

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 19, 2025

Commitment 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.*)

Thank You, Jesus, for the opportunities we will have today to glorify You in our words and actions. Be present among us as we worship You and open ourselves to Your Word. Amen.

PRELUDE

We Plow the Fields and Scatter

WIR PFLÜGEN

LIFE AT ST. ANDREW'S

† **CALL TO WORSHIP**

based on Jeremiah 29:1-7

One: We are urged to live a life that is full – to build, plant, love, and multiply,

Many: To pray for our communities and keep God in the center of all that is.

One: We begin our worship today with hope in our hearts,

Many: For here we are reminded that we can live as God desires.

All: Come, let us worship our God who promises to be faithful to us!

† **HYMN 413**

All Who Love and Serve Your City

CHARLESTOWN

All who love and serve your city, All who bear its daily stress,
All who cry for peace and justice, All who curse and all who bless:

In your day of wealth and plenty, Wasted work and wasted play,
Call to mind the word of Jesus, "You must work while it is day."

For all days are days of judgment, And the Lord is waiting still,
Drawing near a world that spurns Him, Offering peace from Calvary's hill.

Risen Lord, shall yet the city be the city of despair?
Come today, our judge, our glory. Be its name "The Lord is there!"

† INVITATION TO CONFESSION

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of grace, we confess our ingratitude for all You have done for us, our impatience when prayers seem unanswered, our selfishness when called to give or share, and our unfaithfulness when we stray from Your way. In Your infinite mercy, forgive us our sins and guide us back onto the path of true righteousness so we can experience the joy of our salvation as we seek the well-being of the world around us.

† 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

We Give Thee but Thine Own

by Neil Harmon

We give Thee but Thine own, whate'er the gift may be;
For all 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 lone and fatherless is angel's work below.

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Jeremiah 29:1-7

Pew Bible p. 676
Large Print p. 1190

SERMON

Standard of Giving

† 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.

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.

† UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Lord, receive these offerings, not because they're anything special, but because generosity is part of the work You have given us to do. Make us, as well as these gifts, offerings of Good News and signs of Your power to reconcile and redeem. Also, may our commitments for 2026 reflect our desire to see Your Kingdom unfold before us. We pray that they represent the best we have to offer, our pledge to keep You and the Gospel as our first priority, and a reflection of our trust in You for all things. Bless these intentions that they might become ministry and mission in our midst. We ask this in the name of Christ. Amen.

† HYMN 276

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father, There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not; As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

Refrain: Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!

Morning by morning new mercies I see; all I have needed Thy hand hath provided;
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest, Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above,
Join with all nature in manifold witness To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside.

† 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.

POSTLUDE

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

ELLACOMBE

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.

DEACON TRAINING is October 26 from 1PM to 4PM.

The **2025-2026 PW BIBLE STUDY** continues on Tuesday, October 28, at 10:00AM in the parlor with Lesson Two: Mary "of a Certain Village." We will assemble Kindness Kits directly following the study.

Pastor Tara will host a **SOUP SUPPER SOCIAL** November 2 beginning at 5PM for SAPC volunteers and their families in appreciation for their hard work this year. Please RSVP to the Church Office by October 29.

St. Andrew's Prayer List

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

FRIENDS AND FAMILY: Bruce Williams, Family of Salina "Sally" Pitts Gieseke, Jean and 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, 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

Monday, October 20, 2025

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

Tuesday, October 21, 2025

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

Wednesday, October 22, 2025

9:30AM Day School Chapel
5:30PM AA Group Meeting
5:30PM Handbell Rehearsal
6:30PM Personnel Team

Thursday, October 23, 2025

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

Friday, October 24, 2025

OFFICE CLOSED

Sunday, October 26, 2025

9:15AM Sunday School
10:30AM Worship
11:45AM Choir Rehearsal
1:00PM Deacon Training
3:00PM Boy Scouts
4:00PM Organ Recital
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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