

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Believe, Lesson 16: Biblical Community ✦ Ecclesiastes 4:8-12
Why Community?



CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

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

† Worshipers are asked to stand in body or spirit.

October 6, 2024

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

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.*)

Generous God, thank You for the gift of this new day. Help us to watch for Your signs and wonders in the world today, and fill our hearts with gladness and generosity, so that we may generate goodwill wherever we go. Amen.

PRELUDE

O Church of God, United

ELLACOMBE

LIFE AT ST. ANDREW'S

† **CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Around the world people gather to break bread and pour wine.

Many: We gather with them in heart and mind.

One: Around the world the broken body is made whole.

Many: As part of that body, we join in its unity.

One: Around the world the Banquet of God is prepared.

Many: We come eagerly to be fed.

All: Let us worship Jesus, who makes us one family!

† **HYMN 507**

I Come with Joy

DOVE OF PEACE

I come with joy to meet my Lord, forgiven, loved, and free,
In awe and wonder to recall His life laid down for me, His life laid down for me.

I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are fed,
The new community of love in Christ's communion bread, in Christ's communion bread.

As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud division ends.
The love that made us makes us one, and strangers now are friends, and strangers now are friends.

And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His presence, always near,
Is in such friendship better known: we see and praise Him here, we see and praise Him here.
Together met, together bound, we'll go our different ways,
And as His people in the world, we'll live and speak His praise, we'll live and speak His praise.

† INVITATION TO CONFESSION

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of all nations, forgive us the sins of disunity: pride and jealousy and narrow-mindedness. Forgive us the sins of false unity: lack of imagination, apathy, and indifference. Make us one in genuine love and mutual trust even as we are many in gifts and talents and vision.

† 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

When We Gather at the Table

Arr. Martin and Raney

When we gather at the table, we are one. When we take the bread and cup, we are one.
As we gather in this place, we are joined in His embrace.
When we gather at the table, we are one.

When we gather at the table, we are one. When we think upon His life, we are one.
Brought together by this sign, we are touched by love divine.
When we gather at the table, we are one.

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.
When we gather at the table, we are one. When we celebrate our faith, we are one.
By His love our hearts are sealed, every promise is fulfilled.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Ecclesiastes 4:8-12

Pew Bible p. 573
Large Print p. 990

SERMON

Why Community?

† HYMN 438

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

DENNIS

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love:
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

Before our Father's throne we pour our ardent prayers;
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares.

We share our mutual woes, our mutual burdens bear,
And often for each other flows the sympathizing tear.

From sorrow, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free;
And perfect love and friendship reign through all eternity.

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. 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

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 INSERT

We Are the Church

PORT JERVIS

Refrain: I am the church! You are the church! We are the church together!
All who follow Jesus, all around the world! Yes, we're the church together!

The church is not a building, the church is not a steeple,
The church is not a resting place, the church is a people. (Refrain)

We're many kinds of people, with many kinds of faces,
All colors and all ages, too, from all times and places. (Refrain)

Sometimes the church is marching, sometimes it's bravely burning,
Sometimes it's riding, sometimes hiding, always it's learning. (Refrain)

And when the people gather, there's singing and there's praying,
There's laughing and there's crying sometimes, all of it saying: (Refrain)

At Pentecost some people received the Holy Spirit
And told the Good News through the world to all who would hear it. (Refrain)

† BENEDICTION

† SENDING SONG

Bring Forth the Kingdom

BRING FORTH THE KINGDOM

Bring forth the Kingdom of mercy, bring forth the Kingdom of peace;
Bring forth the Kingdom of justice, bring forth the City of God!

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

POSTLUDE

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD 100TH

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.

We will collect the **PCUSA PEACE AND GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING TODAY** on World Communion Sunday.

The Session has called a **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING TODAY**, immediately following worship. The purpose of the meeting is to hear and act on the report of the 2024 Nominating Committee regarding a vacancy in the deacons class of 2027.

The **BEAUMONT CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN GUILD OF ORGANISTS** presents: *Spooktacular Organ* on Sunday, October 27 at 3PM. Join us for an evening featuring various selections of well-known spooky organ music. Costumes are encouraged, and light refreshments will be served following the concert. Admission is free! We will collect a love offering for the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance fund to aid in Hurricane Helene relief efforts.

The chancel flowers today were given to the glory of God
by Bob and Judy Fisher.

St. Andrew's Prayer List

MEMBERS: Family of Pat Buehrle Caywood, Becky Ford, Bob Webb, Evelyn Lord, Linda Sparkman, Beth Ann Mistrot, Bob Fisher, Barbara and Dalton Abel, Kay Long

FRIENDS AND FAMILY: Family of Val Rayzor, Ellen Wiemers, Paul Ford, Jerry Linn, Madeline Johnson, David Cobble, Erika Russell, Karen Thompson Butler, Mary Kennedy, Thomas Fisher, Jack Dillard, Erin Lenhart, Janie Niederstadt Verderame

St. Andrew's Calendar

Sunday, October 6, 2024

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

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

Monday, October 7, 2024

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

Tuesday, October 8, 2024

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

Wednesday, October 9, 2024

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

Thursday, October 10, 2024

- 8:30AM MOW Cooks
- 10:00AM MOW Delivers
- 6:00PM GTHE Rehearsal

Saturday, October 12, 2024

- 8:30AM SETX Food Bank

Sunday, October 13, 2024

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

CHURCH STAFF

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

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