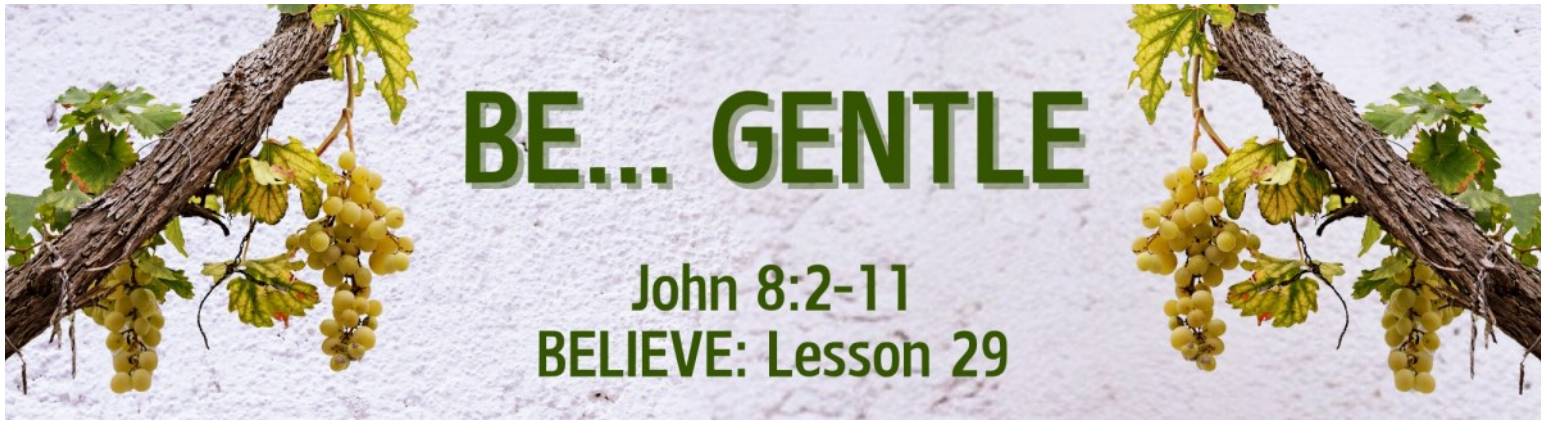


# ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



## CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

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

*† Worshipers are asked to stand in body or spirit.*

March 30, 2025

Fourth Sunday of Lent

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.*)

Holy God, may this time of worship and our daily living proclaim our thanksgiving for Your lavish gifts of grace and abundant love. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

**PRELUDE**

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

arr. Kevin McChesney

**LIFE AT ST. ANDREW'S**

**† CALL TO WORSHIP**

based on Psalm 36:5-10

One: No matter how far we wander from You, O God,

**Many: Your steadfast love finds us.**

One: No matter how unjust the world seems to us, O God,

**Many: Your steadfast righteousness sustains us.**

One: No matter how vulnerable our lives seem to us, O God,

**Many: Your steadfast presence gives us hope.**

One: No matter how unloved and uncared for we feel, O God,

**Many: You hear our cries and answer our prayers.**

**All: We have come to praise Your name together!**

**† HYMN 310**

*Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee*

ST. AGNES

Jesus, the very thought of Thee with sweetness fills my breast:

But sweeter far Thy face to see, and in Thy presence rest.

Nor voice can sing, nor heart can frame, nor can the mind recall

A sweeter sound than Thy blest name, O Savior of us all.

O hope of every contrite heart, O joy of all the meek.

To those who fall, how kind Thou art! How good to those who seek!

But what to those who find? Ah, this no tongue nor pen can show.  
The love of Jesus, what it is none but His loved ones know.

Jesus, our only joy be Thou. As Thou our prize wilt be;  
Jesus, be Thou our glory now, and through eternity.

† INVITATION TO CONFESSION

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of mercy, in our impatience for answers, we sometimes turn to idols of our own making and forget our covenant with You. Passionate for what is right, we wrong those with whom we differ. Pleased at the invitation to Your banquet, we fail to arrive with humility and thanksgiving. Forgive us when our faith is weak and our zeal too strong.

† 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

*Children are invited to meet at the courtyard doors for Children's Church in Journey Room 304*

ANTHEM

*I Want Jesus to Walk with Me*

arr. Moses Hogan

I want Jesus to walk with me. I want Jesus to walk with me  
All along my pilgrim journey, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

In my trials, Lord walk with me. In my trials, Lord walk with me.  
When my heart is almost breaking Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me

When I'm in trouble, Lord walk with me. When I'm in trouble, Lord walk with me.  
When my head is bowed in sorrow, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 8:2-11

Pew Bible p. 919-920  
Large Print p. 1628

SERMON

Be... Gentle

† HYMN STF 2146

His Eye is on the Sparrow

SPARROW

Why should I feel discouraged? Why should the shadows come?  
Why should my heart be lonely and long for heaven and home?  
When Jesus is my portion? My constant friend is He.

Chorus: His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me.  
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me.  
I sing because I'm happy, I sing because I'm free,  
For His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me.  
Let not your heart be troubled, His tender word I hear.

And resting on His goodness I lose my doubts and my fears.  
Though by the path he leadeth but one step I may see.

Whenever I am tempted, whenever clouds arise.  
When song gives place to sighing when hope within me dies.  
I draw the closer to Him, from care he sets me free.

## 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

*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 527

*Near to the Heart of God*

MCAFEE

There is a place of quiet rest, near to the heart of God,  
A place where sin cannot molest, near to the heart of God.

Refrain: O Jesus, blest redeemer, sent from the heart of God,  
Hold us, who wait before Thee, near to the heart of God.

There is a place of comfort sweet, near to the heart of God,  
A place where we our Savior meet, near to the heart of God.

There is a place of full release near to the heart of God,  
A place where all is joy and peace near to the heart of God.

#### † BENEDICTION

#### † SENDING SONG

*More Like You*

MORE LIKE YOU

More like You, Jesus, more like You.  
Fill my heart with Your desire to make me more like You.  
More like You, Jesus, more like You.  
Touch my lips with holy fire and make me more like You.

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

### POSTLUDE

*What Wondrous Love Is This*

arr. Kevin McChesney

We thank St. Andrew's Bells, and Chris and Ebony Martin for sharing their gifts of music with us in worship today.

Please use the **CONNECT** 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 0-4. Children's activity bulletins and **LARGE PRINT** bulletins, Bibles, and hymnals are available on the sanctuary tables.

Join us April 2 from 4-7:30pm for our **LIFESHARE BLOOD DRIVE** held in the Fellowship Hall. Please consider donating.

**BOOK CLUB** will be gathering in the parlor at 1pm on April 3 to discuss our historical fiction books.

**MEN'S BREAKFAST** is meeting at 7:00am on April 4 for food, fellowship, and prayer.

**EASTER FLOWERS** are a beautiful way to honor or remember loved ones this Easter. Each plant is \$15.00, and you can pay for them in person or online. Orders and payments are due by Thursday, April 10, 2025. They will be available for you to take home after the service on April 20.

St. Andy's is attending an **ASTROS GAME!** Join us on May 31 for the Astros v. Rays. Tickets are \$48. This includes a \$15 voucher for drinks and food.

## St. Andrew's Prayer List

**MEMBERS:** Doreen Jameson, Mary Pat Linn, Mary Miller, Bobbie Wied, Bob Fisher, Susanne Nichols, Linda Sparkman, Beth Ann Mistrot, Barbara Abel, Dalton Abel.

**FRIENDS AND FAMILY:** Family of Chester H. Clark, Family of Patricia Bennett, Family of Don Linn, Family of David Cobble, Family of Bill Metz, Yvonne Williams, Laura Verbout, Jennifer Stephenson, Gary Cone, Tenisha Humphrey, Don Linn, Jacob Walton, Charlie Monaghan, David Fertitta, Geneva Broussard, Madeline Johnson, Erika Russell, Karen Thompson Butler, Mary Kennedy, Thomas Fisher, Jack Dillard, Erin Lenhart, Janie Niederstadt Verderame

## St. Andrew's Calendar

Sunday, March 30, 2025

9:15AM Sunday School  
10:30AM Worship  
11:45AM Choir Rehearsal  
3:00PM Vocal Recital  
3:00PM Boy Scouts  
4:30PM Youth Group  
6:00PM Sunday Group

Monday, March 31, 2025

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

Tuesday, April 1, 2025

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

Wednesday, April 2, 2025

9:30AM Day School Chapel  
4:00PM LifeShare Blood Drive  
5:30PM Handbell Rehearsal  
5:30PM AA Group

Thursday, April 3, 2025

8:30AM MOW Cooks  
10:00AM MOW Delivers  
1:00PM Book Club  
6:30PM GTHE Rehearsal

Friday, April 4, 2025

7:00AM Men's Breakfast  
OFFICE CLOSED

Sunday, April 5, 2025

9:15AM Sunday School  
10:30AM Worship  
11:45AM Choir Rehearsal  
3:00PM Boy Scouts  
5:00PM Community Lenten Service

### CHURCH STAFF

Tara Thompson, Pastor  
Thomas Furlow, Music Director  
Tori Armstrong, Day School Director  
Rachel Stiles, Organist  
Joyce Stillwell, Admin Assistant  
Katrina Strong, Custodian  
Victoria Wilkins, Admin Assistant  
Patricia Williamson, Accompanist

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