

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Believe, Lesson 13: Bible Study ✦ Psalm 1
Why Study the Bible?



CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

Please note that all text in **bold** is spoken in unison.
† Worshipers are asked to stand in body or spirit.

September 1, 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.*)

Holy Spirit, 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. Amen.

PRELUDE

There Is a Fountain

CLEANSING FOUNTAIN

LIFE AT ST. ANDREW'S

† **CALL TO WORSHIP**

based on Jeremiah 31:31-34

One: The Lord is making a new covenant with the people of God.

Many: Here in this place, Christ writes the law of love on our hearts.

One: We are children of the living God.

Many: Our hearts are filled with joy and hope.

All: Together, let us worship the Lord of Love!

† **HYMN STF 2004**

Praise the Source of Faith and Learning

HYFRYDOL

Praise the source of faith and learning that has sparked and stoked the mind
With a passion for discerning how the world has been designed.
Let the sense of wonder flowing from the wonders we survey
Keep our faith forever growing and renew our need to pray.

God of wisdom, we acknowledge that our science and our art
And the breadth of human knowledge only partial truth impart.
Far beyond our calculation lies a depth we cannot sound
Where Your purpose for creation and the pulse of life are found.

May our faith redeem the blunder of believing that our thought
Has displaced the grounds for wonder which the ancient prophets taught.

May our learning curb the error which unthinking faith can breed
Lest we justify some terror with an antiquated creed.

As two currents in a river fight each other's undertow
Till converging they deliver one coherent steady flow;
Blend, O God, our faith and learning till they carve a single course,
Till they join as one, returning praise and thanks to You, their Source.

† INVITATION TO CONFESSION

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, we confess that we do not meditate on Your commands and teachings all day long. We do not keep Your Word before us always and in all things. Instead, we turn away from Your demanding truth and wander toward easier options. Forgive us, we pray, for pursuing our desires rather than Yours. Forgive us for growing weary in following You; for failing to pray and work tirelessly for justice; for losing hope in Your power to transform the powers of this world. Tune our ears to the sound of Your justice. Turn our hearts to Your commandments and word of grace. Do not remember our sin, but remember Your mercy forever.

† 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

Prayer of Communion

Arr. Mary McDonald

Here at Your table, Lord, this sacred hour, O let us feel You near, in loving pow'r.
Calling our thoughts away from self and sin, as to our banquet hall we enter in.
Bless the bread, Lord; bless the wine: Your grace poured out for us from heaven's vine.
We break the bread, Lord, and pour the wine. Help us remember, to remember, O Love, divine!
Come, then, O holy Christ, feed us, we pray. Touch with Your holy hand this sacred day.
Making this earthly life full of Your grace, till in the home of heav'n, we find our place.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 1

Pew Bible p. 463
Large Print p. 771-772

SERMON

Why Study the Bible?

† HYMN INSERT

Thy Word Is a Lamp

THY WORD

Refrain: Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

When I feel afraid, think I've lost my way, still You're there right beside me,
And nothing will I fear as long as You are near. Please be near me to the end. (Refrain)

Now I will not forget Your love for me and yet my heart forever is wandering.
Jesus, be my guide and hold me to Your side, And I will love You to the end. (Refrain)

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

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

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.

† HYMN 327

O Word of God Incarnate
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.

MUNICH

† BENEDICTION

† SENDING SONG

Together We Serve
Together, by grace, we witness and work, remembering Jesus, in whom we grow strong.
Together we serve in Spirit and truth, remembering love is the strength of our song.

SAN ANSELMO

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

POSTLUDE

All for Jesus

Arr. Malcolm Archer

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.

Are you interested in learning more about or joining St. Andrew's? If so, you are invited to a **NEW MEMBERS' CLASS** next Sunday, September 8, at 12PM 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!

The Beaumont Chapter of the American Guild of Organists invites you to a **HYMN FEST** at Trinity United Methodist Church at 5PM on Sunday, September 8. You'll hear some of your favorite hymns played by some of your favorite organists—including Thomas Furlow, our music director!

We will be collecting the **PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN THANK OFFERING** in worship on Sunday, September 15. Since 1888, this offering has supported missions in the United States and abroad. Look for the yellow envelopes on the sanctuary tables and in your bulletins that Sunday. To learn more, visit presbyterianwomen.org/thank.

St. Andrew's Prayer List

MEMBERS: Evelyn Lord, Family of Lucille Bryan, Bobbie Wied, Becky Ford, Linda Sparkman, Beth Ann Mistrot, Bob Fisher, Barbara and Dalton Abel, Kay Long

FRIENDS AND FAMILY: Ron Williamson, Bob Higgins, Ellen Wiemers, 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, September 1, 2024

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

Monday, September 2, 2024

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

Tuesday, September 3, 2024

- 10:00AM PW Coordinating
- 5:30PM Fellowship Team
- 6:30PM C.E. Team
- 6:30PM Tuesday Group

Wednesday, September 4, 2024

- 8:15AM Soup Kitchen
- 9:30AM Day School Chapel
- 5:30PM Handbell Rehearsal
- 6:30PM Mission & Evangelism

Thursday, September 5, 2024

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

Friday, September 6, 2024

- 7:00AM Men's Breakfast

Sunday, September 8, 2024

- 9:15AM Sunday School
- 10:30AM Worship
- 11:45AM Choir Rehearsal
- 12:00PM New Members Class
- 3:00PM Boy Scouts
- 5:00PM Youth Group
- 5:00PM Hymn Fest

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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