

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Believe, Lesson 19: Giving My Resources ✕ 1 Chronicles 29:10-20
Why Give?



CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

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

† Worshipers are asked to stand in body or spirit.

October 27, 2024

REFORMATION 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.*)

Heavenly Father, I know that beginning well means little unless one perseveres. So, I ask You to be my guide, not only today but for all my life. Increase Your grace in me each day, until You have brought me into full union with Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who is the true Sun of our souls, shining day and night forever. Amen.

Written by John Calvin

PRELUDE

LIFE AT ST. ANDREW'S

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Chris Robertson, Some Other Place

† CALL TO WORSHIP

based on Psalm 126

One: Though we could be resentful,

Many: We come to give thanks.

One: Though we could be complaining,

Many: We come to offer appreciation.

One: Though we could be upset about what we lack,

Many: We come in gratitude for what we have.

All: We come singing songs of joy and rejoicing together.

† HYMN 414

As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought

FOREST GREEN

As those of old their firstfruits brought of vineyard, flock, and field,
To God, the giver of all good, the source of bounteous yield,
So we today our firstfruits bring, the wealth of this good land:
Of farm and market, shop and home, of mind and heart and hand.

A world in need now summons us to labor, love, and give,
To make our life an offering to God that all may live.
The church of Christ is calling us to make the dream come true:
A world redeemed by Christ-like love, all life in Christ made new.

With gratitude and humble trust we bring our best to You,
Not just to serve Your cause, but share Your love with neighbors too.
O God who gave Yourself to us in Jesus Christ Your Son,
Help us to give ourselves each day until life's work is done.

† INVITATION TO CONFESSION

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious Creator, You have given us so much, but too often we take those gifts for granted, or as something to which we are entitled. You call us to live in caring community, but too often we place our wants and needs first, with those of others a distant second. You call us to share Your gifts with the world around us, but we are worried that there may not be enough, and our worrying gets in the way of our sharing. For all the times when we mistreat and misuse Your gifts, for all the times we assume that we get what we have by ourselves, forgive us, and lead us back to the path of wisdom.

† 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

We Give Thee but Thine Own

Arr. How and Harmon

We give Thee but Thine own, whate'er the gift may be;
For all we have is Thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from Thee.

May we Thy bounties thus as stewards true receive,
And gladly, as Thou blessest us, to Thee our firstfruits give.

To comfort and to bless, to find a balm for woe,
To tend the lone and fatherless is angel's work below.

And we believe Thy word, though dim our faith may be;
Whate'er we do for Thine, O Lord, we do it unto Thee;
We do it unto Thee.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 Chronicles 29:10-20

Pew Bible p. 369
Large Print p. 610-611

SERMON

Why Give?

We bring the sacrifice of praise into the house of the Lord.
 We bring the sacrifice of praise into the house of the Lord.
 And we offer up to You the sacrifices of thanksgiving;
 And we offer up to You the sacrifices of joy.

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 422

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

BEACH SPRING

God, whose giving knows no ending, from Your rich and endless store,
 Nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, costly cross, grave's shattered door:
 Gifted by You, we turn to You, offering up ourselves in praise;
 Thankful song shall rise forever, gracious donor of our days.

Skills and time are ours for pressing toward the goals of Christ, Your Son:
 All at peace in health and freedom, races joined, the church made one.
 Now direct our daily labor, lest we strive for self alone;
 Born with talents, make us servants fit to answer at Your Throne.

Treasure too You have entrusted, gain through powers Your grace conferred;
 Ours to use for home and kindred, and to spread the gospel Word.
 Open wide our hands in sharing, as we heed Christ's ageless call,
 Healing, teaching, and reclaiming, serving You by loving all.

† 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

A Mighty Fortress

EIN FESTE BURG

The chancel flowers today were given to the glory of God
 and in loving memory of Amy Kennedy, by Vivian Hulsopple.

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.

October is **ST. ANDREW'S STOCK THE PANTRY MONTH** for Some Other Place. Donations of the non-perishable items can be dropped off in the bins at the Church Office and in the Gladys Foyer. For a full list of items needed, check the newsletter, or bulletin board. Please be generous!

St. Andrew's volunteers and their families are invited to Pastor Tara's house for a **SOUP SUPPER SOCIAL** on November 3 in appreciation for all their service this year! This is a come-and-go event starting at 5:00PM. Please RSVP to the Church Office by TODAY.

Men, you are invited to our **FIRST FRIDAY MEN'S BREAKFAST** on Friday, November 1, at 7:00AM! Enjoy some food, prayer, and a short devotion.

THE ST. ANDREW'S LIFESHARE BLOOD DRIVE has been rescheduled for November 6 from 4:00PM-7:30PM in the Fellowship Hall. Last year, our blood drives helped save 66 lives; your donations make a difference!

St. Andrew's Prayer List

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

FRIENDS AND FAMILY: Family of Cecile Cobble, Family of William Chester "Check" Shankles, Patty Bennett, Geneva Broussard, , Katie Ruth-Prichard, Ellen Wiemers, 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 27, 2024

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

Monday, October 28, 2024

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

Tuesday, October 29, 2024

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

Wednesday, October 30, 2024

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

Thursday, October 31, 2024

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

Friday, November 1, 2024

- 7:00AM Men's Breakfast

Sunday, November 3 2024

- 9:15AM Sunday School
- 10:30AM Worship
- 11:45AM Choir Rehearsal
- 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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