

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

GOD IS ON THE MOVE!

Beyond Obstacles
Luke 13:31-35



CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

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

† Worshipers are asked to stand in body or spirit.

March 3, 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.*)

Lord Jesus, in Your mercy heal us: in Your love and tenderness remake us. In Your compassion bring grace and forgiveness: for the beauty of heaven may Your love prepare us.

~ written by St. Anselm (1033-1109)

PRELUDE

My Jesus, I Love Thee

GORDON

LIFE AT ST. ANDREW'S

† **CALL TO WORSHIP**

based on Psalm 25

One: We lift up our souls to You, Holy God.

Many: We trust the Lord with our past, present, and future.

One: Teach us, Lord, that we may know Your ways.

Many: Guide our every move, that we may walk in step with You.

All: Together, let us worship the One who leads us in what is right!

† **HYMN STF 2001**

We Sing to You, O God

DARWALL'S

We sing to You, O God, the Rock who gave us birth,

Let our rejoicing sing Your name in all the earth.

To you, O God, let songs be raised, in joyful hymns, our feast of praise.

We wandered far from home out in a desert land,

You shielded with Your love our fearful pilgrim band.

You kept us safe within Your arms and sheltered us against the storm.

You bear us through the world, an eagle to her young,

Who rises on her wings and bears us toward the sun.

We ride the vaults of light and air and trust in Your unfailing care.

O God, eternal God, we hide within Your wings,
The everlasting arms to whom our praises ring.
Your word is true, Your way is just, You are the God in whom we trust.

† INVITATION TO CONFESSION

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we confess that we do not trust You fully. We put our hope in worldly gain and in human promises, and we find ourselves defeated and lost when things fall apart. You have given us a love more fully than anything we could experience in this world, but we do not seek it, we do not hold on to it, and we look to our own means of assurance and security. Forgive us. Call us back to You that we may put our trust in You and not be afraid.

† ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Thanks be to our God, who moves among us!
In Jesus, we are made right with God.

† PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

TIME FOR CHILDREN

ANTHEM

Gather Us In

ARR. LLOYD LARSON

Here in this place, the new light is streaming, now is the darkness vanished away.
See in this space our fears and our dreamings, brought here to You in the light of this day.

Gather us in, the lost and forsaken; gather us in, the blind and the lame.
Call to us now, and we shall awaken; we shall arise at the sound of our name.

We are the young, our lives are a mystery; we are the old who yearn for Your face.
We have been sung throughout all of history, called to be light to the whole human race.

Gather us in, the rich and the haughty; gather us in, the proud and the strong.
Give us a heart, so meek and so lowly; give us the courage to enter the song.

Here we will take the wine and the water; here we will take the bread of new birth.
Here You shall call Your sons and Your daughters, call us anew to be salt for the earth.

Give us to drink the wine of compassion; give us to eat the bread that is You.
Nourish us well, and teach us to fashion lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

Not in the dark of buildings confining, not in some heaven, light years away.
Here in this place the new light is shining; now is the kingdom, and now is the day!

Gather us in and hold us forever; gather us in and make us Your own.
Gather us in, all peoples together, fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 13:31-35

Pew Bible p. 897
Large Print p. 1589-1590

SERMON

Beyond Obstacles

† HYMN 517

We Come as Guests Invited

WIE LIEBLICH

We come as guests invited when Jesus bids us dine,
His friends on earth united to share the bread and wine;
The bread of life is broken, the wine is freely poured for us,

In solemn token of Christ our dying Lord.

We eat and drink, receiving from Christ the grace we need,
And in our hearts believing on Him by faith we feed;
With wonder and thanksgiving for love that knows no end,
We find in Jesus living our ever-present Friend.

One bread is ours for sharing, one single fruitful wine,
Our fellowship declaring renewed in bread and wine;
Renewed, sustained, and given by token sign, and word,
The pledge and seal of heaven, the love of Christ our Lord.

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

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

*Please wait until everyone has been served and then we will share in the bread and cup
together as a sign of our unity in Christ Jesus.*

† HYMN 424

O Jesus Christ, May Grateful Hymns Be Rising

CHARTERHOUSE

O Jesus Christ, may grateful hymns be rising, in every city for Your love and care;
Inspire our worship, grant the glad surprising that Your blest Spirit rouses everywhere.

Grant us new courage, sacrificial, humble, strong in Your strength to venture and to dare;
To life the fallen, guide the feet that stumble, seek out the lonely and God's mercy share.

Show us Your Spirit, brooding o'er each city, as You once wept above Jerusalem,
Seeking to gather all in love and pity, and healing those who touch Your garment's hem.

† BENEDICTION

† SENDING SONG

Where He Leads Me

NORRIS

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

Fairest Lord Jesus

CRUSADER'S HYMN

Please use the **CONNECT** 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.

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.

GIVE BLOOD, SAVE A LIFE! Consider donating blood at the St. Andy's Life Share Blood Drive on March 13 from 4:00PM-7:30PM in the Fellowship Hall.

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.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME begins next week on March 10! Don't forget to turn your clocks an hour forward on Saturday night.

St. Andrew's Prayer List

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

FRIENDS AND FAMILY: Family of John Rao, Jeanette Cline, 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, March 3, 2024

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

Monday, 4, 2024

9:30AM Monday Group
5:30PM Strings After School

Tuesday, March 5, 2024

10:00AM Staff Meeting
10:00AM PW Coordinating
5:30PM Strings After School
5:30PM Fellowship Team
6:30PM Christian Ed Team

Wednesday, March 6, 2024

8:15AM SOP Soup Kitchen
9:30AM Day School Chapel
5:30PM Handbell Rehearsal
6:30PM Mission & Evangelism

Thursday, March 7, 2024

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

Saturday, March 9, 2024

8:30AM SETX Food Bank
12:30PM SHP Build Day

Sunday, March 10, 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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