

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



BE... LOVING

1 John 4:7-21
BELIEVE: Lesson 21

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

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

January 12, 2025

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.*)

Loving Father, touch us with Your Holy Spirit and lead us by the power of Your living Word that we might love that which You love and do that which You do to Your everlasting praise and glory. Amen.

PRELUDE

Love in Any Language

by Sandi Patty

LIFE AT ST. ANDREW'S

† **CALL TO WORSHIP**

based on Deuteronomy 6:5 & Luke 10:27

One: We are called to love the Lord our God;

Many: We are called to love with all our heart and soul.

One: We are called to love the Lord our God;

Many: We are called to love with all our mind and strength.

One: We are called to love the Lord our God;

Many: And we are called to love our neighbor as ourselves.

All: Come, let us love God and share God's love in this time of worship!

† **HYMN INSERT**

I Could Sing of Your Love Forever

by Martin Smith

Over the mountains and the sea, Your river runs with love for me
And I will open up my heart and let the Healer set me free
I'm happy to be in the truth and I will daily lift my hands
For I will always sing of when Your love came down

I could sing of Your love forever, I could sing of Your love forever
I could sing of Your love forever, I could sing of Your love forever

† INVITATION TO CONFESSION

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We are hesitant to confess, Holy God, how hard it is to love as You desire. It is easy to love You with all we are, except when You ask us to love our neighbor with all we have. We find it hard to love our neighbor when it is linked to the way we love ourselves. And it is difficult to love anyone, even You, more than we love ourselves. Forgive us, God. Help us to take risks to love others compassionately, to love ourselves genuinely, and to love You as completely as You love us in Christ Jesus, our Lord and Savior.

† ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God. Amen.

† PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

TIME FOR CHILDREN

ANTHEM

Perfect Love

by Kimberley Hill

What a picture of perfect love the Father paints
On the canvas where our sins are erased.
By the priceless gift of His only Son, hallelujah,
Love has come.

Love is patient and kind, not envious or proud,
Speaking gentle truth, not vain or loud.
It's a fountain flowing with hope and trust.
Love of God, wash over us.

And let us love like the Father with a perfect love,
Overflowing with mercy and grace,
Bringing hope to the lost, never weighing the cost.
Perfect love, come and fill this place.

O love of God, how rich and pure,
How measureless and strong.
It shall forevermore endure, The saints' and angels' song!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 John 4:7-21

Pew Bible p.1056
Large Print p.1860

SERMON

Be Loving

† HYMN 335

Though I May Speak

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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.

† HYMN 592

Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH

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 INSERT

Love Lifted Me

SAFETY

I was sinking deep in sin, far from the peaceful shore,
Very deeply stained within, sinking to rise no more;
But the Master of the sea heard my despairing cry,
From the waters lifted me, now safe am I.
Love lifted me! Love lifted me! When nothing else could help,
Love lifted me. Love lifted me.

All my heart to Him I give, ever to Him I'll cling,
In His blessed presence live, ever His praises sing;
Love so mighty and so true merits my soul's best songs;
Faithful loving service, too, to Him belongs.
Love lifted me! Love lifted me! When nothing else could help,
Love lifted me. Love lifted me.

Souls in danger, look above, Jesus completely saves;
He will lift you by His love out of the angry waves;
He's the Master of the sea, billows His will obey:
He your Savior wants to be, be saved today.
Love lifted me! Love lifted me! When nothing else could help,
Love lifted me. Love lifted me.

† BENEDICTION

† SENDING SONG

Make Me a Servant

MAKE ME A SERVANT

Make me a servant, humble and meek, Lord let me lift up those who are weak.
And may the prayer of my heart always be:
Make me a servant, make me a servant, make me a servant today .

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

POSTLUDE

The Love of God

LEHMAN

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 a **CHURCH LUNCHEON** hosted by our very own Youth Group next Sunday, January 19, following worship. The menu is spaghetti and meatballs, salad, garlic toast, and cookies by Mike Dove.

The **2024-2025 PW BIBLE STUDY** continues on Tuesday, January 28, at 10:00AM in the Parlor. Pastor Tara is leading the study.

FRESH FLOWERS can be given in the Sanctuary on Sunday mornings in memory or in honor of loved ones. A standard arrangement is \$80. If you would like to sponsor the Sunday morning chancel flowers, please contact the office or use the flower calendar outside the office.

St. Andrew's Prayer List

MEMBERS: Susanne Nichols, Kay Long, Linda Sparkman, Beth Ann Mistrot, Bob Fisher, Barbara and Dalton Abel

FRIENDS AND FAMILY: Don Linn, Cathy Higgins, Bob Higgins, Mike Williamson, Charlie Monaghan, David Fertitta, Geneva Broussard, 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, January 12, 2025

9:15AM Sunday School
10:30AM Worship
11:45AM Choir Rehearsal
3:00PM Boy Scouts
4:30PM Youth Group

Monday, January 13, 2025

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

Tuesday, January 14, 2025

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

Wednesday, January 15, 2025

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

Thursday, January 16, 2025

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

Friday, January 17, 2025

OFFICE CLOSED

Saturday, January 18, 2025

2:00PM Youth Cooking

Sunday, January 19, 2025

9:15AM Sunday School
10:30AM Worship
11:30AM Church Luncheon
12:00PM Choir Rehearsal
12:00PM Deacons Meeting
3:00PM Boy Scouts

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, Accompanist

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