

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.

August 24, 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 Christ, the true vine, teach us to remain in You and so to find Your life flowing in us, giving strength and vigor to our discipleship. Amen.

PRELUDE

If You Will Only Let God Guide You

NEUMARK

LIFE AT ST. ANDREW'S

† **CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: The Creator has planted seeds in all of us.

Many: May we nurture good deeds and loving-kindness.

One: Jesus is calling us to bear spiritual fruit.

Many: May we bless and build up others for the kingdom of God.

One: The Holy Spirit moves in us, encouraging us to grow.

Many: May we be nurtured and may we grow in this time of worship.

All: Gathered now, let us praise our God, the One we can count on!

† **HYMN 412**

Eternal God, Whose Power Upholds

FOREST GREEN

Eternal God, whose power upholds both flower and flaming star,
To whom there is no here nor there, no time, no near nor far,
No alien race, no foreign shore, no child unsought, unknown:
O send us forth, Thy prophets true, to make all lands Thine own!

O God of love, whose Spirit wakes in every human breast,
Whom love, and love alone, can know, in whom all hearts find rest:
Help us to spread Thy gracious reign till greed and hate shall cease,
And kindness dwell in human hearts, and all the earth find peace!

O God of truth, whom science seeks and reverent souls adore,
Who lightest every earnest mind of every clime and shore:
Dispel the gloom of error's night, of ignorance and fear,
Until true wisdom from above shall make life's pathway clear!

O God of beauty, oft revealed in dreams of human art,
In speech that flows to melody, in holiness of heart:
Teach us to turn from sinfulness that shuts our hearts to Thee,
Till all shall know the loveliness of lives made fair and free!

O God of righteousness and grace, seen in the Christ, Thy Son,
Whose life and death reveal Thy face, by whom Thy will was done:
Inspire Thy heralds of good news to live Thy life divine,
Till Christ is formed in every heart, and every land is Thine!

† INVITATION TO CONFESSION

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, we confess that we have places in our lives that could use some pruning. Our words do not always give grace to those who hear, and our actions do not always witness to our baptism in Your name. We have ignored the needs of others and hoarded for ourselves. Our failure to live righteous lives only serves to wither us and turn us into dying branches. Forgive us and prune away our dead places so that we may bear fruit generously in Your name.

† 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

Lead Me, Lord

by J. Becker, arr. Mark Hayes

Blessed are the poor in spirit, longing for their Lord,
For God's coming kingdom shall be theirs.
Blessed are the sorrowing, for they shall be consoled,
And the meek shall come to rule the world.
Lead me, Lord, lead me, Lord, by the light of truth
To seek and to find the narrow way.
Be my way, be my truth;
Be my life, my Lord, and lead me, Lord, today.
Blessed are the merciful, for mercy shall be theirs,
And the pure in heart shall see their God.
Blest are they whose hunger only holiness can fill,
For I say they shall be satisfied.
Blest are they who through their lifetimes sow the seeds of peace,
All will call them children of the Lord.
Blest are you, though persecuted in your holy life,
For in heaven, great is your reward.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 7:13-20

Pew Bible p. 832
Large Print p. 1478

SERMON

Detecting Lies

† HYMN 321

Holy Spirit, Truth Divine

SONG

Holy Spirit, truth divine, dawn upon this soul of mine.
Word of God, and inward light, wake my spirit, clear my sight.

Holy Spirit, love divine, glow within this heart of mine;
Kindle every high desire; perish self in Thy pure fire.

Holy Spirit, power divine, fill and nerve this will of mine;
By Thee may I strongly live, bravely bear, and nobly strive.

Holy Spirit, right divine, make my conscience wholly Thine;
Be my law, and I shall be firmly bound, forever free.

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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 339

Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; Nought be all else to me, save that Thou art,
Thou my best thought, by day or by night, Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise, Thou mine inheritance, now and always:
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart, Great God of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

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

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† BENEDICTION

† SENDING SONG

O Christ, the Great Foundation

AURELIA

O Christ, the great foundation on which Your people stand
To preach Your true salvation in every age and land:
Pour out Your Holy Spirit to make us strong and pure,
To keep the faith unbroken as long as worlds endure.

POSTLUDE

God Father, Praise and Glory

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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.

CHANCEL FLOWERS can be given for the chancel in memory or honor of loved ones. A standard arrangement is \$80. If you would like to sponsor the chancel flowers, email the church office or use our flower calendar outside the main office.

Join one of our **ADULT CLASSES!** On Sunday mornings at 9:15AM, you can visit the **Bible Discovery Class** in the Library (open to men and women of all ages); the **Fellowship Class** in Room 3 (open to men and women of all ages); or the **Pew Sisters Class** in Room 2 (open to women of all ages).

St. Andrew's Prayer List

MEMBERS: Howard Caywood, Family of Beth Ann Mistrot, John, Suzy, and Caché Buehrle, Pat Richard, Susanne Nichols, Linda Sparkman, Bob Fisher, Barbara Abel, Dalton Abel

FRIENDS AND FAMILY: Florence Brandshaw, Family of Bernice Plunkett, Rachel Edwards, Pat Davenport, Haywood Walker, Pamela Humphrey, Janet Dexter, Alison Berry Low, Kenna Gordon, Charlie Monaghan, David Fertitta, Tenisha Humphrey, Jacob Walton, Madeline Johnson, Erika Russell, Mary Kennedy, Thomas Fisher, Jack Dillard, Erin Lenhart, Janie Niederstadt Verderame

St. Andrew's Calendar

Sunday, August 24, 2025

9:15AM Sunday School
10:30AM Worship
11:45AM Choir Rehearsal
3:00PM Boy Scouts
12:00PM Deacons Meeting
4:30PM Youth Group

Monday, August 25, 2025

6:00PM GT Square Dancers

Tuesday, August 26, 2025

Wednesday, August 27, 2025

9:30AM Day School Chapel
5:30PM AA Group Meeting
5:30PM Handbell Rehearsal

Thursday, August 28, 2025

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

Friday, August 29, 2025

OFFICE CLOSED

Saturday, August 30, 2025

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Sunday, August 31, 2025

9:15AM Sunday School
10:30AM Worship
11:45AM 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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