

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 21, 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.*)

God, fill our hearts with Your praise and lead us in holiness and righteousness in this hour and in the hours to come. We ask it in Jesus' name. Amen.

PRELUDE

The Keel Row

arr. P. Grainger & P. Ould

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 beyond our wildest imagination.

All: Let us praise the name of the Lord for all we have been given!

† **HYMN 422**

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

BEACH SPRING

God, whose giving knows no ending, from Your rich and endless store,
Nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, costly cross, grave's shattered door:
Gifted by You, we turn to You, offering up ourselves in praise;
Thankful song shall rise forever, gracious donor of our days.

Skills and time are ours for pressing toward the goals of Christ, Your Son:
All at peace in health and freedom, races joined, the church made one.
Now direct our daily labor, lest we strive for self alone;
Born with talents, make us servants fit to answer at Your Throne.

Treasure too You have entrusted, gain through powers Your grace conferred;
Ours to use for home and kindred, and to spread the gospel Word.

Open wide our hands in sharing, as we heed Christ's ageless call,
Healing, teaching, and reclaiming, serving You by loving all.

† INVITATION TO CONFESSION

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord of Creation, we confess that we have squandered Your gifts and used them as if they had been given for us alone. We want to have our cake and eat it, too; we want to be a friend of the world and still be Your friend. Yet, You taught us, Jesus, that no one can serve two masters. Forgive us, we pray. Give us strength and courage to get our priorities straight. Help us to seek Your kingdom first. Help us to live faithfully and joyfully in the world, and to be friends with the people You call us to serve. Help us also to remember that our best relationship is the one we have with You.

† 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

A Life of Sacrifice

by P. Mock and F. Lopez

I place no value on anything I possess, but for God's kingdom and His own righteousness;
And all I choose to keep or give away is for the glory of the One who rules and reigns.

For Christ the God-Man, laid everything down for me; in love He suffered in great humility.
He laid aside His claim to heavenly home, and took on human flesh that I might be His own.

For He who knew no sin bore my sin, and He who knew no shame bore my shame.
As Christ was servant to His Father, I bow before my King;
A life of sacrifice is the offering that I bring.

The light of Jesus has opened my eyes to see, my greatest treasure, the One who set me free;
And all I have, I count it all as loss, compared to knowing Christ and the power of His cross!

God has exalted Him to the highest place, His name above all names, deserving endless praise!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 16:1-15

Pew Bible p. 899
Large Print p. 1593-1594

SERMON

Jesus and the Swindler

† HYMN STF 2065

More Precious than Silver

DESHAZO

Lord, You are more precious than silver. Lord, You are more precious than gold.
Lord, You are more beautiful than diamonds, And nothing I desire compares to You.

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 392

Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord

HALL

Take Thou our minds, dear Lord, we humbly pray;
Give us the mind of Christ each passing day;
Teach us to know the truth that sets us free;
Grant us in all our thoughts to honor Thee.

Take Thou our hearts, O Christ, they are Thine own;
Come Thou within our souls and claim Thy throne;
Help us to shed abroad Thy deathless love;
Use us to make the earth like heaven above.

Take Thou our wills, Most High! Hold Thou full sway;
Have in our inmost souls Thy perfect way;
Guard Thou each sacred hour from selfish ease;
Guide Thou our ordered lives as Thou dost please.

Take Thou ourselves, O Lord, heart, mind, and will;
Through our surrendered souls Thy plans fulfill.
We yield ourselves to Thee: time, talents, all;
We hear, and henceforth heed, Thy sovereign call.

† 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

Peaceful Harbor

by Dallas Holm

We thank Jacob Furlow (violin) for sharing his gift of music with us today.

The chancel flowers today were given to the glory of God and in memory of our parents by Stan and Diane Ruth.

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.

TODAY is our **5TH ANNUAL PIRATE SUNDAY!** Following worship, join us for a lunch of gumbo, rice, coleslaw, bread, banana pudding, and ginger cookies.

The **2025-2026 PW BIBLE STUDY** starts on Tuesday, September 23, at 10:00AM in the Parlor.

There will be a **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** on September 28, immediately following worship. The purpose of the meeting is to hear and act on the report of the Nominating Committee to fill a vacancy for the Trustee class of 2027.

BOOK CLUB will gather in the parlor on October 2 at 1:00PM to discuss our spooks and thrills reads.

MEN'S BREAKFAST is meeting in the parlor on October 3 at 7:00AM for food, fellowship, and a short devotional.

We will collect the **PCUSA PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING** on Sunday, October 5. This offering enables the church to promote the Peace of Christ.

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, Charlie Monaghan, Judy 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 21, 2025

PIRATE SUNDAY

9:15AM Sunday School
10:30AM Worship
11:45AM Church Luncheon
12:00PM Choir Rehearsal
12:30PM Elder Training
3:00PM Boy Scouts

Monday, September 22, 2025

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

Tuesday, September 23, 2025

10:00AM PW Bible Study
5:30PM Strings After School

Wednesday, September 24, 2025

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

Thursday, September 25, 2025

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

Friday, September 26, 2025

OFFICE CLOSED

Sunday, September 28, 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, Organist
Joyce Stillwell, Admin Assistant
Katrina Strong, Custodian
Victoria Wilkins, Admin Assistant
Patricia Williamson, Accompanist

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