

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 26, 2025

Reformation 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.*)

God of Hosts, we ask that You continue to use Your Word to reform our lives and our churches, stirring up a deep hunger for Scripture and a profound appreciation for Your grace in Christ Jesus, our Savior. Amen.

PRELUDE

Meditation on "Thy Strong Word"

EBENEZER

LIFE AT ST. ANDREW'S

† **CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Let us start by reminding ourselves that it is not we who chose Christ,

Many: But Christ who chose us.

One: We are not here because of our goodness,

Many: But because of Christ's grace.

One: We are not here to enlighten ourselves,

Many: But to allow Christ to enlighten us.

One: We have not come to be entertained,

Many: But to worship God with heart, soul, mind, and strength.

All: Come, let us worship the Lord!

† **HYMN 220**

All People That on Earth Do Dwell

OLD HUNDREDTH

All people that on earth do dwell, Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;
Him serve with mirth, His praise forth tell, Come ye before Him and rejoice.

Know that the Lord is God indeed; Without our aid He did us make;
We are His folk, He doth us feed, And for His sheep He doth us take.

O enter then His gates with praise, Approach with joy His courts unto;
Praise, laud, and bless His name always, For it is seemly so to do.

For why? The Lord our God is good, His mercy is forever sure;
His truth at all times firmly stood, And shall from age to age endure.

† INVITATION TO CONFESSION

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, all that we have and all that we are come from You, yet we prefer to focus on what we have done to justify ourselves. We count all that we have done to earn Your love rather than confess our need for Your grace and mercy. We confess that we try to measure our faithfulness by comparing ourselves with others. We point out the shortcomings of others rather than examine our own waywardness. Forgive us and guide us in the fullness of Your life found in Jesus Christ, our Lord.

† 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

Be Thou My Vision

by Heather Sorenson

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart. Naught be all else to me save that Thou art.
Thou my best thought, by day or by night, Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light, You shine in the night.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise. Thou mine inheritance, now and always.
Thou and Thou only, the first in my heart, Thou and Thou only, my treasure Thou art.

Blessed Redeemer, my treasure Thou art!

High King of heaven, my victory won! May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, Still be my vision, still be my light.
Be Thou my Light when I walk through the night.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 18:9-14

Pew Bible p. 901
Large Print p. 1597

SERMON

Good Guys, Bad Guys, and Us Guys

† HYMN INSERT

At Calvary

CALVARY

Years I spent in vanity and pride, Caring not my Lord was crucified,
Knowing not it was for me He died on Calvary.

Refrain: Mercy there was great and grace was free,
Pardon there was multiplied to me,
There my burdened soul found liberty at Calvary.

By God's Word at last my sin I learned; Then I trembled at the law I'd spurned,
Till my guilty soul imploring turned to Calvary.

Now I've giv'n to Jesus ev'rything, Now I gladly own Him as my King,
Now my raptured soul can only sing of Calvary.

Oh, the love that drew salvation's plan! Oh, the grace that bro't it down to man!
Oh, the mighty gulf that God did span at Calvary.

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

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† 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 260

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

EIN' FESTE BURG

A mighty fortress is our God, A bulwark never failing; Our helper He amid the flood Of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe Doth seek to work us woe; His craft and power are great, And, armed with cruel hate,
On earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, Our striving would be losing;
Were not the right Man on our side, The Man of God's own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is He, Lord Sabaoth His name, from age to age the same,
And He must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled, Should threaten to undo us,
We will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to triumph through us.
The prince of darkness grim, We tremble not for him; His rage we can endure, For lo! his doom is sure,
One little word shall fell him.

That word above all earthly powers, No thanks to them, abideth;
The Spirit and the gifts are ours Through Him who with us sideth;
Let goods and kindred go, This mortal life also; The body they may kill, God's truth abideth still,
His kingdom is forever.

† 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

Toccata on "Thy Strong Word"

EBENEZER

We thank Jacob Furlow (violin), Martha Giarratano (cello), and Mason Hendrix (oboe)
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 our parents,
Henry and Elizabeth Creeger by Elizabeth Petit and Margaret Hamilton.

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.

The **BEAUMONT CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN GUILD OF ORGANISTS** presents *Organ in Autumn* at 4:00PM TODAY. Come enjoy local organists' performances. It is free and open to the public. Join us for light refreshments afterwards in the parlor.

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** on November 2 beginning at 5PM for SAPC volunteers and their families. On the menu this year is: Pumpkin Apple Bisque, Chicken Corn Chowder, Pumpkin Chili, and Pierogi, Kale, & Sausage Soup.

St. Andrew's is hosting a **LIFESHARE BLOOD DRIVE** on Wednesday, November 5, at 4PM in the Fellowship Hall.

St. Andrew's Prayer List

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

FRIENDS AND FAMILY: Elle Siekman, Bruce Williams, 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 26, 2025

REFORMATION SUNDAY

- 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

Monday, October 27, 2025

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

Tuesday, October 28, 2025

- 10:00AM PW Bible Study
- 11:00AM Assemble Kindness Kits
- 5:30PM Strings After School

Wednesday, October 29, 2025

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

Thursday, October 30, 2025

- 8:30AM MOW Cooks
- 10:00AM MOW Delivers
- 4:30PM Foundation Meeting
- 6:00PM GTHE Rehearsal

Friday, October 31, 2025

OFFICE CLOSED

Sunday, November 2, 2025

- 9:15AM Sunday School
- 10:30AM Worship
- 11:45AM Choir Rehearsal
- 3:00PM Boy Scouts
- 5:00PM Soup Supper Social

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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