

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

GOD IS ON THE MOVE!

Down the Road
Luke 15:11-32



CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

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

† Worshipers are asked to stand in body or spirit.

March 10, 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.*)

Jesus, draw me today into fresh encounters with You. Make me a servant of love so that others may know how much You love them, and I may know how much You love me. Amen.

PRELUDE

Just As I Am

WOODWORTH

LIFE AT ST. ANDREW'S

† **CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Return to the Lord your God,

Many: For God is gracious.

One: Confess to the Lord your God,

Many: For God is merciful.

One: Repent to the Lord your God,

Many: For God is slow to anger.

One: Praise the Lord your God,

Many: For God abounds in steadfast love.

All: Together, let us worship the Lord our God!

† **HYMN 376**

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

HYFRYDOL

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

Father, it was said of the prodigal son that he “came to himself.” Help us to wake up to ourselves, and to You. Set us free from the illusion of trying to be perfect so that we might be more fully human. Help us not to chase after an imaginary life and to find satisfaction in our real lives. And turn us away from our self-rejection so that we might see that Your arms are open in welcome.

† ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God! Amen!

† PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Child of Blessing, Child of Promise

Vv. 1 & 3

Child of blessing, child of promise,
Baptized with the Spirit's sign,
With this water God has sealed you
Unto love and grace divine.

Child of joy, our dearest treasure,
God's you are, from God you came.
Back to God we humbly give you:
Live as one who bears Christ's name.

TIME FOR CHILDREN

ANTHEM

Healing Grace

CHISUM AND SADLER

Hear our prayer, O Lord;
Incline Thine ear to us, and grant us Thy peace.

Merciful God and Father, loving us like no other,
Hear our prayer, the cry of our hearts as we come to You;
We acknowledge our transgressions, we confess to You our sins.
Show us mercy and compassion; Touch our lives with Your healing grace again.

Release us from the past, as we seek Your face;
Wash us free at last, we receive Your love,
We receive Your healing grace.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 15:11-32

Pew Bible p. 898-899
Large Print p. 1592-1593

† HYMN 362

I Love the Lord, Who Heard My Cry

ARR. SMALLWOOD

I love the Lord, who heard my cry and pitied every groan.
 Long as I live and troubles arise, I'll hasten to God's throne.

I love the Lord, who heard my cry and chased my grief away.
 O let my heart no more despair while I have breath to pray.

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

This Is a Day of New Beginnings

BEGINNINGS

This is a day of new beginnings, time to remember, and move on,
 Time to believe what love is bringing, laying to rest the pain that's gone.

For by the life and death of Jesus, God's mighty Spirit, now as then,
 Can make for us a world of difference, as faith and hope are born again.

Then let us, with the Spirit's daring, step from the past and leave behind,
 Our disappointment, guilt, and grieving, seeking new paths, and sure to find.

Christ is alive, and goes before us to show and share what love can do.
 This is a day of new beginnings; our God is making all things new.

In faith we'll gather round the table to taste and share what love can do.
 This is a day of new beginnings; our God is making all things new.

† 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

Softly and Tenderly

*The flowers today were given to the glory of God and in honor of Penelope Bailey Johnson
 in celebration of her baptism by her parents, Andrew and Callie Johnson.*

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.

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.

The St. Andrew's Day School is **NOW REGISTERING** students for the 2024-2025 school year! The school provides a supportive and nurturing environment for children twelve months to four years old. For more information, check the St. Andrew's website or call 409-892-8246.

Easter Sunday is March 31! Join us for a potluck **EASTER BRUNCH** at 9:30AM. Families with names starting with A-M, bring something sweet; those with names starting with N-Z, bring something savory.

St. Andrew's Prayer List

MEMBERS: George Fulton, Bob Fisher, Shelley Plunkett, Lee Plunkett, Linda Sparkman, Bob Fisher, 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 10, 2024

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

Monday, March 11, 2024

12:00PM Rainbow Room
5:30PM Strings After School

Tuesday, March 12, 2024

5:30PM Strings After School
5:30PM Finance and Property

Wednesday, March 13, 2024

4:00PM Blood Drive
5:30PM Handbell Rehearsal
6:30PM Worship Team

Thursday, March 14, 2024

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

Friday, March 15, 2024

Office Closed

Saturday, March 16, 2024

Office Closed

Sunday, March 17, 2024

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

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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