

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

UNEXPECTED BLESSINGS

Matthew 5:1-12

SERMON ON THE MOUNT

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

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

† Worshipers are asked to stand in body or spirit.

June 15, 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.*)

Mighty God, guide us by the wisdom of the cross, and show us how to live a life of justice, love, and blessedness. Amen.

PRELUDE

Humbly We Adore You

ADORO TE DEVOTE

LIFE AT ST. ANDREW'S

† CALL TO WORSHIP

based on Psalm 34:1-3

One: I will praise God in every moment,

Many: And through every situation.

One: Through my words and actions,

Many: My life will pay tribute to God.

One: Whenever the poor and humble hear of God's greatness,

Many: They will celebrate, too!

All: Come, let's praise God together!

† HYMN 386

O for a World

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O for a world where everyone respects each other's ways,
Where love is lived and all is done with justice and with praise.

O for a world where goods are shared and misery relieved,
Where truth is spoken, children spared, equality achieved.

We welcome one world family and struggle with each choice
That opens us to unity and gives our vision voice.

The poor are rich, the weak are strong, the foolish ones are wise.
Tell all who mourn, outcasts belong, who perishes will rise.

O for world preparing for God's glorious reign of peace,
Where time and tears will be no more, and all but love will cease.

† INVITATION TO CONFESSION

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, You call us Your own children and cover us with Your love. We would seek to be merciful as You are, and to show compassion as You do, but we fail to live the life to which we have been called. Where we ought to forgive, we condemn; the evil we should shun, we embrace. Forgive our sinful ways, tame our wayward wills, and make us more like Christ, until we are raised in perfection on the last day.

† 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

Gather Us In

arr. Lloyd Larson

Here in this place, the new light is streaming, now is the darkness vanished away.
See in this space our fears and our dreamings, brought here to You in the light of this day.
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken; gather us in, the blind and the lame.
Call to us now, and we shall awaken; we shall arise at the sound of our name.

We are the young, our lives are a mystery; we are the old who yearn for Your face.
We have been sung throughout all of history, called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty; gather us in, the proud and the strong.
Give us a heart, so meek and so lowly; give us the courage to enter the song.

Here we will take the wine and the water; here we will take the bread of new birth.
Here You shall call Your sons and Your daughters, call us anew to be salt for the earth.
Give us to drink the wine of compassion; give us to eat the bread that is You.
Nourish us well, and teach us to fashion lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

Not in the dark of buildings confining, not in some heaven, light years away.
Here in this place the new light is shining; now is the kingdom, and now is the day!
Gather us in and hold us forever; gather us in and make us Your own.
Gather us in, all peoples together, fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 5:1-12

Pew Bible p. 830
Large Print p. 1473

SERMON

Unexpected Blessings

Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ His Son.

And now let the weak say, "I am strong";
Let the poor say, "I am rich because of what the Lord has done for us."

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 323

Spirit of the Living God

LIVING GOD

Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on me;
Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on me.

† BENEDICTION

† SENDING SONG

Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Heart of my own, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

POSTLUDE

Praise the Lord, the Almighty

LOBE DEN HERREN

The chancel flowers today were given to the glory of God
and in honor of Lynn Burnside on her birthday, by Sara Hope Burnside.

The rose on the communion table today was given to the glory of God
and in celebration of the birth of Aiden Andrew Odle, on May 23, to Susan Odle.

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.

St. Andy's will host a **BLOOD DRIVE** in partnership with LifeShare on June 18, from 4-7PM in the Fellowship Hall. Please consider donating!

The **MARSHALL MIDDLE SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE** and **DAY SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE** is underway! A list of supplies can be found in the newsletter and on the church website.

Our **SUMMER POTLUCK AND GRADUATION CELEBRATION** is June 22 following worship. *Bring a side to share!* The church will provide the chicken tenders, popsicles, and graduation cake.

A **NEW MEMBERS' CLASS** will be held on Sunday, June 29, at 12:00PM in the Parlor. This class is a great way learn more about our beliefs, history, and traditions. Attending does not commit you to joining. Lunch is provided. Please RSVP to the Church Office by Thursday, June 26.

St. Andrew's Prayer List

MEMBERS: Susan Meitzen, Dan Caywood, Bob Fisher, Susanne Nichols, Beth Ann Mistrot, Barbara Abel, Dalton Abel

FRIENDS AND FAMILY: Karen Thompson Butler, Jody Cagle, Nancy Brandimarte, Family of Bob Oliver, Family of Daphene Partain, Family of Alvin Courts, Linda Sparkman, Kenna Gordon, Pamela Humphrey, Charlie Monaghan, David Fertitta, Tenisha Humphrey, Jacob Walton, Geneva Broussard, Madeline Johnson, Erika Russell, Mary Kennedy, Thomas Fisher, Jack Dillard, Erin Lenhart, Janie Niederstadt Verderame

St. Andrew's Calendar

Sunday, June 15, 2025

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

Monday, June 16, 2025

5:00PM Day School Board
6:00PM GT Square Dancers

Tuesday, June 17, 2025

6:30PM Session Meeting

Wednesday, June 18, 2025

4:00PM Blood Drive
5:30PM Board of Trustees
5:30PM AA Group Meeting

Thursday, June 19, 2025

8:30AM MOW Cooks
10:00AM MOW Delivers
5:00PM Nominating Team

Friday, June 20, 2025

OFFICE CLOSED

Sunday, June 22, 2025

9:15AM Sunday School
10:30AM Worship
11:30AM Summer Potluck & Graduate Celebration
12:00PM Choir Rehearsal
3:00PM Boy Scouts

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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