

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.

October 12, 2025

Scottish Sunday

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 time of worship, write Your ways on our hearts, shape us by Your Spirit, and send us out in Jesus's name. Amen.

PRELUDE

Chorale Prelude on Crimond

by Alec Rowley

LIFE AT ST. ANDREW'S

† **PROCESSIONAL**

Scotland the Brave

Traditional Scottish

† **CALL TO WORSHIP**

based on Genesis 32:22-31

One: We gather here in anticipation,

Many: Seeking an encounter with our Holy God,

One: Who comes among us when we least expect it,

Many: Who invites us to wrestle with our questions and doubts,

One: Who richly blesses us,

Many: And calls us each by name.

All: Let us worship the God who gathers us!

† **HYMN 384**

O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go

ST. MARGARET

O love that wilt not let me go, I rest my weary soul in Thee;

I give Thee back the life I owe, That in Thine ocean depths its flow, May richer, fuller be.

O light that followest all my way, I yield my flickering torch to Thee;

My heart restores its borrowed ray, That in Thy sunshine's blaze its day, May brighter, fairer be.

O joy that seekest me through pain, I cannot close my heart to Thee;

I trace the rainbow through the rain, And feel the promise is not vain, That morn shall tearless be.

O cross that liftest up my head, I dare not ask to fly from Thee;
I lay in dust life's glory dead, And from the ground there blossoms red, Life that shall endless be.

† INVITATION TO CONFESSION

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION

from *Book of Common Order, Church of Scotland*

We confess our sins to You, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Compassionate God of life, Your kindly pardon give: for our careless talk, our broken oath, our empty speech; for all that we have left undone, for all that we have done amiss. As we receive the word and knowledge of Your forgiveness, enshield us, encircle us, each day and each night. Uphold us, be our treasure, our triumph everlasting; strong Son of God Most High.

† 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 Encouragement of Faith

by Joseph M. Martin

We are surrounded by a glorious cloud of witnesses.
We are astounded by our legacy of faith.
We are surrounded by a glorious cloud of witnesses.
We embrace their challenge. We will run the race.
We will run and not grow weary, for we are strengthened by God's grace.

Now may the church stand faithful, true, and strong.
Let us defend the faith and work to right the wrong.
Let us be grateful.
Let us be faithful,
Till all the world joins in the song.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Genesis 32:22-31

Pew Bible p. 29
Large Print p. 49

SERMON

The Struggle Is Real!

† HYMN STF 2130

The Summons

KELVINGROVE

Will you come and follow Me if I but call your name? Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?
Will you let My love be shown, will you let My name be known, Will you let My life be grown in you and you in Me?

Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name? Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare? Will you let Me answer prayer in you and you in Me?

Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name? Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen, And admit to what I mean in you and you in Me?

Will you love the “you” you hide if I but call your name? Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you’ve found to reshape the world around,
Through My sight and touch and sound in you and you in Me?

Lord, Your summons echoes true when You but call my name. Let me turn and follow You and never be the same.
In your company I’ll go where Your love and footsteps show. Thus I’ll move and live and grow in You and You in me.

BLESSING OF THE TARTANS

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 307

Fight the Good Fight

DUKE STREET

Fight the good fight with all thy might; Christ is thy strength and Christ thy right;
Lay hold on life, and it shall be Thy joy and crown eternally.

Run the straight race through God’s good grace, lift up thine eyes, and seek Christ’s face;
Life with its way before us lies, Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.

Cast care aside, lean on thy guide; God’s boundless mercy will provide;
Trust, and thy trusting soul shall prove Christ is its life, and Christ its love.

Faint not nor fear, God’s arms are near; God changeth not, and thou art dear;
Only believe, and thou shalt see that Christ is all in all to Thee.

† BENEDICTION

† SENDING SONG

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.

RECESSIONAL

Highland Cathedral

arr. James Wetherald

We thank Ethan Williamson (trumpet) and Jeff Courts (bagpipes)
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 her mother, Lillie Neal Shepherd, on her birthday by Becky Ford.

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 SCOTTISH SUNDAY! We will enjoy a lunch of beef stew, rolls, and shortbread and Highland Games following worship.

A **NEW MEMBERS CLASS** will be held on Sunday, October 19, at 12:00PM in the Parlor. Attending does not commit you to joining. Lunch is provided. Please RSVP to the Church Office by Thursday, October 16.

The **BEAUMONT CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN GUILD OF ORGANISTS** presents Organ in Autumn at 4:00PM on Sunday, October 26, at St. Andrew's. Come enjoy local organists' performances. This family-friendly event is free and open to the public. Join us for light refreshments afterwards.

We will host a **TRUNK OR TREAT AT MARSHALL MIDDLE SCHOOL** on October 30 at 5PM. We need volunteers to host and decorate a trunk, and seek donations of candy and individually packaged snacks. Please drop these items off in the marked bins at the church office.

St. Andrew's Prayer List

MEMBERS: Wes Culbertson, John Pember, Peg Towers, Suzy Buehrle, Linda Sparkman, Bob Fisher, Barbara Abel, Dalton Abel

FRIENDS AND FAMILY: Family of Salina "Sally" Pitts Gieseke, Jean Williamson, Bruce Williams, Ron Williamson, 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, October 12, 2025

SCOTTISH SUNDAY

- 9:15AM Sunday School
- 10:30AM Worship
- 11:30AM Luncheon
- 12:00PM Choir Rehearsal
- 3:00PM Boy Scouts

Monday, October 13, 2025

- 12:00PM Rainbow Room
- 5:30PM Strings After School
- 6:00PM GT Square Dancers

Tuesday, October 14, 2025

- 5:30PM Strings After School
- 5:30PM Finance and Property

Wednesday, October 15, 2025

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

Thursday, October 16, 2025

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

Friday, October 17, 2025

OFFICE CLOSED

Sunday, October 19, 2025

- 9:15AM Sunday School
- 10:30AM Worship
- 11:45AM Choir Rehearsal
- 12:00PM New Members Class
- 12:00PM Deacons Meeting
- 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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