

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 27, 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.*)

May I always seek and find You, think about You, speak to You and do everything for the honor and glory of Your name. Be always my hope, my peace, my refuge and help in whom my heart is rooted so that I may never separate from You.

– written by Bonaventure, 13th century

PRELUDE

Go, Carry Thy Burden to Jesus

arr. Marianne Kim

LIFE AT ST. ANDREW'S

† **CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: In praise and wonder, we come to worship Christ,

Many: Not just with our words,

One: But with our hearts and our lives.

Many: Let us worship together,

All: Serving one another and serving the Lord.

† **HYMN 453**

O Holy City, Seen of John

MORNING SONG

O holy city, seen of John, where Christ, the Lamb, does reign,
Within whose foursquare walls shall come no night, nor need, nor pain,
And where the tears are wiped from eyes that shall not weep again!

O shame to us who rest content while lust and greed for gain
In street and shop and tenement wring gold for human pain,
And bitter lips in blind despair cry, "Christ has died in vain!"

Give us, O God, the strength to build the city that has stood
Too long a dream, whose laws are love, whose ways are servanthood,

And where the sun that shines becomes God's grace for human good.

Already in the mind of God that city rises fair.
Lo, how its splendor challenges the souls that greatly dare,
And bids us seize the whole of life and build its glory there

† INVITATION TO CONFESSION

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Heavenly Father, we confess that we have lost our way. Too easily we are distracted from what really matters. Far too often, we do and say things that betray our lack of faith. We each strive to control our lives. We strive to make a name for ourselves. We are well-meaning, Lord, but sometimes we choose paths that lead us away from You. Forgive our pride and forgive our insecurities. Forgive each step we take away from You. Restore to us the joy of Your salvation, and sustain in us a willing spirit, we pray.

† 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 6:1-6, 16-18

Pew Bible p. 831-832
Large Print p. 1475 -1476

SERMON

Behind the Scenes

† HYMN INSERT

Take Time to Be Holy

HOLINESS

Take time to be holy, speak oft with thy Lord;
Abide in Him always, and feed on His Word.
Make friends of God's children, help those who are weak,
Forgetting in nothing His blessing to seek.

Take time to be holy, the world rushes on;
Spend much time in secret, with Jesus alone.
By looking to Jesus, like Him thou shalt be;
Thy friends in thy conduct His likeness shall see.

Take time to be holy, let Him be thy Guide,
And run not before Him, whatever betide.
In joy or in sorrow, still follow the Lord
And, looking to Jesus, still trust in His Word.

Take time to be holy, be calm in thy soul,
Each thought and each motive beneath His control.

Thus led by His spirit to fountains of love,
Thou soon shalt be fitted for service above.

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 388

O Jesus, I Have Promised

ANGEL'S STORY

O Jesus, I have promised to serve Thee to the end;
Be Thou forever near me, my Master and my friend;
I shall not fear the battle if Thou art by my side,
Nor wander from the pathway if Thou wilt be my guide.

O let me feel Thee near me! The world is ever near;
I see the sights that dazzle, the tempting sounds I hear;
My foes are ever near me, around me and within;
But, Jesus, draw Thou nearer and shield my soul from sin.

Let me hear Thee speaking in accents clear and still,
Above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self-will;
O speak to reassure me, to hasten or control;
O speak, and make me listen, Thou guardian of my soul.

O Jesus, Thou hast promised to all who follow Thee
That where Thou art in glory there shall Thy servant be;
And, Jesus, I have promised to serve Thee to the end;
O give me grace to follow, my Master and my friend.

† BENEDICTION

† SENDING SONG

Seek Ye First

LAFFERTY

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

POSTLUDE

I Want a Principle Within

GERALD

The chancel flowers today were given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
Snowball (Hope Heckel), by her great-granddaughter Tara Thompson.

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.

MEN'S BREAKFAST is meeting in the parlor on August 1 at 7:00AM for food, fellowship, and a short devotional.

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!

BOOK CLUB will gather in the parlor on August 7 at 1:00PM to discuss our beach reads.

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: Family of Charles W. Pate, Family of Ella Cahill, Family of Joyce Catherine Badon, Haywood Walker, Gwen Feldt, Ella Bennett and family, 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 27, 2025

9:15AM Sunday School
10:30AM Worship
3:00PM Boy Scouts

Monday, July 28, 2025

6:00PM GT Square Dancers

Tuesday, July 29, 2025

OFFICE CLOSED

Wednesday, July 30, 2025

5:30PM AA Group Meeting

Thursday, July 31, 2025

8:30AM MOW Cooks
10:00AM MOW Delivers
4:30PM Foundation Board

Friday, August 1, 2025

OFFICE CLOSED
7:00AM Men's Breakfast

Sunday, August 3, 2025

9:15AM Sunday School
10:30AM Worship
11:30AM Congregational Meeting
11:45AM Choir Rehearsal
1:30PM Worship Staff
3:00PM Boy Scouts
4:00PM Youth to Colorado Canyon

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
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