

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



New Year, Same God

God of New Life

Matthew 3:13-17

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

*Please note that all text in **bold** is spoken in unison.*

† Worshipers are asked to stand in body or spirit.

January 11, 2026

Baptism of the Lord 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, You make old things pass away and declare new things to be. As I am renewed in my baptism this morning, help me to confirm my baptismal vows in my life today. Amen.

PRELUDE

Come Down, O Love Divine

DOWN AMPNEY

LIFE AT ST. ANDREW'S

† CALL TO WORSHIP

One: All who thirst, come to the water,

Many: And drink deeply of these living streams.

One: Come, all who are weary and who yearn for forgiveness.

Many: Our gracious God beckons and blesses us.

All: We will give praise for new life in Christ!

† HYMN 341

Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!

ASSURANCE

Blessed assurance, Jesus is Mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

Refrain: This is my story, this is my song, Praising my Savior all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song, Praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, perfect delight, Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
Angels, descending, bring from above, Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

Perfect submission, all is at rest, I in my Savior am happy and blest,
Watching and waiting, looking above, Filled with His goodness, lost in His love.

† INVITATION TO CONFESSION

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy and Beloved God, You call us by name, declaring us precious, honored, and loved. Yet we confess that we often fail to see ourselves as You see us. We confess that our love is fickle and inconsistent. Forgive us for the ways we resist Your refining love. Help us to live as those who are redeemed, sharing Your grace and mercy with a world longing to feel precious, honored, and loved. Remind us of Your boundless love and help us carry a portion of it within our hearts.

† 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

ANTHEM

Come to the Water

arr. Anna Laura Page

Come to the water, come refresh your spirit;
Come, find the righteousness of God.
Come, Holy Spirit, come work within us,
Renew our hearts forevermore.

Gracious Redeemer, how we long for grace divine;
Come, wash us with Your renewing power.
We long for Your touch, we long for Your peace.
Empower us, O Holy Lord.

Born through the water and the Holy Spirit,
We come in faith to proclaim Your Word.
Gracious Redeemer, strengthen our being,
Make us disciples of Your grace.

Thank You, O Father; guide us to Your will divine.
Help us to be the hands of Christ.
Guide us, O Father, give us the courage,
To walk the way that leads to You. Amen.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 3:13-17

Pew Bible p. 829
Large Print p. 1471

SERMON

God of New Life

† HYMN 72

When Jesus Came to Jordan

DE EERSTEN ZIJN DE LAATSTEN

When Jesus came to Jordan To be baptized by John,
He did not come for pardon, But as God's Holy One.

He came to share repentance With all who mourn their sins,
To speak the vital sentence With which good news begins.

He came to share temptation, Our utmost woe and loss;
For us and our salvation To die upon the cross.

So when the dove descended On Him, the Holy One,
The hidden years had ended, The age of grace begun.

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 492

Baptized in Water

BUNESSAN

Baptized in water, Sealed by the Spirit, Cleansed by the blood of Christ, our King;
Heirs of salvation, Trusting the promise, Faithfully now God's praises we sing.

Baptized in water, Sealed by the Spirit, Dead in the tomb with Christ, our King;
One with His rising, Freed and forgiven, Thankfully now God's praises we sing.

Baptized in water, Sealed by the Spirit, Marked with the sign of Christ, our King;
Born of the Spirit, We are God's children, Joyfully now God's praises we sing.

† BENEDICTION

† SENDING SONG

Yesterday, Today, Forever

arr. James H. Burke

Yesterday, today, forever, Jesus is the same;
All may change, but Jesus never; Glory to His name!
Glory to His name! Glory to His name!
All may change, but Jesus never; Glory to His name!

You are encouraged to sit and enjoy the postlude after the sending song.

POSTLUDE

Jesus Lives, and So Shall I

ZUVERSICHT

The chancel flowers today were given to the glory of God and in loving memory
of Thomas A. Thompson, Jr. (PopPop) by his granddaughter, Tara Thompson.

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.

Join us for a **CHURCH LUNCHEON** hosted by our very own Youth Group on Sunday, January 18, 2026 following worship. The menu is spaghetti and meatballs, salad, garlic bread, and cookies.

The **2025-2026 PW BIBLE STUDY** continues with Lesson 4 on Tuesday, January 27, at 10:00AM in the Parlor. Pastor Tara is leading the study.

FRESH FLOWERS can be given in the Sanctuary on Sunday mornings in memory or in honor of loved ones. A standard arrangement is \$80. If you would like to sponsor the Sunday morning chancel flowers, please contact the office or use the flower calendar outside the office.

St. Andrew's Prayer List

MEMBERS: Howard Caywood, Bob Fisher, Pat Richard, John Pember, Bobbie Weid, Suzy Buehrle, Barbara and Dalton Abel

FRIENDS AND FAMILY: James Chien, Jordy and Katherine Cagle, Family of Gladys Allen, Family of Jo Beth Haggard, Family of Dr. Cecil R. Glass, Family of Bev Patton, Bruce Williams, Jean and Ron Williamson, David Fertitta, George Busceme, Charlie and Judy Monaghan, Pat Davenport, Haywood Walker, Pamela Humphrey, Janet Dexter, Alison Berry Low, Tenisha Humphrey, Jacob Walton, Madeline Johnson, Erika Russell, Mary Kennedy, Jack Dillard, Erin Lenhart, Janie N. Verderame

St. Andrew's Calendar

Sunday, January 11, 2026

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

Monday, January 12, 2026

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

Tuesday, January 13, 2026

5:30PM	Strings After School
5:30PM	Finance & Property

Wednesday, January 14, 2026

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

Thursday, January 15, 2026

8:30AM	MOW Cooks
10:00AM	MOW Delivers
5:30PM	AA Group Meeting

Saturday, January 17, 2026

2:00PM	Youth in Kitchen
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Sunday, January 18, 2026

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

CHURCH STAFF

Tara Thompson, Pastor
Thomas Furlow, Music Director
Tori Armstrong, Day School Director
Rachel Stiles, Organist
Joyce Stillwell, Admin Assistant
Katrina Strong, Custodian
Patricia Williamson, Accompanist

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