

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.

September 7, 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.*)

Extravagant God, You pour out blessings upon us and lead us on the path of true life. Help us to choose Your way again and again, so that we might revel in Your love and reflect it to all we meet. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

PRELUDE

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether

UNION SEMINARY

LIFE AT ST. ANDREW'S

† **CALL TO WORSHIP**

based on Deuteronomy 30:15-20

One: God has set before us life and death.

Many: We long to choose life.

One: God has set before us blessings and curses.

Many: We long to choose blessings.

One: So, we gather this morning around Christ's table.

Many: We gather to eat the bread of life and to drink the cup of blessing.

All: Let us worship God with joy!

† **HYMN 359**

More Love to Thee, O Christ

MORE LOVE TO THEE

More love to Thee, O Christ, More love to Thee!

Hear Thou the prayer I make on bended knee.

This is my earnest plea:

More love, O Christ, to Thee, More love to Thee, More love to Thee.

Once earthly joy I craved, Sought peace and rest;

Now Thee alone I seek, give what is best.

This all my prayer shall be:

More love, O Christ, to Thee, More love to Thee, More love to Thee.

Then shall my latest breath whisper Thy praise;
This be the parting cry my heart shall raise.
This still its prayer shall be:
More love, O Christ, to Thee, More love to Thee, More love to Thee.

† INVITATION TO CONFESSION

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we confess that we do not fully trust in You. Instead, we focus on our gains and losses, hoarding things that do not lead to abundant life. We each try to control our lives. We aim to make a name for ourselves. We are well-meaning, Lord, but sometimes we choose paths that take us away from You. Today, we admit our sins and confess our shortcomings. Forgive us and help us to value only You so that we may follow You faithfully and receive the blessings only You can give.

† 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

ANTHEM

O Jesus, I Have Promised

arr. Timothy Shaw

O Jesus, I have promised to serve You to the end;
Be now and always near me, my Master and my friend;
I shall not fear the battle if You are by my side,
Nor wander from the pathway if You will be my guide.

O let me feel You 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 still nearer and shield my soul from sin.

O Jesus, You have promised to all who follow You
That where You are in glory Your servant shall be too.
And Jesus I have promised to serve You to the end;
Now give me grace to follow, my Master and my friend.

Be now and always near me, my Master and my friend.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 14:25-33

Pew Bible p. 898
Large Print p. 1591

SERMON

Count the Cost

† HYMN INSERT

Take Up Your Cross

QUEBEC

“Take up your cross,” the Savior said, “If you would My disciple be;

Deny yourself, the world forsake, and humbly follow after Me.”

Take up your cross, let not its weight fill your weak spirits with alarm;
His strength shall bear your spirit up, and brace your heart and nerve your arm.

Take up your cross, heed not the shame; Let not your foolish pride rebel;
The Lord for us the cross endured, to save our souls from death and hell.

Take up your cross and follow Christ; Think not till death to lay it down;
For only those who bear the cross may hope to wear the glorious crown.

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

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

† HYMN STF 2149

Living for Jesus

LIVING FOR JESUS

Living for Jesus a life that is true, Striving to please Him in all that I do,
Yielding allegiance, glad-hearted and free, This is the pathway of blessing for me.

Refrain: O Jesus, Lord and Savior, I give myself to Thee,
For Thou, in Thy atonement, didst give Thyself for me;
I own no other Master, my heart shall be Thy throne;
My life I give, henceforth to live, O Christ, for Thee alone.

Living for Jesus Who died in my place, Bearing on Calv’ry my sin and disgrace;
Such love constrains me to answer His call, Follow His leading and give Him my all.

Living for Jesus, wherever I am, Doing each duty in His holy Name;
Willing to suffer affliction and loss, Deeming each trial a part of my cross.

Living for Jesus through earth’s little while, My dearest treasure, the light of His smile;
Seeking the lost ones He died to redeem, Bringing the weary to find rest in Him.

† BENEDICTION

† SENDING SONG

I Come with Joy

DOVE OF PEACE

Together met, together bound by all that God has done,
We’ll go with joy, to give the world the love that makes us one,
The love that makes us one.

POSTLUDE

Take Up Thy Cross, the Savior Said

BRESLAU

We thank Martha Giarratano and Rylee McRight for sharing their gift of music with us today.

The chancel flowers today were given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of George Brown by his daughter, Martha Pate.

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.

For all volunteers working with children and youth, mandatory **SAFE SANCTUARY TRAINING** will immediately follow worship September 14. RSVP to the church office before September 11.

HYMN FEST is September 14, at 5pm. Come hear and sing your favorite hymns from combined choirs, including St. Andrew's. Admission is free, and this event is held at Trinity UMC 3430 Harrison Ave., Beaumont, TX 77706.

Our **5TH ANNUAL PIRATE SUNDAY** is September 21! Don your favorite pirate hats and pirate costumes for worship at 10:30AM. Following worship, join us for a lunch of gumbo, rice, coleslaw, bread, banana pudding. We will host a costume contest and enjoy a piñata after lunch!

ST. ANDREW'S PRAYER LIST

MEMBERS: Peg Towers, Howard Caywood, James Wright, Suzy Buehrle, Linda Sparkman, Bob Fisher, Barbara Abel, Dalton Abel
FRIENDS AND FAMILY: David Fertitta, George Busceme, Judy and Charlie Monaghan, Shirley Owens, Florence Brandshaw, Rachel Edwards, Pat Davenport, Haywood Walker, Pamela Humphrey, Janet Dexter, Alison Berry Low, Kenna Gordon, Tenisha Humphrey, Jacob Walton, Madeline Johnson, Erika Russell, Mary Kennedy, Thomas Fisher, Jack Dillard, Erin Lenhart, Janie Niederstadt Verderame

ST. ANDREW'S CALENDAR

Sunday, September 7, 2025

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

Monday September 8, 2025

5:00PM Day School Board
5:30PM Strings After School
6:00PM GT Square Dancers

Tuesday, September 9, 2025

5:30PM Finance and Property
5:30PM Stings After School

Wednesday, September 10, 2025

8:15AM SOP
4:30PM Mission & Evangelism
5:30PM AA Group Meeting
6:00PM Handbell Rehearsal
6:30PM Worship Team

Thursday September 11, 2025

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

Friday, September 12, 2025

OFFICE CLOSED

Sunday, September 14, 2025

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

CHURCH STAFF

Tara Thompson, Pastor
Thomas Furlow, Music Director
Tori Armstrong, Day School Director
Rachel Stiles, Admin Assistant/Organist
Joyce Stillwell, Admin Assistant
Katrina Strong, Custodian
Victoria Wilkins, Admin Assistant
Patricia Williamson, Pianist

Hours: Monday - Thursday, 8:30AM - 4:30PM
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