

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 28, 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.*)

Loving God, strengthen us today to pursue all righteousness, godliness, and love with perseverance and gentleness, that we may grasp the life that is truly life. Amen.

PRELUDE

Violin Sonata No. 36 in F Major, I. Andante cantabile

by Mozart

LIFE AT ST. ANDREW'S

† **CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: When we stand at the edge of fear and worry,

Many: God invites us to step into the waters of faith and trust.

One: When we stand at the edge of the world's pain and need,

Many: Jesus invites us to step into the land of humble service.

One: When we stand at the edge of our hunger and thirst,

Many: The Spirit invites us to sit at the table of grace.

All: Let us praise God Almighty both now and forevermore!

† **HYMN 414**

As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought

FOREST GREEN

As those of old their firstfruits brought of vineyard, flock, and field,
To God, the giver of all good, the source of bounteous yield,
So we today our firstfruits bring, the wealth of this good land:
Of farm and market, shop and home, of mind and heart and hand.

A world in need now summons us to labor, love, and give,
To make our life an offering to God that all may live.
The church of Christ is calling us to make the dream come true:
A world redeemed by Christ-like love, all life in Christ made new.

With gratitude and humble trust we bring our best to You,
Not just to serve Your cause, but share Your love with neighbors too.
O God who gave Yourself to us in Jesus Christ Your Son,
Help us to give ourselves each day until life's work is done.

† INVITATION TO CONFESSION

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we need to confess how often we are not content with the simple gifts and lives You provide. Tempted by everything, we can become insensitive to those who have nothing. Encouraged by the world to accumulate more, we may overlook the chance to gather Your goodness and godliness. Chasing after all that has no value, we may not have the energy to pursue the faith, love, and gentleness You have for us. Forgive our weakness and teach us again to know the contentment of having enough and sharing not only from our riches but also from our poverty to the glory of 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

Let Me Be

by Heather Sorenson

Let me be Your silence, let me be Your shout.
Let me be Your riches, where poverty cries out.
Let me be Your ocean that brings the waves of change;
The tiny cloud in desert drought that brings the pouring rain.

Let me be the weakness that shows Your strength so clear,
Let me be Your whisper shouting grace for all to hear.
Let me be Your stillness that moves peace in place of doubt.
So let me be Your silence, let me be Your shout.
Let me be the grace of God.

Let me be the quill and ink of words You've yet to pen,
Let me be Your bread that feeds the hungry souls of men.
Let me be Your rushing wind that cools the blistered heart.
Let me be the canvas on which anguish turns to art.
Let me be the grace of God.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 Timothy 6:6-19

Pew Bible p. 1025-1026
Large Print p. 1808-1809

SERMON

Cost of Living

† HYMN 428

We Give Thee but Thine Own

SCHUMANN

We give Thee but Thine own, whate'er the gift may be; All that we have is Thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from Thee.

May we Thy bounties thus as stewards true receive, and gladly, as Thou blessest us, to Thee our firstfruits give.

To comfort and to bless, to find a balm for woe, to tend the lonely in distress, is angels' work below.

The captive to release, to God the lost to bring, to teach the way of life and peace—it is a Christ-like thing.

And we believe Thy word, though dim our faith may be; whate'er for Thine we do, O Lord, we do it unto Thee.

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 391

Take My Life

HENDON

Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee.
Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise, let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of Thy love.
Take my feet, and let them be swift and beautiful for Thee, swift and beautiful for Thee.

Take my voice, and let me sing, always, only, for my King.
Take my lips, and let them be filled with messages from Thee, filled with messages from Thee.

Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold;
Take my intellect, and use every power as Thou shalt choose, every power as Thou shalt choose.

Take my will, and make it Thine; it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is Thine own; it shall be Thy royal throne, it shall be Thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour, at Thy feet its treasure store.
Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for Thee, ever, only, all for Thee.

† 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

Concerto No. 3 in F Major, Op. 8, "Autumn," III. Allegro

by Vivaldi

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

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.

There will be a **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** TODAY, 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: Bruce Williams, Ron Williamson, 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 28, 2025

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

Monday, September 29, 2025

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

Tuesday, September 30, 2025

- 5:30PM Strings After School

Wednesday, October 1, 2025

- 9:30AM Day School Chapel
- 4:30PM Mission & Evangelism
- 5:30PM AA Group Meeting
- 5:30PM Handbell Rehearsal

Thursday, October 2, 2025

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

Friday, October 3, 2025

- OFFICE CLOSED
- 7:00AM Men's Breakfast

Sunday, October 5, 2025

- WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY
- 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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