

# ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*Believe, Lesson 14: Single-Mindedness ✦ Deuteronomy 6:1-9*  
**How Do I Stay Focused?**



## CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

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

September 8, 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 God, bless this time of worship and of prayer, that those who need comfort may be comforted, those who need challenge may be challenged, and that all of us may grow closer together as Your children, as members of the body of Christ Jesus our Risen Lord, in whose name we pray. Amen.

**PRELUDE**

*Reverie*

Claude Debussy

**LIFE AT ST. ANDREW'S**

† **CALL TO WORSHIP**

based on Psalm 119:1-8

One: Happy are those who walk in God's ways.

**Many: Blessed are those who observe God's commandments.**

One: Faithful are those whose eyes are fixed on righteousness.

**Many: Joyful are those whose hearts are filled with praise.**

**All: Come, let us worship the One who leads us in the ways of life.**

† **HYMN INSERT**

*The Lord Is God*

AZMON

The Lord is God, the Lord alone! Give honor, thanks and praise,  
To God, the maker of all things and Giver of our days.

With all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and might,  
O people, love the Lord your God, the source of truth and light.

At night or day, at home, away, together and apart,  
O children, take these holy words and keep them in your heart.

The Lord is God, the Lord alone! Give honor, thanks, and praise  
To God, the maker of all things and giver of our days.

† INVITATION TO CONFESSION

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, we confess that often we have failed to be an obedient church; we have not done Your will; we have broken Your law. We have rebelled against Your love; we have not loved our neighbors; we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

† 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.**

BIBLE PRESENTATION

TIME FOR CHILDREN

ANTHEM

*If You Love Me*

Arr. Lloyd Larson

If you love Me, keep My commandments.  
Those who love Me, shall have the Spirit of truth;  
The Holy Comforter shall come upon you.  
If you love, you'll live forever, too.  
If you love Me, keep My commandments.  
My peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you,  
But not as the world gives, I give to you.  
Let not your hearts be troubled, nor let them be afraid.  
Take the peace I leave with you.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Deuteronomy 6:1-9

Pew Bible p. 155  
Large Print p. 258

SERMON

How Do I Stay Focused?

† HYMN 333

*Seek Ye First*

LAFFERTY

Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness,  
And all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia!  
  
Ask and it shall be given unto you, seek and ye shall find,  
Knock and the door shall be opened unto you. Allelu, alleluia!

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 INSERT

*Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord*  
Take Thou our minds, dear Lord, we humbly pray;  
Give us the mind of Christ each passing day;  
Teach us to know the truth that sets us free;  
Grant us in all our thoughts to honor Thee.

HALL

Take Thou our hearts, O Christ; they are Thine own;  
Come Thou within our souls and claim Thy throne;  
Help us to shed abroad Thy deathless love;  
Use us to make the earth like heaven above.

Take Thou our wills, Most High! Hold Thou full sway;  
Have in our inmost souls Thy perfect way;  
Guard Thou each sacred hour from selfish ease;  
Guide Thou our ordered lives as Thou dost please.

Take Thou ourselves, O Lord, heart, mind, and will;  
Through our surrendered souls Thy plans fulfill.  
We yield ourselves to Thee: time, talents, all;  
We hear, and henceforth heed, Thy sovereign call.

† 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

*Barcarolle No. 1, Op. 26*

Gabriel Faure  
Arr. Jacques Larocque

We thank Cameron Montgomery (saxophone) and Martha Giarratano (cello)  
for sharing their gifts of music with us in worship today.

The chancel flowers today were given to the glory of God  
and in loving memory of George Brown, by his daughter, Martha Pate.

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.

The Beaumont Chapter of the American Guild of Organists invites you to a **HYMN FEST** at Trinity United Methodist Church at 5:00PM today. You'll hear some of your favorite hymns played by some of your favorite organists—including Thomas Furlow, our music director!

We will collect the **PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN THANK OFFERING** in worship next Sunday, September 15. Since 1888, this offering has supported missions in the United States and abroad. To learn more, visit [presbyterianwomen.org/thank](http://presbyterianwomen.org/thank).

**PIRATE SUNDAY 2024** is Sunday, September 22, just two weeks away! Come dressed in your best pirate garb and stay for a lunch of gumbo, coleslaw, French bread, banana pudding, and cookies after the worship service.

## St. Andrew's Prayer List

**MEMBERS:** Pat Richard, Evelyn Lord, Family of Lucille Bryan, Linda Sparkman, Beth Ann Mistrot, Bob Fisher, Barbara and Dalton Abel, Kay Long

**FRIENDS AND FAMILY:** Pamela Humphrey, 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 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

### Monday, September 9, 2024

- 5:30PM Strings After School
- 6:00PM GT Square Dancers

### Tuesday, September 10, 2024

- 11:00AM Staff Meeting
- 5:30PM Strings After School
- 5:30PM Finance and Property
- 6:30PM Tuesday Group

### Wednesday, September 11, 2024

- 9:30AM Day School Chapel
- 5:30PM Handbell Rehearsal
- 6:30PM Worship Committee

### Thursday, September 12, 2024

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

### Saturday, September 14, 2024

- 8:30AM SETX Food Bank
- 9:00AM New Officer Training

### Sunday, September 15, 2024

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

### 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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