

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Believe, Lesson 17: Spiritual Gifts ✦ 1 Corinthians 12:4-26
Am I Gifted?



CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

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

† Worshipers are asked to stand in body or spirit.

October 13, 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.*)

Heavenly Father, transform our hearts by Your Spirit so that we may use our varied gifts to show forth the light of Your love as one body in Christ. Amen.

PRELUDE

Wonderful Words of Life

PHILIP P. BLISS

LIFE AT ST. ANDREW'S

† **CALL TO WORSHIP**

based on Psalm 19:1 & Nehemiah 8:8

One: God built the heavens, the earth, and everything in them.

Many: God calls us to be builders as well.

One: God calls us to build our lives:

Many: To restore broken places and continue to grow.

One: God calls us to build our faith:

Many: To study the Word and ponder its interpretation.

One: God calls us to build our community:

Many: To build bridges of understanding and systems of justice.

One: God calls us to build history by fulfilling the promises of Scripture:

Many: To preach the good news of God's love and liberation for all people.

All: Let us worship the God of heaven and earth!

† **HYMN 343**

Called as Partners in Christ's Service

BEECHER

Called as partners in Christ's service, called to ministries of grace,

We respond with deep commitment fresh new lines of faith to trace.

May we learn the art of sharing, side by side and friend of friend, Equal partners in our caring to fulfill God's chosen end.

Christ's example, Christ's inspiring, Christ's clear call to work and worth,

Let us follow, never faltering, reconciling folk on earth.

Men and women, richer, poorer, all God's people, young and old,

Blending human skills together gracious gifts from God unfold.

Thus new patterns for Christ's mission, in a small or global sense,
Help us bear each other's burdens, breaking down each wall or fence.
Words of comfort, words of vision, words of challenge, said with care,
Bring new power and strength for action, make us colleagues, free and fair.

So God grant us for tomorrow ways to order human life
That surround each person's sorrow with a calm that conquers strife.
Make us partners in our living, our compassion to increase,
Messengers of faith, thus giving hope and confidence and peace.

† INVITATION TO CONFESSION

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Forgive us, God, for the times we have used the gifts of Your Spirit to enhance our own glory rather than using them to serve others. Forgive us, when our use of Your gifts has led to division and discord rather than increasing understanding and unity. Forgive us, for believing one gift to be superior to another rather than celebrating the various ways in which they complement each other and build up the whole community. Fill us anew with the Holy Spirit so that our worship, witness and service may reflect our unity in Jesus.

† 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

The Talents We Possess

Arr. Ruth Schram

Although we agree we are all created equal, We believe we are each endowed at birth
With unique gifts and talents that are meant to be nurtured
And developed for our tenure here on earth.

We are not all destined to be the best, only to use the talents we possess,
And oh, how silent the world would be if the robin never sang,
The lion never roared, the ocean refused to crash upon the shore.
How silent the world would be.

And so we agree we are all of equal value and no one is more important than the rest.
Every one of us is needed for the willing contribution of the talents
That each of us possess.

So, sing your song, let your radiance shine! Combine your gifts with those of mine.
How lovely the world could be if we each gave our best
Of the talents we possess.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 Corinthians 12:4-26

Pew Bible p. 988
Large Print p. 1745-1746

SERMON

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† HYMN INSERT

Forward Through the Ages

ST. GERTRUDE

Forward through the ages, in unbroken line, Move the faithful spirits at the call divine;
Gifts in differing measure, hearts of one accord, Manifold the service, one the sure reward.

Refrain: Forward through the ages, in unbroken line, Move the faithful spirits at the call divine.

Wider grows the kingdom, reign of love and light; For it we must labor; till our faith is sight.
Prophets have proclaimed it, martyrs testified, Poets sung its glory, heroes for it died. (Refrain)

Not alone we conquer, not alone we fall; In each loss or triumph lose or triumph all.
Bound by God's far purpose in one living whole, Move we on together to the shining goal. (Refrain)

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 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

† HYMN 435

We All Are One in Mission

WALDVOGELEIN

We all are one in mission, we all are one in call, Our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.
A single, great commission compels us from above to plan and work together that all may know Christ's love.

We all are called for service to witness in God's name; Our ministries are different, our purpose is the same:
To touch the lives of others by God's surprising grace so every folk and nation may feel God's warm embrace.

Now let us be united and let our song be heard. Now let us be a vessel for God's redeeming word.
We all are one in mission, we all are one in call, Our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.
We yield ourselves to Thee: time, talents, all; We hear, and henceforth heed, Thy sovereign call.

† 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

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

CWM RHONDDA

We thank Martha Giarratano and the St. Andrew's Handbells for sharing their gifts of music with us in worship today.

The chancel flowers today were given to the glory of God and in honor of the Diaconate Ordination of her great-nephew, Will Robbins, at St Peter's Basilica in Rome, Italy, on October 6, 2024, by Linda Sparkman.

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.

Join us for **SCOTTISH SUNDAY** next week, October 20! We will enjoy some special music (a bagpipe prelude and postlude played by Jeff Courts) and a luncheon of stew, biscuits, and shortbread following the worship service.

October is **ST. ANDREW'S STOCK THE PANTRY MONTH** for Some Other Place. Donations of the following items can be dropped off in the bins at the Church Office and in the Gladys Foyer: white rice, powdered milk, macaroni and cheese, peanut butter, pancake mix, pancake syrup, hot cereal, canned vegetables, and oatmeal. Please be generous!

St. Andrew's is collecting items for **CHRISTMAS GIFT PACKAGES** for the Seafarers' Center which will be assembled in November. For a full list of items needed, check the newsletter or bulletin board. They can be dropped off at the Church Office until November 10.

St. Andrew's Prayer List

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

FRIENDS AND FAMILY: Family of Terry Joe Haralson, Family of Val Rayzor, Katie Ruth-Prichard, 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 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

Monday, October 14, 2024

- 11:00AM Pat Caywood Memorial Service
- 6:00PM GT Square Dancers

Tuesday, October 15, 2024

- 6:30PM Session Meeting
- 6:30PM Tuesday Group

Wednesday, October 16, 2024

- 9:30AM Day School Chapel
- 5:30PM AA Group Meeting
- 5:30PM Handbell Rehearsal
- 5:30PM Board of Trustees
- 6:30PM Personnel Team

Thursday, October 17, 2024

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

Sunday, October 20, 2024

SCOTTISH SUNDAY

- 9:15AM Sunday School
- 10:30AM Worship
- 11:45AM Choir Rehearsal
- 11:30PM Scottish Luncheon
- 12:00PM Deacon's Meeting
- 12:30PM Deacon Training
- 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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