

# ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## GO FOR GOLD: FOCUS

*Hebrews 12:1-3*

### CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

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

*† Worshipers are asked to stand in body or spirit.*

July 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.*)

Shine into our hearts, Lord Jesus, lighting our lives so we can worship You freely. Let Your love fill us to overflowing, so all we think, say, and do will please You, God of our lives. Amen.

**PRELUDE**

*Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus*

LEMMEL

**LIFE AT ST. ANDREW'S**

**† CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Wipe the sleep from your tired eyes...

**Many: Stretch the gnawing apathy from your aching muscles...**

One: Breathe in deeply the goodness of God...

**Many: And let our lives be renewed...**

**All: Even now as we worship together.**

**† HYMN 420**

*God of Grace and God of Glory*

CWM RHONDDA

God of grace and God of glory, on Thy people pour Thy power;

Crown Thine ancient church's story; bring its bud to glorious flower.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, For the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.

Lo! The hosts of evil round us scorn Thy Christ, assail Thy ways!

From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, For the living of these days, for the living of these days.

Cure Thy children's warring madness, bend our pride to Thy control;

Shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, Lest we miss Thy kingdom's goal, lest we miss Thy kingdom's goal.

Set our feet on lofty places; gird our lives that they may be  
Armored with all Christlike graces, pledged to set all captives free.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, That we fail not them nor Thee! That we fail not them nor Thee.

Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore;  
Let the gift of Thy salvation be our glory evermore.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, Serving Thee whom we adore, serving Thee whom we adore.

† INVITATION TO CONFESSION

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Father, our salvation requires a purity of heart we do not possess for our hearts are wandering and distracted. You revealed to us our brokenness, our sin, and our need for Jesus so that we might surrender to Him. But impurity remains. We give our hearts' attention, focus, and desire away to other things, some small and some grand. Our excuses blind us to Your call. The urgent and temporary crowd out what You consider truly important and eternal. Lord, we are sorry. Restore to us the joy of our salvation and refine our hearts so that our lives may give You glory and honor.

† 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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Hebrews 12:1-3

Pew Bible p. 1041  
Large Print p. 1835

SERMON

Focus

† HYMN INSERT

*I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

THOMERSON

I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus.  
God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus.

Chorus: In Him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike.  
The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

I want to see the brightness of God. I want to look at Jesus.  
Clear Sun of righteousness, shine on my path, and show me the way to the Father. (Chorus)

I'm looking for the coming of Christ. I want to be with Jesus.  
When we have run with patience the race, we shall know the joy of Jesus. (Chorus)

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*  
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.

DOXOLOGY

† PRAYER OF DEDICATION

† HYMN 460

*Holy God, We Praise Your Name* GROSSER GOTT, WIR LOBEN DICH  
Holy God, we praise Your name; Lord of all, we bow before You;  
All on earth Your scepter claim, all in heaven above adore You.  
Infinite Your vast domain, everlasting is Your reign.  
  
Hark, the glad celestial hymn angel choirs above are raising;  
Cherubim and seraphim, in unceasing chorus praising,  
Fill the heavens with sweet accord: Holy, holy, holy Lord.  
  
All apostles join the strain as Your sacred name they hallow;  
Prophets swell the glad refrain, and the blessed martyrs follow,  
And from morn to set of sun, through the church the song goes on.  
  
Holy Father, Holy Son, Holy Spirit: Three we name You, while in essence only One;  
Undivided God we claim You, and adoring bend the knee,  
While we own the mystery.

† BENEDICTION

† SENDING SONG

*May You Run and Not Be Weary* PRINCE OF PEACE  
May you run and not be weary, may your heart be filled with song.  
And may the love of God continue to give you hope and keep you strong.  
And may you run and not be weary. May your life be filled with joy!  
And may the road you travel always lead you home.  
  
*You are encouraged to sit and enjoy the postlude after the sending song.*

POSTLUDE

*Be Thou My Vision*

SLANE

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.

The **ST. ANDREW'S ASTROS TRIP** is Saturday, August 3. The bus will leave at 3:00PM for a game at 6:15PM. We have **twenty-four** tickets left for \$60 each. For more details, call or email the Church Office.

**THE TASTING FOR SOME OTHER PLACE** is Tuesday, August 13, from 5:00PM-7:00PM at the Beaumont Civic Center. You can purchase tickets for \$10 each from the Church Office or from Maryann Sweeney.

It's time for a **NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY!** We need your help in ensuring we have the most up to date information. Please complete the Member Profile Card, available in the office or at [saintandy.org/events-media/documents](http://saintandy.org/events-media/documents). The deadline for returning your completed cards is Sunday, August 11.

The St. Andrew's **FAMILY SUMMER OLYMPICS** are today! Everyone is welcome to head to the Fellowship Hall immediately following the service for a lunch of peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, chicken croissants, and popsicles. There will be "Olympic" games of all kinds for everyone to play afterwards.

## St. Andrew's Prayer List

**MEMBERS:** Greta Ott, Evelyn Lord, Linda Sparkman, Beth Ann Mistrot, Bob Fisher, Barbara and Dalton Abel, Kay Long

**FRIENDS AND FAMILY:** Ed Richmond, Jerry Linn, Madeline Johnson, David Cobble, Erika Russell, Karen Thompson Butler, Val Rayzor, Mary Kennedy, Thomas Fisher, Jack Dillard, Erin Lenhart, Janie Niederstadt Verderame

## St. Andrew's Calendar

### Sunday, July 28, 2024

9:15AM Sunday School  
10:30AM Worship  
11:30AM Family Olympics

### Thursday, August 1, 2024

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

### Friday, August 2, 2024

7:00AM Men's Breakfast

### Saturday, August 3, 2024

3:00PM Bus Departs  
6:15PM Astros Game

### Sunday, August 4, 2024

9:15AM Sunday School  
10:30AM Worship  
11:45AM Choir Rehearsal  
3:00PM Youth Roller Skating

### CHURCH STAFF

Tara Thompson, Pastor  
Thomas Furlow, Music Director  
Gloria Pierce, Day School Director  
Rachel Stiles, Admin Assistant/Organist  
Joyce Stillwell, Admin Assistant  
Patricia Williamson, Pianist

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