

# ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**GOD IS ON THE MOVE!**

**In Our Priorities**  
**John 12:1-8**



## CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

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

† Worshipers are asked to stand in body or spirit.

March 17, 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.*)

Loving God, how lavishly You pour out the costly gift of Your grace upon us. Fill our homes and our lives with the fragrance of Your love, so that we may show Your glory and serve Your people through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**PRELUDE**

**LIFE AT ST. ANDREW'S**

† **CALL TO WORSHIP**

based on Psalm 25

One: Let us reach out with heart and soul to the Lord.

**Many: Lord, our God, in You we place our trust.**

One: Let us ask the Lord to lead us.

**Many: Help us Lord to find the paths we should take.**

One: God, lead us in Your truth,

**Many: And we shall rejoice in Your love and goodness forever!**

**All: Come, let us sing the praises of our faithful God!**

† **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

Jesus, giver of the most expensive gift of all, help us to learn from You. Forgive us for catering to our own wants and make us more vulnerable to the needs of others. Let us live unselfishly and more sensitively so that we may spread the fragrance of Your love wherever the odors of cynicism and despair hang in the air.

† ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

The old life has passed away!  
And new life has begun!

† 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

*Fairest Lord Jesus*

ARR. MARY MCDONALD

Fairest Lord Jesus, ruler of all nature, O Thou of God and man the Son,  
Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor, Thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

Fair are the meadows, woodlands, robed in the blooming garb of spring;  
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, Who makes the woeful heart to sing.

Fair is the sunshine, moonlight, and all the twinkling, starry host;  
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer, than all the angels heav'n can boast.

Beautiful Savior and Lord of the nations! Son of God and Son of man, son of man!  
Glory and honor and praise, adoration, now and forever more be Thine! Amen, amen!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 12:1-8

Pew Bible p. 924-925  
Large Print p. 1637

SERMON

In Our Priorities

† HYMN 313

*Come Down, O Love Divine*

DOWN APNEY

Come down, O Love divine, seek out this soul of mine and visit it with Your own ardor glowing;  
O comforter, draw near, within my heart appear, and kindle it, Your holy flame bestowing.

O let it freely burn, till earthly passions turn to dust and ashes in its heat consuming;  
And let Your glorious light shine ever on my sight,  
And clothe me round, the while my path illuming.

And so the yearning strong with which the soul will long  
Shall far outpass the power of human telling;  
For none can guess God's grace,  
Till Love creates a place wherein the Holy Spirit makes a dwelling.

## 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 STF 2165

*Cry of My Heart*

CRY OF MY HEART

Refrain: It is the cry of my heart to follow You. It is the cry of my heart to be close to You.  
It is the cry of my heart to follow all of the days of my life.

Teach my Your holy ways, O Lord, so I can walk in Your truth.  
Teach my Your holy ways, O Lord, and make me wholly devoted to You.

Open my eyes so I can see the wonderful things that You do.  
Open my heart up more and more, and make me wholly devoted to You.

### † 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

*The flowers today were given to the glory of God and in honor of Pastor Tara Thompson's  
third anniversary at St. Andrew's, by Bruce and Lynn Burnside.*

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.

St. Andrew's collects the **ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING**, a PCUSA special offering, on Palm Sunday, March 24. Donations are split between hunger relief, disaster assistance, and human development.

Join us on **MAUNDY THURSDAY**, March 28, at 6:30PM for worship. The service will include communion, special music, and a Time of Shadows from the Gospel of Matthew.

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.

The St. Andrew's Day School is **NOW REGISTERING** students for the 2024-2025 school year!

The **MARCH 21 DEADLINE** to order Easter flowers is fast approaching! We are decorating the sanctuary with assorted spring flowers this year. Each plant is \$15 and can be taken home after the service on March 31.

## St. Andrew's Prayer List

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

**FRIENDS AND FAMILY:** 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 17, 2024

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

Monday, March 18, 2024

5:30PM Strings After School

Tuesday, March 19, 2024

5:30PM Strings After School  
6:30PM Session Meeting

Wednesday, March 20, 2024

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

Thursday, March 21, 2024

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

Sunday, March 24, 2024

9:15AM Sunday School  
10:30AM Worship  
11:45AM Choir Rehearsal  
11:45AM Hat Parade &  
Scavenger Hunt  
12:00PM Confirmation Class  
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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