AM Sunday School  
10:30AM Worship  
11:30AM Annual Meeting  
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  
Joyce Stillwell, Admin Assistant  
Patricia Williamson, Pianist

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