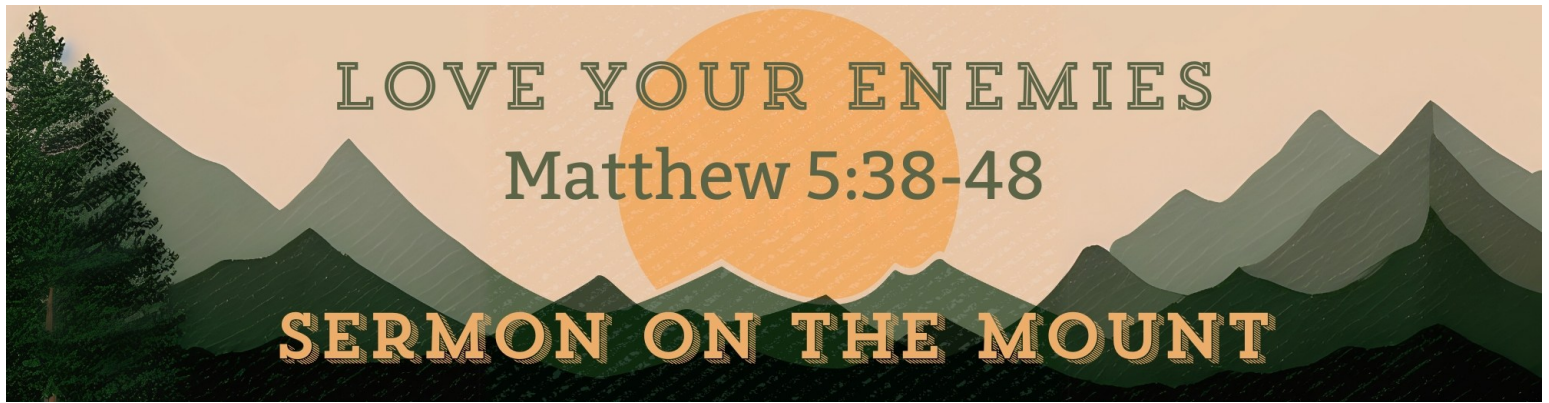


ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

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

† Worshipers are asked to stand in body or spirit.

July 20, 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.*)

God of abundant mercy, teach us Your way of grace: to meet hatred with kindness, to answer curses with blessing, to love without holding back, to give without thought of return; all in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRELUDE

By Our Love

by C. Nockels

LIFE AT ST. ANDREW'S

† **CALL TO WORSHIP**

based on Luke 15:1-10

One: God calls to the lost, the least, and all who long for home.

Many: God calls when we wander from the path chosen for us,

One: And when we waste the gifts we have been given.

Many: God calls and welcomes us back to worship this day.

All: Let us celebrate and rejoice in God's presence forever!

† **HYMN 343**

Called as Partners in Christ's Service

BEECHER

Called as partners in Christ's service, called to ministries of grace,
We respond with deep commitment fresh new lines of faith to trace.
May we learn the art of sharing, side by side and friend of friend,
Equal partners in our caring to fulfill God's chosen end.

Christ's example, Christ's inspiring, Christ's clear call to work and worth,
Let us follow, never faltering, reconciling folk on earth.
Men and women, richer, poorer, all God's people, young and old,
Blending human skills together gracious gifts from God unfold.

Thus new patterns for Christ's mission, in a small or global sense,
Help us bear each other's burdens, breaking down each wall or fence.

Words of comfort, words of vision, words of challenge, said with care,
Bring new power and strength for action, make us colleagues, free and fair.

So God grant us for tomorrow ways to order human life
That surround each person's sorrow with a calm that conquers strife.
Make us partners in our living, our compassion to increase,
Messengers of faith, thus giving hope and confidence and peace.

† INVITATION TO CONFESSION

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, we have asked for Your righteous judgment against others, yet we have not acknowledged the sin in our own lives. We have worshiped You with our lips but have dishonored You through our actions. We have prayed for You to end the suffering in our world, yet we have failed to practice compassion and generosity toward others. Our religion has become a source of quarreling rather than a testimony to Your grace. Forgive our self-righteousness and grant us integrity of heart, that we may shine forth the light of Your salvation through Christ our Lord.

† 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.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 5:38-48

Pew Bible p. 831
Large Print p. 1475

SERMON

Love Your Enemies

† HYMN STF 2230

Lord, We Come to Ask Your Blessing

SUGAR GROVE

Lord, we come to ask Your blessing on the love that makes us one;
Here, as Christians, to acknowledge You are Lord, and You alone.

God of love, unless You bless us how can each other bless?
Only as You live within us is there depth of happiness.

May our loving be a sharing of the gifts we each possess;
May no failure of forbearance turn our love to bitterness.

Lord, we come to ask Your blessing in the presence of our friends:
Grant us joy that blesses others, grant us love that never ends.

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 2171

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

CHANNEL OF PEACE

Make me a channel of Your peace. Where there is hatred, let me bring Your love.
Where there is injury, Your pardon, Lord, And where there's doubt, true faith in You.

Make me a channel of Your peace. Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope.
Where there is darkness, only light, and where there's sadness, ever joy.

Oh, Master, grant that I may never seek so much to be consoled as to console.
To be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love with all my soul.

Make me a channel of Your peace. It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
In giving of ourselves that we receive, and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

† BENEDICTION

† SENDING SONG

Seek Ye First

LAFERTY

Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness,
And all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia!

POSTLUDE

He Keeps Me Singing

SWEETEST NAME

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 **TODAY** for an afternoon filled with **WATER FUN** following worship. A light lunch will be provided.

We invite you to grab a **YARD SIGN** to display at your home. This is a great way to remind our neighbors they are welcome to worship with us.

The Session has called for a **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** on Sunday, August 3, immediately following the worship service. The purpose of the meeting is to hear and act on the report of the 2025 Nominating Committee. Please plan to be in attendance!

A TASTING FOR SOME OTHER PLACE tickets are now available! Tickets are \$15. Contact Judy Fisher or Maryann Sweeney for more information.

St. Andrew's Prayer List

MEMBERS: The Family of Mary Miller, Linda Sparkman, Bob Fisher, Susanne Nichols, Beth Ann Mistrot, Barbara Abel, Dalton Abel

FRIENDS AND FAMILY: Haywood Walker, Gwen Feldt, Ella Bennett and family, Family of Tobin O'Donnell, Family of Chloe Childress, Family of Hadley Hanna, Family of Mary Grace Baker, Elissa Foerster and family, Family of Aidan Heartfield, Families of Beth and Hutch Bryan, Families affected by the Guadalupe River Flood, Relief Workers at Guadalupe River, Janet Dexter, Alison Berry Low, Pamela Humphrey, Kenna Gordon, 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, July 20, 2025

9:15AM Sunday School
10:30AM Worship
11:45AM Water Fun Day
3:00PM Boy Scouts

Monday, July 21, 2025

6:00PM GT Square Dancers

Tuesday, July 22, 2025

Wednesday, July 23, 2025

5:30PM AA Group Meeting

Thursday, July 24, 2025

8:30AM MOW Cooks
10:00AM MOW Delivers

Friday, July 25, 2025

OFFICE CLOSED

Saturday, July 26, 2025

OFFICE CLOSED

Sunday, July 27, 2025

9:15AM Sunday School
10:30AM Worship
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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