

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Homecoming Parade

Revelation 7:9-17

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

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

† Worshipers are asked to stand in body or spirit.

April 13, 2025

Palm 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.*)

Holy Spirit, guide us in the week ahead to remember our place in Your great and ongoing story of resurrection, redemption, and restoration through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRELUDE

LIFE AT ST. ANDREW'S

† **PROCESSIONAL**

Hosanna! Hosanna!

arr. Joseph Martin

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna to the King!

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Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna was their cry.

Jesus entered into Jerusalem, people spread their garments on the road.

Blessed is the seed of Abraham. Blessed is the King foretold.

The multitudes all praised Him, they waved the palms in praise.

They welcomed the Messiah as He came through the gates.

Hosanna to the King! Sing hosanna!

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

† **CALL TO WORSHIP**

based on Psalm 118:26

One: Awake to the day of triumph of our Savior!

Many: Give thanks for this day that leads to the cross!

One: Come with your branches, hosannas, and songs!

Many: Fill the air with welcome to the Lord!

All: *Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.*

† **HYMN 88**

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

PALM SUNDAY

Chorus: All glory, laud, and honor To Thee, Redeemer, King!

To whom the lips of children Made sweet hosannas ring.

Thou art the King of Israel, Thou David's royal Son,
Who in the Lord's name comest, The King and blessed One.

The people of the Hebrews, With palms before Thee went;
Our praise and prayers and anthems Before Thee we present.

To Thee before Thy passion, They sang their hymns of praise;
To Thee, now high exalted, Our melody we raise.

Thou didst accept their praises; Accept the prayers we bring,
Who in all good delightest, Thou good and gracious King!

† INVITATION TO CONFESSION

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Jesus, we confess that our wills are as rebellious as Jerusalem's and our faith is often more show than substance. Our hearts need cleansing. Have mercy on us, Son of David, Savior of our lives. Help us to lay at Your feet all that we have and all that we are, trusting You to forgive what is sinful, to heal what is broken, to welcome our praises, and to receive us as Your own.

† 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.

SPECIAL MUSIC

*Hallelu, Hallelu
Ho-Ho-Ho-Hosanna*

TIME FOR CHILDREN

ANTHEM

Festival of Palms

arr. Joseph Martin

Lift up your heads, ye ancient doors! Throw wide the gates and greet the Lord!
Sing hosanna, sing hosanna! Prepare the way with palms of praise!
Lay down your garments; clear the way! Sing hosanna, sing hosanna!
Sing hosanna to the King of Kings! Come, children, wave your palms on high!
Lift up your voices to the sky! Rejoice, let the gates of Zion ring!
Each voice raised in grateful offering. Ride on, ride on, great David's Son!
Great is the work that God has done! Come, long-awaited Prince of Peace!
Make every war and conflict cease! Hosanna to the King! Sing hosanna to the King!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Revelation 7:9-17

Pew Bible p. 1066-1067
Large Print p. 1874-1875

SERMON

Homecoming Parade

† HYMN INSERT

Come We That Love the Lord

MARCHING TO ZION

Come we that love the Lord, and let our joys be known; Join in a song with sweet accord.
Join in a song with sweet accord and thus surround the throne. And thus surround the throne.

Chorus: We're marching to Zion. Beautiful, beautiful Zion;
We're marching upward to Zion, the beautiful city of God.

Let those refuse to sing who never knew our God.
But children of the heav'nly King, but children of the heav'nly King
May speak their joys abroad, may speak their joys abroad.

The hill of Zion yields a thousand sacred sweets. Before we reach the heav'nly fields, before we reach the heav'nly fields.
Or walk the golden streets, or walk the golden streets.

Then let our songs abound, and every tear be dry.
We're marching through Immanuel's ground, we're marching through Immanuel's ground.
To fairer worlds on high, to fairer worlds on high.

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

LAST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia.

† PRAYER OF DEDICATION

† HYMN 477

Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim

HANOVER

Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim, and publish abroad His wonderful name.
The name all-victorious of Jesus extol; His kingdom is glorious, He rules over all.
God ruleth on high, almighty to save, and still He is nigh-His presence we have.
The great congregation His triumph shall sing, ascribing salvation to Jesus our King.

“Salvation to God, who sits on the throne,” let all cry aloud, and honor the Son.
The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim, fall down on their faces, and worship the Lamb.
Then let us adore, and give Him His right. All glory and power, all wisdom and might.
All honor and blessing, with angels above, and thanks never ceasing, and infinite love.

† BENEDICTION

† RECESSIONAL

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The chancel flowers today were given to the glory of God by Mike and Elizabeth Petit.

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.

EASTER DEVOTIONALS for adults are available on the sanctuary tables.

Join us on **MAUNDY THURSDAY**, April 17 at 7:00PM for worship. The service will include communion, special music, and a Time of Shadows from the Gospel of Matthew.

Easter Sunday is April 20! Join us for a potluck **EASTER BRUNCH** at 9:30AM. Families with names starting with A-M, bring something savory; those with names starting with N-Z, bring something sweet.

The St. Andrew's Day School is **NOW REGISTERING** students for the summer term and the 25-26 school year!

Grab a **BABY BOTTLE** after the service and fill it with change, cash, or a check to benefit the Hope Women's Resource Clinic! Donations provide help to families, mothers, and babies in need. Return your bottle to the church office by April 30.

St. Andrew's Prayer List

MEMBERS: John Alexander, Maryann Sweeney, Bobbie Wied, Bob Fisher, Susanne Nichols, Linda Sparkman, Beth Ann Mistrot, Barbara Abel, Dalton Abel.

FRIENDS AND FAMILY: Pamela Humphrey, Family of Susan Crenshaw, Ron Denton, Kenna Gordon, Family of Joyce White, Family of Dorothy Fox, Betty Clark, Tenisha Humphrey, 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, April 13, 2025

- 9:15AM Sunday School
- 10:30AM Worship
- 11:30AM Hat Parade & Egg Hunt
- 3:00PM Choir Rehearsal
- 3:00PM Boy Scouts
- 4:30PM Youth Group
- 6:00PM Sunday Group

Monday, April 14, 2025

- 12:00PM Rainbow Room
- 5:30PM Strings After School
- 6:00PM GT Square Dancers

Tuesday, April 15, 2025

- 5:30PM Strings After School
- 6:30PM Session Meeting

Wednesday, April 16, 2025

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

Thursday, April 17, 2025

- 8:30AM MOW Cooks
- 10:00AM MOW Delivers
- 7:00PM Maundy Thursday Service

Friday, April 18, 2025

- 7:00PM Instrumentalist Rehearsal

Saturday, April 19, 2025

- 6:00PM Choir Rehearsal
- 6:00PM Instrumentalist Rehearsal

Sunday, April 20, 2025

Christ is Risen!

- 9:00AM Choir Rehearsal
- 9:00AM Instrumentalist Rehearsal
- 9:30AM Easter Brunch
- 10:30AM Worship

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, Pianist

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