

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 14, 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.*)

Merciful God, make us glad in our salvation so that we may share this Good News with friends and neighbors and with all the world, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRELUDE

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

ST. COLUMBA

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: God calls 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 together.

† **HYMN INSERT**

Come, We That Love the Lord

ST. THOMAS

Come, we that love the Lord, and let our joys be know;
Join in a song with sweet accord, and thus surround the throne.

Let those refuse to sing who never knew our God;
But children of the heavenly King may speak their joys abroad.

The hill of Zion yields a thousand sacred sweets;
Before we reach the heavenly fields, or walk the golden streets.

Then let our songs abound, and every tear be dry;
We're marching through Emmanuel's ground, to fairer worlds on high.

† INVITATION TO CONFESSION

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we want to believe that we have been good and faithful disciples, following Your way. But we know deep in our hearts the many ways we have turned away from You and rejected Your will for us. Like our ancestors in the wilderness, we create idols for ourselves and worship them, only to discover their shallowness and emptiness in our lives. Lord, help us to be open to Your will for our lives. Give us the perseverance and courage to follow through. Merciful God, heal us from our wayward actions and attitudes.

† 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

Should One Sheep Go Astray

by Christoher D. Hogan

Should one sheep go astray, would its shepherd go searching?
Does a newborn find peace in her sweet mother's arms?
As with God, we are the treasure God loves.

Would affection bring joy to an elder neglected?
Or a man whose mistakes find him lost and afraid?
As with God, we are the treasure God loves.

One who would never deceive you, stand by your side through travail;
The time that you spend with such a friend: precious, faithful, love.

If you had one more day you could spend with your family,
Could you share enough love before time disappeared?
As with God, we are the treasure God loves.

Should one sheep go astray, would its shepherd go searching?
And if all who you cherish could share endless life?
As with God, we are the treasure God loves.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 15:1-10

Pew Bible p. 898
Large Print p. 1591-1592

SERMON

Lost and Found

† HYMN 387

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

BRADBURY

Savior, like a shepherd lead us, Much we need Thy tender care;
In Thy pleasant pastures feed us, For our use Thy folds prepare:
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Thou hast bought us, Thine we are;
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Thou hast bought us, Thine we are.

Thou hast promised to receive us, Poor and sinful though we be;
Thou hast mercy to relieve us, Grace to cleanse and power to free:

Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Early let us turn to Thee;
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Early let us turn to Thee.

Early let us seek Thy favor; Early let us do Thy will;
Blessed Lord and only Savior, With Thy love our bosoms fill:
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Thou hast loved us, love us still;
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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 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!

† 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

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

KINGSFOLD

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.

We will collect the **PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN THANK OFFERING** TODAY. Since 1888, this offering has supported missions in the United States and abroad. To learn more, visit presbyterianwomen.org/thank.

For all volunteers working with children and youth, mandatory **SAFE SANCTUARY TRAINING** will immediately follow worship TODAY.

HYMN FEST is TODAY at 5pm at Trinity UMC. Come hear and sing your favorite hymns played by your favorite organists and sung by various choirs, including St. Andrew's. Admission is free.

The **2025-2026 PW BIBLE STUDY** starts on Tuesday, September 23, at 10:00AM in the Parlor. Join us as we begin our fall study.

St. Andrew's Prayer List

MEMBERS: Peg Towers, Suzy Buehrle, Linda Sparkman, Bob Fisher, Barbara Abel, Dalton Abel

FRIENDS AND FAMILY: Quinn Long, 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 14, 2025

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

Monday, September 15, 2025

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

Tuesday, September 16, 2025

5:30PM Strings After School
6:30PM Session

Wednesday, September 17, 2025

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

Thursday, September 18, 2025

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

Friday, September 19, 2025

OFFICE CLOSED

Sunday, September 21, 2025

PIRATE SUNDAY

9:15AM Sunday School
10:30AM Worship
11:45AM Choir Rehearsal
11:45AM Church Luncheon
12:30PM Elder Training
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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