

# 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.

February 14, 2024

6:30PM

**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.*)

Heavenly Father, pour out Your Spirit upon us, that we may face despair and death with the hope of resurrection through Jesus our Lord. Amen.

**PRELUDE**

*Change My Heart, Oh God*

ESPINOSA

**LIFE AT ST. ANDREW'S**

† **CALL TO WORSHIP**

based on Psalm 130

One: Wait for the Lord, like those who hope in God's mercy.

**Many: God's steadfast love endures forever.**

One: Watch for God, like those who eagerly await the morning.

**Many: We watch for God, whose power redeems us.**

One: Hear God's hopeful Word, like those who long for pardon.

**Many: We will sing praise to God.**

**All: We will rejoice in God's love.**

† **HYMN STF 2128**

*Come and Find the Quiet Center*

BEACH SPRING

Come and find the quiet center in the crowded life we lead,  
Find the room for hope to enter, find the frame where we are freed.  
Clear the chaos and the clutter, clear our eyes that we can see,  
All the things that really matter, be at peace, and simply free.

Silence is a friend who claims us, cools the heat and slows the pace,  
God it is who speaks and names us, knows our being, touches base,  
Making space within our thinking, lifting shades to show the sun,  
Raising courage when we're shrinking, finding scope for faith begun.

In the Spirit let us travel, open to each other's pain,  
Let our loves and fears unravel, celebrate the space we gain.  
There's a place for deepest dreaming, there's a time for heart to care,  
In the Spirit's lively scheming there is always room to spare.

† INVITATION TO CONFESSION

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Save us, O God,

From the blindness, which is not even aware that it is sinning;  
From the pride, which cannot admit that it is wrong;  
From the self-will, which can see nothing but its own way;  
From the self-righteousness, which can see no flaw within itself;  
From the callousness, which has sinned so often that it has ceased to care;  
From the defiance, which is not even sorry for its sins;  
From the evasion, which always blames someone or something else;  
From the heart so hardened, that it cannot repent.

Give us at all times,

Eyes which are open to our faults;  
A conscience that is sensitive and quick to warn;  
And a heart that cannot sin in peace but is moved to regret and remorse.

† ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS      In the grace of Jesus, we return to God forgiven.

**Praise God for our salvation!!**

† HYMN 579

*Glory Be to the Father*

GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Pew Bible p. 744  
Large Print p. 1315-1316

SERMON

In the Valley

SPECIAL MUSIC

*Come Alive (Dry Bones)*

LAUREN DAIGLE

Through the eyes of man it seems, there's so much we have lost;  
As we look down the road, where all the prodigals have walked;  
And one by one the enemy has whispered lies and led them off as slaves.

But we know that You are God, Yours is the victory.  
We know there is more to come, that we may not yet see.  
So with the faith You've given us, we step into the valley unafraid.

We call out to dry bones come alive, come alive.  
We call out to dead hearts come alive, come alive.  
Up out of the ashes let us see an army rise, we call out to dry bones come alive.

God of endless mercy, God of unrelenting love, rescue ev'ry daughter;  
Bring us back the wayward sons, and by Your Spirit breathe upon them.  
Show the world that You alone can save, You alone can save, breathe oh breath of God;  
Now breathe oh breath of God, we call out to dry bones come alive.

A LITANY FOR ASH WEDNESDAY

One: By the power of Your Spirit at work in us,

**Many: We are aware of our sinfulness and our shortcomings.**

One: On this night, we begin a journey of repentance,

**Many: A journey of renewal and healing.**

One: Remembering our baptism, the watermark of the cross upon us,

**Many: We also receive this ashen cross, another sign,**

*All: That in life and in death, we belong to You.*

IMPOSITION OF ASHES AND THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

*Please come forward by the center aisle, beginning with those nearest the front.*

*Those who desire to receive ashes can proceed to the pastor,  
who will be standing in the aisle in front of the chancel steps.*

**The Receiving of the Elements**

*The elements will be distributed by elders on either side of the chancel steps.*

*After receiving the bread and cup, return to your seat by the side aisles.*

*The communion bread tonight is free of gluten, nut, dairy, and soy.*

† HYMN 316

*Breathe on Me, Breath of God*

TRENTHAM

Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life anew,  
That I may love what Thou dost love and do what Thou wouldst do.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, until my heart is pure,  
Until with Thee I will one will, to do and to endure.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am wholly Thine,  
Until this earthly part of me glows with Thy fire divine.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I never die,  
But live with Thee the perfect life of Thine eternity.

† BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Create In Me A Clean Heart*

ARR. HAYES

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.

**LENTEN CALENDARS AND DEVOTIONALS** for children, youth, and adults are available on the sanctuary tables.

**FRESH FLOWERS** can be given in the Sanctuary on Sunday mornings in memory or in honor of loved ones. If you would like to sponsor the Sunday morning chancel flowers, please contact the church office or use the flower calendar outside the church office.

## St. Andrew's Prayer List

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

**FRIENDS AND FAMILY:** Linda Thompson, 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

Thursday, February 15, 2024

8:30AM MOW Cooks  
10:00AM MOW Delivers  
5:30PM Worship Team  
6:00PM GTHE Rehearsal

Friday, February 16, 2024

Office Closed

Saturday, February 17, 2024

Office Closed

Sunday, February 18, 2024

9:15AM Sunday School  
10:30AM Worship  
11:45AM Choir Rehearsal  
12:00PM Deacons Meeting  
3:00PM Boy Scouts  
5:00PM Youth Group

Monday, February 19, 2024

5:30PM Strings After School

Tuesday, February 20, 2024

5:30PM Strings After School  
5:30PM Session Meeting

Wednesday, February 21, 2024

9:30AM Day School Chapel  
5:30PM Handbell Rehearsal  
5:30PM Board of Trustees

Thursday, February 22, 2024

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

### 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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