

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Believe, Lesson 12: Prayer ✦ Psalm 25
Why Should I Pray?



CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

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

† Worshipers are asked to stand in body or spirit.

August 25, 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, our Provider, grant that our worship today will renew our hearts, refresh our spirits, and help us walk in Your holy way. Amen.

PRELUDE

Sweet Hour of Prayer

W. W. Walford

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.

All: Together we will worship the One who leads us in what is right!

† HYMN 403

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

CONVERSE

What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!

What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!

O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear,

All because we do not carry everything to God in prayer!

Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?

We should never be discouraged: take it to the Lord in prayer!

Can we find a friend so faithful, who will all our sorrows share?

Jesus knows our every weakness; take it to the Lord in prayer!

Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care?

Precious Savior, still our refuge—take it to the Lord in prayer!

Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer!

In His arms He'll take and shield thee, thou wilt find a solace there.

† INVITATION TO CONFESSION

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of mercy, hear the prayers of Your people. Forgive us for every time we have attributed Your miracles in our lives to our own hands alone; for every time we promised to trust You but turned to our own way when Your response did not come soon enough or in the way we expected; for each way we put our own understandings above Your wisdom; and for each time we resist Your command to be reconciled with those who believe differently from us. Direct us in the way of peace, we pray. Forgive us, Loving God, and remake us into vessels of tenderness and compassion guided by Your Spirit.

† ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

† HYMN 579

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.

† PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

TIME FOR CHILDREN

ANTHEM

To You, O Lord, I Lift Up My Soul

LIAM LAWTON

To You, O Lord, I lift up my soul. To You I lift my soul.

Make me know Your ways. Teach me Your paths.
O lead me in truth, O Lord, for You are God my Savior.
For You I wait all day long, for You I wait all day long.

For Your name's sake, Lord, pardon my guilt,
For it is great indeed. Who are they that fear the Lord, our God?
He will teach the way they should live, He will teach the way they should live.

O turn and be gracious to me, for lonely, afflicted, am I.
O guard my life and deliver me, nor let me be put to shame, Nor let me be put to shame.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 25

Pew Bible p. 474
Large Print p. 793-794

SERMON

Why Should I Pray?

† HYMN 390

O Savior, in This Quiet Place

ST. STEPHEN

O Savior, in this quiet place, where anyone may kneel,
I also come to ask for grace, believing You can heal.

If pain of body, stress of mind, destroys my inward peace,
In prayer for others may I find the secret of release.

If self upon its sickness feeds and turns my life to gall,
Let me not brood upon my needs but simply tell You all.

You never said, "You ask too much," to any troubled soul.
I long to feel Your healing touch; will You not make me whole?

But if the thing I most desire is not Your way for me,
May faith, when tested in the fire, prove its integrity.

Of all my prayers, may this be chief: till faith is fully grown,
Lord disbelieve my unbelief, and claim me as Your own.

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 293

This Is My Father's World
This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears
All nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world: I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas; His hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world: oh, let me ne'er forget
That though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Ruler yet.
This is my Father's world: the battle is not done;
Jesus who died shall be satisfied, and earth and heaven be one.

TERRA BEATA

† BENEDICTION

† SENDING SONG

More Like You
More like You, Jesus, more like You. Fill my heart with Your desire to make me more like You.
More like You, Jesus, more like You. Touch my lips with holy fire and make me more like You.

SCOTT WESLEY BROWN

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

POSTLUDE

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

CWM RHONDDA

The chancel flowers today were given to the glory of God
and in celebration of Pastor Tara's ordination on August 21, 2005.

Please use the **C O N N E C T** 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.

Immediately following the worship service, we will have a **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** next Sunday, September 1. The purpose of the meeting is to hear and act on the report of the 2024 Nominating Committee. Please plan to be in attendance!

Are you interested in learning more about or joining St. Andrew's? If so, you are invited to a **NEW MEMBERS' CLASS** on Sunday, September 8, at 12:00PM in the Parlor. This class is a great way to meet church leadership, ask questions, and learn more about our beliefs, history, and traditions. Attending does not commit you to joining. Lunch is provided. Please RSVP to the Church Office by Thursday, September 5, so that we have enough for everyone!

Mark your calendars for **PIRATE SUNDAY** on Sunday, September 22! Come dressed in your best pirate garb and stay for a lunch of gumbo, coleslaw, and French bread afterwards.

St. Andrew's Prayer List

MEMBERS: Becky Ford, Evelyn Lord, Linda Sparkman, Beth Ann Mistrot, Bob Fisher, Barbara and Dalton Abel, Kay Long

FRIENDS AND FAMILY: John Scott, Sam Parigi, Mike Glockzin, 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, August 25, 2024

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

Tuesday, August 27, 2024

6:30PM Tuesday Group

Wednesday, August 28, 2024

9:30AM Day School Chapel

Thursday, August 29, 2024

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

Sunday, September 1, 2024

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

CHURCH STAFF

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

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