

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



DOES GOD CARE ABOUT ME?

Psalm 121, *Believe Lesson 2*

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

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

† Worshipers are asked to stand in body or spirit.

April 28, 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.*)

God, meet us here. Breathe Your Word into our souls; engrave Your covenant of love upon our hearts. Teach us faithfulness and compassion so that our lives may reflect Your love and justice to the world, we pray. Amen.

PRELUDE

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

ARR. DENNIS ROBERTS

LIFE AT ST. ANDREW'S

† **CALL TO WORSHIP**

based on John 3:16

One: God so loved the world,

Many: Enough to become one of us,

One: Enough to suffer along with us,

Many: Enough to offer new life for us.

One: God so loved the world,

Many: Because God so loves us!

All: We have come to worship God!

† **HYMN 483**

Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above

MIT FREUDEN ZART

Sing praise to God, who reigns above, the God of all creation,
The God of power, the God of love, the God of our salvation;
With healing balm my soul is filled, and every faithless murmur stilled:
To God all praise and glory!

What God's almighty power hath made, God's gracious mercy keepeth;
By morning glow or evening shade God's watchful eye ne'er sleepeth;
Within the kingdom of God's might, Lo! All is just and all is right:
To God all praise and glory!

The Lord is never far away, but through all grief distressing,
An ever present help and stay, our peace, and joy, and blessing;
As with a mother's tender hand, God gently leads the chosen band:
To God all praise and glory!

Thus all my gladsome way along, I sing aloud Thy praises,
That all may hear the grateful song My voice unwearied raises.
Be joyful in the Lord, my heart, both soul and body take your part:
To God all praise and glory!

† INVITATION TO CONFESSION

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Jesus, 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. Let me not be afraid of new pastures, whether they be green or brown or parched. And as I pass through the day's valleys, keep my head lifted to the mountain, from where my help comes. Even as the world becomes more callous and chaotic, help me to never underestimate Your capacity to fashion the miraculous from the monstrous, even to make me a choice masterpiece from the mire and the clay.

† ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

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

Psalm 121

ARR. LLOYD LARSON

I lift my eyes up to the hills; from where does my help come?
My help comes from the Maker of the heavens and the earth.
He will not let my foot be moved; He keeps my journey safe.
He is the shade at my right hand, my shelter in the storm;
No sun by day, nor moon by night shall ever bring me harm.
He will not slumber, He watches all my ways.
O my soul, praise the Lord most high; strong to save, He upholds my life.
Forevermore He will be my light; I lift my eyes up to the Lord most high.
The God of Israel is my guide wherever I may go;
And in His strength I will abide until He leads me home.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 121

Pew Bible p. 537-538
Large Print p. 909-910

SERMON

Does God Care About Me?

† HYMN INSERT

God Will Take Care of You

MARTIN

Be not dismayed what'er betide, God will take care of you;
Beneath His wings of love abide, God will take care of you.

Refrain: God will take care of you, through every day, o'er all the way;
He will take care of you, God will take care of you.

Through days of toil when heart doth fail, God will take care of you;
When dangers fierce your path assail, God will take care of you. (Refrain)

All you may need He will provide, God will take care of you;
Nothing you ask will be denied, God will take care of you. (Refrain)

No matter what may be the test, God will take care of you;
Lean, weary one, upon His breast, God will take care of you. (Refrain)

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 210

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

ST. ANNE

Our God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home.

Before the hills in order stood, or earth received its frame,
From everlasting Thou art God, to endless years the same.

A thousand ages in Thy sight are like an evening gone;
Short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever rolling stream, soon bears us all away;
We fly forgotten as a dream dies at the opening day.

Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
Be Thou our guard while life shall last, and our eternal home.

† BENEDICTION

† SENDING SONG

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.

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

POSTLUDE

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

Arr. Kevin McChesney

We thank the St. Andrew's Handbells for sharing their gift of music with us in worship today.

The chancel flowers today were given to the glory of God and in celebration
of our 19th wedding anniversary, by Brian and Tori Armstrong.

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.

Men of St. Andrew's, you are invited to our **FIRST FRIDAY MEN'S BREAKFAST!** Beginning Friday, May 3 at 7:00AM in the Parlor, join us for fellowship, food, and prayer each month.

STUDY MATERIALS for our church-wide Bible study are still available after the worship service and in the Church Office during business hours. There is not a limit of one set of books per household, so feel free to pick up a set for your spouse, sibling, or parent, or pick up a children's book for your kids or grandkids!

Get the most out of the church-wide study by joining a **SMALL GROUP!** On Sunday mornings at 9:15AM, you can visit the **Bible Discovery Class** in the Library (open to men and women of all ages); the **Fellowship Class** in Room 3 (open to men and women of all ages); or the **Pew Sisters Class** in Room 2 (open to women of all ages). Or, if you can't make it on a Sunday morning, try the **Tuesday Small Group** (open to men and women of all ages) at 6:30PM in the Study.

St. Andrew's Prayer List

MEMBERS: Linda Sparkman, Bob Fisher, Barbara and Dalton Abel, Kay Long

FRIENDS AND FAMILY: Merle Meggison, Cat Vargas, Beth Ann Mistrot, Madeline Johnson, David Cobble, Erika Russell, Karen Thompson Butler, 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, April 28, 2024

- 8:30AM Handbell Rehearsal
- 9:15AM Sunday School
- 10:30AM Worship
- 11:45AM Choir Rehearsal
- 12:00PM Deacons' Meeting
- 3:00PM Boy Scouts
- 5:00PM Youth Group

Monday, April 29, 2024

- 5:30PM Strings After School

Tuesday, April 30, 2024

- 5:30PM Strings After School
- 6:30PM Tuesday Small Group

Wednesday, May 1, 2024

- 8:15AM Soup Kitchen
- 9:30AM Day School Chapel
- 6:30PM Mission/Evangelism

Thursday, May 2, 2024

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

Friday, May 3, 2024

- 7:00AM Men's Breakfast

Sunday, May 5, 2024

- 9:15AM Sunday School
- 10:30AM Worship
- 11:45AM Choir Rehearsal
- 12:00PM Confirmation Class
- 3:00PM Boy Scouts
- 5:15PM Confirmands Meeting

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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