

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.

November 16, 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, send Your Spirit in our time of worship so we might dream Your dreams and see visions of the world as You created it to be. Guide us closer to do Your will. Amen.

PRELUDE

Fairest Lord Jesus

arr. Anna Laura Page

LIFE AT ST. ANDREW'S

† **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Isaiah 12:5-6

One: Sing praises to God on high, for glorious are God's works.

Many: Sing praises to the ends of the earth.

One: Shout and sing for joy, people of God.

Many: Great is the Holy One in our midst.

All: Blessed is the One who dwells among us.

† **HYMN 483**

Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above

MIT FREUDEN ZART

Sing praise to God, who reigns above, The God of all creation,

The God of power, the God of love, The God of our salvation;

With healing balm my soul is filled, And every faithless murmur stilled: To God all praise and Glory!

What God's almighty power hath made, God's gracious mercy keepeth;

By morning glow or evening shade God's watchful eye ne'er sleepeth;

Within the kingdom of God's might, Lo! All is just and all is right: To God all praise and Glory!

The Lord is never far away, But through all grief distressing,

An ever present help and stay, Our peace, and joy, and blessings;

As with a mother's tender hand, God gently leads the chosen band: To God all praise and Glory!

Thus all my gladsome way along, I sing aloud Thy praises

That all may hear the grateful song My voice unwearied raises.

Be joyful in the Lord, my heart, Both soul and body take your part: To God all praise and Glory!

† INVITATION TO CONFESSION

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, we hear Your promises of a new day of joy and peace, and we are skeptical. We expect things to go on the same as they always have, from bad to worse. The past will keep us guilty, the future will make us afraid, and the present will burden us with too little time and too much to do. Forgive our lack of faith, our quickness to believe that You do not hear us and our pessimism about tomorrow. Do a new thing in our hearts and let us be glad and rejoice in Your abundant care.

† 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

Great Creator

by Karen Marrolli

Great Creator, ever speaking, teach us You are weaving, still,
Painting heaven in its newness, sculpting earth with finest skill.
What has come before will vanish as the night fades into morn,
Bringing daylight into darkness: heaven and earth will be reborn.

Great Creator, ever listening to our prayers and to our plight,
Write in us Your new creation, when our weeping turns to sight.
Let us see the daylight dawning, when the wolf lies with the lamb,
When all people join their voices, singing of the Great I AM.

Jerusalem, our happy home, when shall we come to thee?
When shall our sorrows have an end? When shall your joys we see?

Great Creator, ever moving over wind and over wave,
Let our restless hearts find comfort in the call to love and save.
Great Creator, as we wait here for the glorious rebirth,
Use our hearts and hands in service; sculpt Your kingdom here on earth.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 65:17-25

Pew Bible p. 644-645
Large Print p. 1129-1130

SERMON

God Has a Dream

† HYMN INSERT

This Is a Day of New Beginnings

BEGINNINGS

This is a day of new beginnings, Time to remember and move on
Time to believe what love is bringing, Laying to rest the pain that's gone

For by the life and death of Jesus, Love's mighty Spirit now as then
Can make for us a world of difference As faith and hope are born again

Then let us with the Spirit's daring Step from the past and leave behind
Our disappointment guilt and grieving Seeking new paths and sure to find

Christ is alive and goes before us To show and share what love can do
This is a day of new beginnings Our God is making all things new

In faith we'll gather 'round the table To taste and share what love can do
This is a day of new beginnings our God is making all things new

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 INSERT

Did You Feel the Mountains Tremble?

by Martin Smith

Did you feel the mountains tremble, Did you hear the oceans roar,
When the people rose to sing of Jesus Christ the risen One?

Did you feel the people tremble, Did you hear the singers roar,
When the lost began to sing of Jesus Christ the saving One?

And we can see that God You're moving, A mighty river through the nations,
And young and old will turn to Jesus, Fling wide you heavenly gates,
Prepare the way of the risen Lord!

Chorus: Open up the doors and let the music play, Let the streets resound with singing,
Songs that bring Your hope, songs that bring Your joy,
Dancers who dance upon injustice.

Do you feel the darkness tremble, When all the saints join in one song,
And all the streams flow as one river to wash away our brokenness?

And here we see that God You're moving, A time of jubilee is coming,
When young and old return to Jesus, Fling wide you heavenly gates,
Prepare the way of the risen Lord!

† BENEDICTION

† SENDING SONG

When I Had Not Yet Learned of Jesus

EVENTIDE

To be God's servant in this earthly life, No matter if the task is great or small,
This is my charge: to witness faithfully, Strengthened by Christ who is my all in all.

POSTLUDE

Come, We That Love the Lord

ST. THOMAS

We thank St. Andrew's Handbells for sharing their gift of music with us in worship.

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.

PW BIBLE STUDY meets on Tuesday, November 18, at 10AM in the parlor, studying Lesson Three: Jesus Is Tested.

It's time to deck the halls! Join the SAPC family for **ADVENT DECORATING** November 23 at 4PM. Pizza, drinks, and cookies to follow.

The **CHURCH OFFICE CLOS**es at 12:30PM on November 26 and is closed for Thanksgiving, November 27.

If you would like to order Christmas flowers in honor or memory of loved ones, **POINSETTIA ORDER** forms can be found in the church office and online. The deadline for orders is December 11. Flowers are \$15 each.

St. Andrew's Prayer List

MEMBERS: Audrey Parigi, Bill Yoes, Bruce Partain, Howard Caywood, John Pember, Pat Richard, Suzy Buehrle, Linda Sparkman, Bobbie Weid, Bob Fisher, Barbara Abel, Dalton Abel

FRIENDS AND FAMILY: Patti Thomas, Elle Siekman, Bruce Williams, Jean and Ron Williamson, Quinn Long, David Fertitta, George Busceme, Charlie Monaghan, Judy Monaghan, Shirley Owens, Florence Brandshaw, Rachel Edwards, Haywood Walker, Pamela Humphrey, Janet Dexter, Alison Berry Low, Kenna Gordon, Tenisha Humphrey, Jacob Walton, Madeline Johnson, Mary Kennedy, Thomas Fisher, Jack Dillard, Erin Lenhart, Janie N. Verderame

St. Andrew's Calendar

Sunday, November 16, 2025

- 9:15AM Sunday School
- 10:30AM Worship
- 11:45AM Choir Rehearsal
- 12:00PM Deacons Meeting
- 3:00PM Boy Scouts
- 4:30PM Youth Group

Monday, November 17, 2025

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

Tuesday, November 18, 2025

- 10:00AM PW Bible Study
- 5:30PM Strings After School
- 6:30PM Session Meeting

Wednesday, November 19, 2025

- 11:00AM Day School Chapel & Thanksgiving Feast
- 5:30PM AA Group Meeting
- 5:30PM Handbell Rehearsal
- 5:30PM Board of Trustees

Thursday, November 20, 2025

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

Friday, November 21, 2025

OFFICE CLOSED

Sunday, November 23, 2025

- 9:15AM Sunday School
- 10:30AM Worship
- 11:45AM Choir Rehearsal
- 3:00PM Boy Scouts
- 4:00PM Advent Decorating

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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