

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Give Me a G...

Psalm 136:1-9

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

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

† Worshipers are asked to stand in body or spirit.

November 17, 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.*)

Lord God, show us how to worship You, the crucified God, the risen God, the God who provides. Amen.

PRELUDE

Where Water Flows

RON MALLORY

LIFE AT ST. ANDREW'S

† **CALL TO WORSHIP**

based on Isaiah 12

One: Give thanks to the LORD!

Many: Praise His name!

One: Tell the whole world what He has done:

Many: His mighty acts on our behalf.

One: Sing to the LORD,

Many: For He has done wonderful things for us!

All: For great is the Holy One who lives among us!

† **HYMN 551**

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

Come, ye thankful people, come, raise the song of harvest home:

All is safely gathered in, ere the winter storms begin;

God, our Maker, doth provide for our wants to be supplied:

Come to God's own temple, come, raise the song of harvest home.

All the world is God's own field, fruit unto God's praise to yield;

Wheat and tares together sown, unto joy or sorrow grown;

First the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall appear:

Lord of harvest, grant that we wholesome grain and pure may be.

For the Lord our God shall come, and shall take the harvest home;

From each field shall in that day all offenses purge away;

Give the angels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast,

But the fruitful ears to store in God's garner evermore.

Even so, Lord, quickly come to Thy final harvest home;
Gather Thou Thy people in, free from sorrow, free from sin;
There forever purified, in Thy presence to abide:
Come, with all Thine angels, come, raise the glorious harvest home.

† INVITATION TO CONFESSION

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, as we celebrate Your goodness, we confront our own sin, our greed and insensitivity, our failure to appreciate what we have and the opportunities You have given, our readiness to complain, and our unwillingness to praise. Father, forgive us and renew us. May Your renewing Spirit rest on us and fill our nation with Your love and hope through Christ Jesus, our Savior.

† 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

A Song of Thanksgiving

Allen Pote

Sing to the Lord, sing a song of thanksgiving. Sing to the Lord, sing a song of praise.
For all good gifts that come from God, Sing to the Lord, sing a song of praise.

Bless the Lord, bless His holy name, alleluia. Bless the Lord, bless His holy name, alleluia.

For God's great gifts of love and grace. O sing to the Lord, bless His holy name,
Sing to the Lord and give thanks and sing a joyful song of praise!

With grateful hearts we come today to offer thanks and praise,
For countless blessings we receive, revealed in many ways.
For loving care that never ends, for wonders new and old.
For knowing God is always near to see our lives unfold.

For friends and family through the years, for saints that we have known,
Whose faith inspires and helps us know that we are not alone.
Our gratitude is far beyond what we can do or say,
For God is great and God is good, our ever present strength and stay.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 136:1-9

Pew Bible p. 535
Large Print p. 917

SERMON

Give Me a G...

† HYMN STF 2212

My Life Flows On

HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING

My life flows on in endless song, above earth's lamentation.
I hear the clear, though far-off hymn that hails a new creation.

Refrain: No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I'm clinging.
Since love is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?

Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear that music ringing.
It finds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing?

What though my joys and comforts die? I know my Savior liveth.
What though the darkness gather round? Songs in the night He giveth.

The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a fountain ever springing!
All things are mine since I am His! How can I keep from singing?

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 473

For the Beauty of the Earth

DIX

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,
For the love from which our birth over and around us lies,
Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light,
Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's delight,
For the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight,
Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild,
Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For Thy church that evermore lifteth holy hands above,
Offering up on every shore her pure sacrifice of love,
Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

† BENEDICTION

† SENDING SONG

'Tis So Sweet To Trust In Jesus

TRUST IN JESUS

Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him! How I've proved Him o'er and o'er!
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! O for grace to trust Him more!

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

POSTLUDE

Sweet Hour of Prayer

SWEET HOUR OF PRAYER

We thank St. Andrew's Handbells for sharing their special gift of music with us in worship.

We thank Julie Odle, C.R.E. for leading us in worship today.

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.

YOUTH FRIENDSGIVING is TODAY in the Youth Center at 5:00pm. We will provide the meat course (chicken tenders, of course) and each youth brings a side to share.

Pick up **ADVENT DEVOTIONALS** from the sanctuary tables starting TODAY. We will have options for children, youth, and adults.

If you would like to order Christmas flowers in honor or memory of loved ones, **POINSETTIA ORDER** forms can be found in the church office and online. The deadline for orders is December 8. Flowers are \$15 each.

ALL HANDS ON DECK TO DECK THE HALLS! Join us for Advent decorating on Sunday, November 24, from 4:00PM-6:00PM. We will enjoy pizza and drinks together afterwards.

St. Andrew's Prayer List

MEMBERS: Greta Ott, Bobbie Wied, Evelyn Lord, Linda Sparkman, Beth Ann Mistrot, Bob Fisher, Barbara and Dalton Abel, Kay Long

FRIENDS AND FAMILY: Shirley Owens, Geneva Broussard, 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, November 17, 2024

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

Monday, November 18, 2024

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

Tuesday, November 19, 2024

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

Wednesday, November 20, 2024

- 9:30AM Day School Chapel
- 9:30AM Day School Thanksgiving Feast
- 5:30PM AA Group Meeting
- 5:30PM Handbell Rehearsal
- 5:30PM Board of Trustees

Thursday, November 21, 2024

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

Sunday, November 24, 2024

- 9:15AM Sunday School
- 10:30AM Worship
- 11:45AM Choir Rehearsal
- 3:00PM Boy Scouts
- 4:00PM Advent Decorating

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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