

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

GOD IS ON THE MOVE!

In Our Yard
Luke 13:1-9



CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

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

† Worshipers are asked to stand in body or spirit.

February 25, 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.*)

Gracious God, this new day carries the potential for growth and new life. Help me to attend to those things in me that need care and attention. Sow Your Word in me that I may grow in faithfulness and understanding. Amen.

PRELUDE

A New Commandment

ARR. DAVID BLACKWELL

LIFE AT ST. ANDREW'S

† **CALL TO WORSHIP**

inspired by Luke 13

One: The season of Lent can be barren and lonely,

Many: But God goes with us through the wild wilderness.

One: Our lives are lived in seasons of transitions and transformations.

Many: Lent is a time to ponder God's providence and persistence.

One: Together, we seek fruitfulness, for it has been promised to us.

Many: The barrenness of Lent will give way to the fruitfulness of Easter.

One: In this season of penitence and pondering, let us gather before God.

Many: We come, as a family, to wait for the Lord with strength and courage.

All: Come, let us worship God!

† **HYMN 462**

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

RATISBON

Christ, whose glory fills the skies, Christ, the true, the only light,
Sun of Righteousness, arise, triumph o'er the shades of night;
Dayspring from on high, be near; Daystar, in my heart appear.

Dark and cheerless is the morn unaccompanied by Thee;
Joyless is the day's return till Thy mercy's beams I see,
Till they inward light impart, cheer my eyes and warm my heart.

Visit then this soul of mine; pierce the gloom of sin and grief;
Fill me, radiancy divine; Scatter all my unbelief;
More and more Thyself display, shining to the perfect day.

† INVITATION TO CONFESSION

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we confess that we have grown complacent in our response to You. You set before us a rich feast of blessing, but we are drawn to lesser things that cannot satisfy. You call us to attend to urgent needs in the world, but we indulge our own desires. Our ways are not Your ways; our thoughts do not ascend to Your thoughts. Forgive us when we fall short of Your claim upon our lives. Disturb our complacency and quicken our desire for a more fruitful life. Be patient, we pray, as we amend who we are, in the hope of becoming who You intend us to be.

† ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS Sisters and brothers, proclaim the Good News!

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

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

TIME FOR CHILDREN

ANTHEM

If You Love Me

ARR. LLOYD LARSON

If you love Me, if you love Me, if you love Me, keep My commandments.

If you love Me, if you love Me, if you love Me, keep My commandments.

Those who love Me, shall have the Spirit of truth;

Comforter shall come upon you.

If you love, you'll live forever, too. Live forever, too.

If you love Me, if you love Me, if you love Me, keep My commandments.

My peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you, but not as the world gives, I give to you.

Let not your hearts be troubled, nor let them be afraid.

Take the peace I leave with you.

If you love Me, if you love Me, if you love Me, keep My commandments.

If you love Me, if you love Me, if you love Me, keep My commandments,

My commandments, keep My commandments.

If you love Me

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 13:1-9

Pew Bible p. 896
Large Print p. 1588

SERMON

In Our Yard

† HYMN 336

As a Chalice Cast of Gold

INWARD LIGHT

As a chalice cast of gold, burnished, bright, and brimmed with wine,

Make me, Lord, as fit to hold Grace and truth and love divine.

Let my praise and worship start with the cleansing of my heart.

Save me from the soothing sin of the empty cultic deed and

The pious, babbling din of the claimed but unlived creed.

Let my actions, Lord, express what my tongue and lips profess.

When I bend upon my knees, clasp my hands, or bow my head,
Let my spoken, public pleas be directly, simply said,
Free of tangled words that mask what my soul would plainly ask.

When I dance or chant Your praise, when I sing a psalm or hymn,
When I preach Your loving ways, let my heart add its Amen.
Let each cherished outward rite thus reflect Your inward light.

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 INSERT

Take Up Thy Cross

GERMANY

“Take up thy cross,” the Savior said, “if thou wouldst my disciple be;
Deny thyself, the world forsake, and humbly follow after me.”

Take up thy cross, let not its weight fill thy weak spirit with alarm;
His strength shall bear thy spirit up, and brace thy heart and nerve thine arm.

Take up thy cross, nor heed the shames, nor let thy foolish pride rebel;
Thy Lord for thee the cross endured, to save thy soul from death and hell.

Take up thy cross, and follow Christ, nor think till death to lay it down;
For only those who bear the cross may hope to wear the glorious crown.

† BENEDICTION

† SENDING SONG

Where He Leads Me

TALLIS' CANON

Where He leads me I will follow; where He leads me I will follow;
Where He leads me I will follow; I'll go with Him, with Him all the way.

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

POSTLUDE

Savior, When in Dust to Thee

ABERYSTWYTH

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.

Don't miss the **ANNUAL LENTEN PREACHING SERIES** at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church! Services will be at 7:00PM TODAY and tomorrow evening. Rev. Brad Sullivan will present *As We Are One, Salvation in the Incarnation*.

The **2023-2024 PW BIBLE STUDY** continues on Tuesday, February 27, at 10:00AM in the Parlor. Pastor Tara will lead lesson five from Luke 17:11-12 and lesson six from Acts 3:1-10 in the study.

SLEEP IN HEAVENLY PEACE (SHP) is a ministry that builds and provides beds to children in need. Join the St. Andy's Build Team on Saturday, March 9, for the afternoon shift at SHP's Beaumont location (2950 Milam Street). Register online at bit.ly/shpevent.

St. Andrew's Prayer List

MEMBERS: James Hackman, George Fulton, Mike Petit, Linda Sparkman, Bob Fisher, Shelley Plunkett, Lee Plunkett, Barbara Abel, Dalton Abel, Kay Long

FRIENDS AND FAMILY: Jeanette Cline, Lisa Morgan, Ron Williamson, David Cobble, Erika Russell, 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, February 25, 2024

- 9:15AM Sunday School
- 10:30AM Worship
- 11:45AM Choir Rehearsal
- 3:00PM Boy Scouts
- 5:00PM Youth Group
- 7:00PM Lenten Preaching Series

Monday, February 26, 2024

- 12:00PM Lenten Preaching Series Luncheon
- 5:30PM Strings After School
- 7:00PM Lenten Preaching Series

Tuesday, February 27, 2024

- 10:00AM PW Bible Study
- 5:30PM Strings After School

Wednesday, February 28, 2024

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

Thursday, February 29, 2024

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

Sunday, March 3, 2024

- 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
Joyce Stillwell, Admin Assistant
Patricia Williamson, Pianist

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