

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Embracing Resurrection

Exist or Live

John 12:20-33

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

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

† Worshipers are asked to stand in body or spirit.

May 18, 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.*)

Jesus, teach me to be generous, to serve You as You deserve: to give without counting the cost, to fight needlessly of the wounds, to work and not seek for rest, to toil and not seek for reward, save the reward of knowing I am doing Your will. Amen.

— St. Ignatius of Loyola

PRELUDE

What Wondrous Love Is This

WONDROUS LOVE

LIFE AT ST. ANDREW'S

† **CALL TO WORSHIP**

based on Psalm 51:10-12

One: Create clean hearts in us.

Many: Renew right spirits within us.

One: Shelter us within Your presence.

Many: Sustain us by Your Holy Spirit.

All: Restore to us the joy of our salvation.

† **HYMN 371**

Lift High the Cross

CRUCIFER

Refrain: Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim. Till all the world adore His sacred name.

Come, Christians follow where our Savior trod. The lamb victorious, Christ, the Son of God.

Each newborn servant of the Crucified. Bears on the brow the seal of Christ who died.

O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree. Your death has brought us life eternally.

So shall our song of triumph ever be: Praise to the Crucified for victory.

† INVITATION TO CONFESSION

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, we confess that the life we cling to is only a half-life. Only You, Lord, can give us true life in full. Forgive us for holding onto the wrong things. Teach us by Your Spirit to let go of our agendas and assumptions. Help us to release our self-righteousness and false notions of power. Give us the strength and courage to try new things. Encourage and even push us to surrender ourselves so we can fully embrace You, Holy God.

† 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 Room 304.

ANTHEM

In the Name of the Father

by Heather Sorenson

In the name of the Father, in the name of the Spirit and the Son,
Now we are sons and daughters.

Through the pow'r of the Father, through the pow'r of the Spirit,
We have hope eternal; hope through the risen Son of God!

We claim deliverance from our past.
We sing the song of life at last; and we claim hope!
We claim Christ! We claim the enemy defeated!
Claim the righteousness of Jesus. We claim hope!
We claim Christ! We claim this pow'r, we claim this win!
We claim the victory over sin. We recognize the sacrifice.
We claim the finished work of Christ!

Awake my soul, and sing of Him who died for thee,
And hail Him as thy matchless King through all eternity!
Who died eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die!

In the name of the Father, in the name of the Spirit and the Son.
We claim new life!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 12:20-33

Pew Bible p. 925
Large Print p. 1638

SERMON

Exist or Live

† HYMN 85

What Wondrous Love Is This

WONDROUS LOVE

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul. What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this? That caused the Lord of bliss to bear the heavy cross for my soul, for my soul.
To bear the heavy cross for my soul!

To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing. To God and the Lamb, I will sing;
To God and the Lamb who is the great I am. While millions join the theme, I will sing; I will sing
While millions join the theme, I will sing!

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on. And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on;
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be and through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on.
And through eternity I'll sing on!

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 STF 2129

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

ASSAM

I have decided to follow Jesus, I have decided to follow Jesus.
I have decided to follow Jesus no turning back, no turning back.

The world behind me, the cross before me.
I have decided to follow Jesus, I have decided to follow Jesus.
I have decided to follow Jesus no turning back, no turning back.

Though none go with me still I will follow.
I have decided to follow Jesus, I have decided to follow Jesus.
I have decided to follow Jesus no turning back, no turning back.

† BENEDICTION

† SENDING SONG

Because He Lives

RESURRECTION

Because He lives I can face tomorrow; Because He lives all fear is gone;
Because I know He holds the future, And life is worth the living
Just because He lives.

POSTLUDE

Lead On, O King Eternal

LANCASHIRE

The chancel flowers today were given to the glory of God
and in honor of our music program by Bob and Judy Fisher.

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.

BABY BOTTLES are past due. Please return any remaining baby bottles to the church office. Thank you for supporting Hope Women's Clinic!

Join us for a **BBQ LUNCHEON** on Sunday, May 25 following worship. The menu is pulled pork sandwiches, chips, coleslaw, watermelon, and cookies.

The **PW ANNUAL SALAD LUNCHEON** will be held May 27 in the parlor. Bible study begins at 11:00AM with the salad luncheon following at noon. Bring a friend and your favorite salad to share!

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. We will travel together in a chartered bus. Please RSVP to the church office.

St. Andrew's Prayer List

MEMBERS: Linda Sparkman, Mary Miller, John Alexander, Bobbie Wied, George Fulton, Bob Fisher, Susanne Nichols, Beth Ann Mistrot, Barbara Abel, Dalton Abel

FRIENDS AND FAMILY: Family of James Hill, Lisa Wolf, Family of Bicky Higginbottom, Family of Linda Myers, Kenna Gordon, Pamela Humphrey, Charlie Monaghan, David Fertitta, Tenisha Humphrey, Jacob Walton, 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, May 18, 2025

9:15AM Sunday School
10:30AM Worship
12:00PM Choir Rehearsal
12:00PM Deacons Meeting
3:00PM Boy Scouts
3:00PM Youth Bowling
6:00PM Sunday Group

Monday, May 19, 2025

6:00PM GT Square Dancers

Tuesday, May 20, 2025

6:30PM Session Meeting

Wednesday, May 21, 2025

9:30AM Day School Chapel
5:30PM AA Group Meeting
5:30PM Board of Trustees

Thursday, May 22, 2025

8:30AM MOW Cooks
10:00AM MOW Delivers
10:00AM Day School Program
11:30AM Day School Reception

Friday, May 23, 2025

OFFICE CLOSED

Sunday, May 25, 2025

9:15AM Sunday School
10:30AM Worship
11:30AM BBQ Luncheon
11:45PM Choir Rehearsal
3:00PM Boy Scouts
6:00PM Sunday Group

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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