

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



HOW DO I KNOW GOD'S WILL?

2 Timothy 3:10-17, *Believe Lesson 4*

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

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

† Worshipers are asked to stand in body or spirit.

May 12, 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.*)

Almighty God, give us wisdom to perceive You, intellect to understand You, diligence to seek You, patience to wait for You, eyes to behold You, a heart to meditate upon You and life to proclaim You, through the power of the Spirit of our Lord Jesus Christ.
— St. Benedict (489-543)

PRELUDE

Break Thou the Bread of Life

SHERWIN

LIFE AT ST. ANDREW'S

† **CALL TO WORSHIP**

based on Psalm 25

One: Show us the right path, O Lord;

Many: Point out the way for us to follow.

One: Lead us by Your truth, and teach us,

Many: For You are the God who saves.

All: In Jesus, we put our hope!

† **HYMN 361**

How Firm a Foundation

FOUNDATION

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord, Is laid for your faith in God's excellent Word!
What more can be said than to you God hath said, To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

"Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed, For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand, Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand."

"When through the deep waters I call thee to go, The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
For I will be near thee, thy troubles to bless, And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress."

"When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie, My grace, all-sufficient, shall be thy supply;
The flame shall not hurt thee; I only design Thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine."

"The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose, I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake, I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake."

† INVITATION TO CONFESSION

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, we confess we do not keep Your Word always before us. Instead, we turn away from Your challenging truth and wander toward easier options. We long to follow You, to walk in the way that You have shown us, but we confess we are easily distracted, lured away by our own interests and desires, and enticed by the attitudes and practices of the world around us. Forgive us, we pray, for pursuing our own desires rather than Yours. Forgive us for growing weary in following You. Turn our eyes away from the things that distract us from Your way, from the attitudes and behaviors that sidetrack us from knowing You better and following You more closely. Give us a hunger for Your Word and Your ways. Show us that true life and happiness are found in knowing and doing Your will.

† 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.

TIME FOR CHILDREN

ANTHEM

Speak, O Lord

ARR. LLOYD LARSON

Speak, O Lord, as we come to You to receive the food of Your Holy Word.
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us; shape and fashion us in Your likeness,
That the light of Christ might be seen today in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us all Your purposes for Your glory.

Teach us, Lord, full obedience, holy reverence, true humility.
Test our thoughts and our attitudes in the radiance of Your purity.
Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see Your majestic love and authority.
Words of power that can never fail; let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds; help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us:
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time that will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises; and by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built, and the earth is filled with Your glory.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

2 Timothy 3:10-17

Pew Bible p. 1028
Large Print p. 1813

SERMON

How Do I Know God's Will?

† HYMN 331

Thanks to God Whose Word Was Written

WYLDE GREEN

Thanks to God whose Word was written in the Bible's sacred page,
Record of the revelation showing God to every age. God has spoken: Praise God for the living Word.

Thanks to God whose Word is published in the tongues of every race.
See its glory undiminished by the change of time or place. God has spoken: Praise God for the living Word.

Thanks to God whose Word Incarnate heights and depths of life did share.
Deeds and words and death and rising, grace in human form declare. God has spoken: Praise God for the living Word.

Thanks to God whose Word is answered by the Spirit's voice within.
Here we drink of joy unmeasured, life redeemed from death and sin. God is speaking: Praise God for the living Word.

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 327

O Word of God Incarnate

MUNICH

O Word of God incarnate, O wisdom from on high,
O Truth unchanged, unchanging, O Light of our dark sky:
We praise You for the radiance that from the hallowed page,
A lantern to our footsteps, shines on from age to age.

The church from You, dear Savior, received this gift divine,
And still that light is lifted on all the earth to shine.
It is the chart and compass that, all life's voyage through,
Amid the rocks and quicksands, still guides, O Christ, to You.

O make Your church, dear Savior, a lamp of purest gold
To bear before the nations Your true light, as of old;
O teach Your wandering pilgrims by this our path to trace,
Till, clouds and storms thus ended, we see You face to face.

† BENEDICTION

† SENDING SONG

Blessed Assurance (Refrain)

ASSURANCE

This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

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

POSTLUDE

Wonderful Words of Life

WORDS OF LIFE

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.

Please join the **GOLDEN TRIANGLE HANDBELL ENSEMBLE** for our Spring concert today at 3:00PM in the St. Andrew's Sanctuary. We are proud to announce that we will be featuring a very special guest! Joshua (aka Pastor Tara) will be joining our performance.

Next week, May 19, is **CONFIRMATION SUNDAY**. Join us for a special time of Confirmation in the worship service and a Confirmation Celebration luncheon in the Fellowship Hall afterwards. The menu is chicken tenders, fries, coleslaw, and cake.

St. Andrew's Prayer List

MEMBERS: Family of Ken Nichols, Henry Thompson, Beth Ann Mistrot, Linda Sparkman, Bob Fisher, Barbara and Dalton Abel, Kay Long

FRIENDS AND FAMILY: Merle Meggison, Family of Anne Seibert Steinbrecher, 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

St. Andrew's Calendar

Sunday, May 12, 2024

MOTHER'S DAY

- 9:15AM Sunday School
- 10:30AM Worship
- 11:45AM Choir Rehearsal
- 3:00PM Boy Scouts
- 3:00PM GTHE Concert

Monday, May 13, 2024

- 5:30PM Strings After School

Tuesday, May 14, 2024

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

Wednesday, May 15, 2024

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

Thursday, May 16, 2024

- 8:30AM MOW Cooks
- 10:00AM MOW Delivers
- 10:00AM FDN Scholarship

Sunday, May 19, 2024

PENTECOST SUNDAY

- 9:15AM Sunday School
- 10:30AM Worship
- 11:30AM Fellowship Luncheon
- 12:15PM Choir Rehearsal
- 12:30PM Deacons' Meeting
- 4:00PM Court of Honor

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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