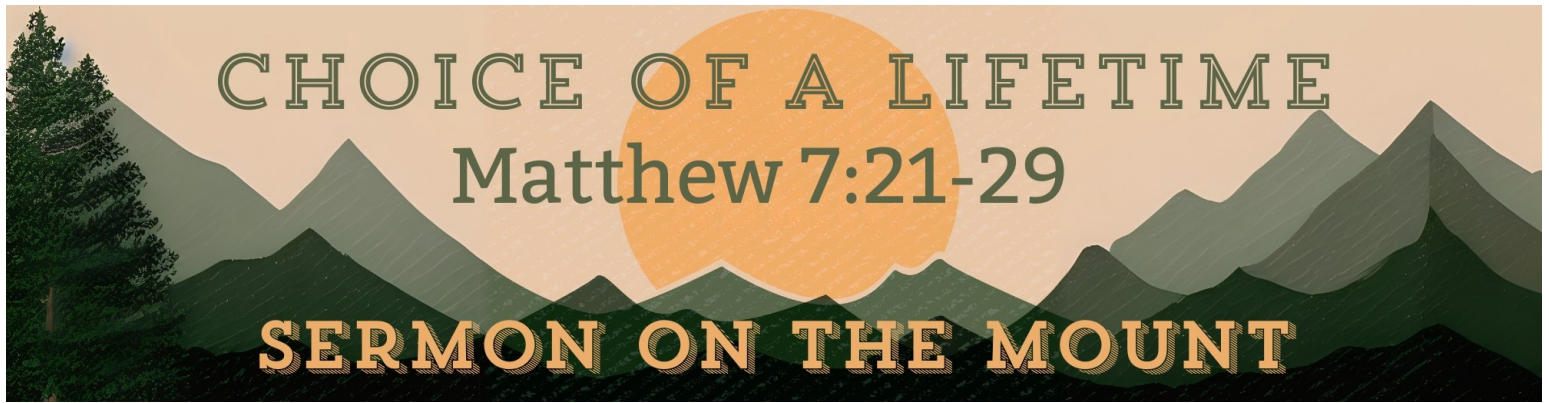


ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

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

† Worshipers are asked to stand in body or spirit.

August 31, 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.*)

Holy God, in this new day, allow me to live by faith, knowing that You will be with me in my travels, in my words, in my actions, and in my relationships with others and with You. In the name of Jesus, I pray. Amen.

PRELUDE

In Christ Alone

by Getty and Townend

LIFE AT ST. ANDREW'S

† **CALL TO WORSHIP**

based on Psalm 113

One: Let us praise the name of the Lord;

Many: God is wonderful! Yesterday, today, and forever!

One: The Lord our God has done marvelous things;

Many: We are blessed more than we could ever imagine.

All: For the amazing gifts we have been given, we praise the name of the Lord!

† **HYMN 461**

God Is Here!

ABBOT'S LEIGH

God is here! As we Your people meet to offer praise and prayer,
May we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share.
Here, as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts
Wait the coming of the Spirit into open minds and hearts.

Here are the symbols to remind us of our lifelong need of grace;
Here are table, font, and pulpit; Here the cross has central place.
Here in honesty of preaching, here in silence, as in speech,
Here, in newness and renewal, God the Spirit comes to each.

Here our children find a welcome in the Shepherd's flock and fold,
Here, as bread and wine are taken, Christ sustains us as of old.

Here the servants of the Servant seek in worship to explore
What it means in daily living to believe and to adore.

Lord of all, of church and kingdom, in an age of change and doubt
Keep us faithful to the gospel, help us work Your purpose out.
Here, in this day's dedication, all we have to give, receive:
We, who cannot live without You, we adore You! We believe!

† INVITATION TO CONFESSION

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, our rock and refuge, there are plenty of things that we allow to erode our faith in You. When life becomes turbulent, we let our uncertainty cloud our trust in You. We sometimes think we know better and rely on ourselves to face the storms. Forgive our waning hope and the disbelief that overwhelms us. Help us to hold onto You, our rock, and to build our lives on the solid foundation of Your love. In the name of Jesus Christ, our steadfast protector and shelter, 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.

ANTHEM

The Rock on Whom We Stand

by Cindy Berry

Ever loving, ever faithful, Jesus, You are Lord of all. Tenderly You guide our steps, and lift us when we fall.

In our joys and in our sorrows, we can trust in Your word. Eternal anchor for our souls, You are Jesus Christ our Lord.

You are the rock on Whom we stand. You are our firm foundation sure and strong.
All praise and glory to You belong, The Rock on Whom we stand.

When we pass through the waters You are with us; Even in the fire, we will never walk alone.
Your love will never fail; Your mercy will prevail. You are Jesus, our Cornerstone.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 7:21-29

Pew Bible p. 833
Large Print p. 1478-1479

SERMON

Choice of a Lifetime

† HYMN 442

The Church's One Foundation

AURELIA

The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord; She is His new creation by water and the word;
From heaven He came and sought her to be His holy bride; With His own blood He bought her, and for her life He died.

Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth, Her charter of salvation one Lord, one faith, one birth;
One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food, And to one hope she presses, with every grace endured.

Though with a scornful wonder this world sees her oppressed, By schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed,
Yet saints their watch are keeping; Their cry goes up: "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.

Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war, She waits the consummation of peace forevermore;
Till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest, And the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.

Yet she on earth has union with God the Three in One, And mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won;
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we, Like them, the meek and lowly, may live eternally.

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 379

Be Thou My Vision

SOLID ROCK

My hope is built no nothing less Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, But wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Refrain: On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; All other ground is sinking sand, All other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils His lovely face, I rest on His unchanging grace;
In every high and stormy gale, My anchor holds within the veil. (Refrain)

His oath, His covenant, His blood Support me in the whelming flood;
When all around my soul gives way, He then is all my hope and stay. (Refrain)

When He shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in Him be found,
Dressed in His righteousness alone, Faultless to stand before the throne. (Refrain)

† 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

Built on the Rock

KIRKEN DEN ER ET GAMMELT HUS

The chancel flowers today were given the glory of God
and in loving memory of Susie Champion, by her husband Mark Champion.

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.

The **CHURCH OFFICE** will be closed on Monday, September 1, in observance of Labor Day.

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

BOOK CLUB will gather in the parlor on September 4 at 1:00PM to discuss books that are a new genre for you.

We will collect the **PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN THANK OFFERING** in worship on Sunday, September 14. Since 1888, this offering has supported missions in the United States and abroad. Look for the yellow envelopes on the sanctuary tables and in your bulletins that Sunday. To learn more, visit www.presbyterianwomen.org/thank.

St. Andrew's Prayer List

MEMBERS: Peg Towers, James Wright, Howard Caywood, Howard Caywood, Suzy Buehrle, Linda Sparkman, Bob Fisher, Barbara Abel, Dalton Abel

FRIENDS AND FAMILY: Shirley Owens, Florence Brandshaw, 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 31, 2025

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

Monday, September 1, 2025

OFFICE CLOSED

Tuesday, September 2, 2025

10:00AM PW Coordinating
11:30AM Staff Meeting
5:30PM Fellowship Meeting
6:30PM CE Team

Wednesday, September 3, 2025

8:15AM Soup Kitchen
9:30AM Day School Chapel
4:30PM Mission & Evangelism
5:30PM AA Group Meeting
5:30PM Handbell Rehearsal

Thursday, September 4, 2025

8:30AM MOW Cooks
10:00AM MOW Delivers
1:00PM Book Club

Friday, September 5, 2025

OFFICE CLOSED
7:00AM Men's Breakfast

Sunday, September 7, 2025

9:15AM Sunday School
10:30AM Worship
11:45PM Choir Rehearsal
1:30PM Worship Staff
3:00PM Boy Scout Recruitment
4:30PM Youth 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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