

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

New Year, Same God

God of Freedom

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

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

† Worshipers are asked to stand in body or spirit.

February 15, 2026

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.*)

Loving God, as we come before You this morning, give us open hearts and open hands. Make us eager to hear Your voice and seek Your guidance. Amen.

PRELUDE

On Jordan's Stormy Banks

PROMISED LAND

LIFE AT ST. ANDREW'S

† CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Happy are those who follow the ways of the Lord.

Many: God's ways are just and merciful.

One: Those who follow God's ways are continually nourished in faith.

Many: In all that they do, they prosper.

One: Come, let us open our hearts to God's compassionate love.

Many: Let us celebrate God's mercy and justice.

All: Together, we will worship the One who enables us to thrive.

based on Psalm 1

† HYMN INSERT

To God Be the Glory

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

To God be the glory, great things He has done! So loved He the world that He gave us His Son.

Who yielded His life an atonement for sin. And opened the life-gate that all may go in.

Refrain: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the Earth hear His voice!

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the people rejoice!

O come to the Father through Jesus the Son. And give Him the glory; great things He has done!

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood, To ev'ry believer, the promise of God.

The vilest offender who truly believes, That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

Great things He has taught us, great things He has done. And great our rejoicing through Jesus, the Son.

But purer, and higher, and greater will be our wonder, Our transport, when Jesus we see.

† INVITATION TO CONFESSION

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, we have asked for Your righteous judgment against others, but we have not acknowledged the sin in our own lives. We have worshiped You with our lips but dishonored You with our actions. We have prayed for You to end the suffering in our world, yet we have not shown compassion and generosity toward others. Our religion has become a source of quarrels instead of a testimony to Your grace. Forgive our self-righteousness and grant us integrity of heart, so that we may shine forth the light of Your salvation, through 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

Broken Vessels

arr. Tim Paul

All these pieces, broken and scattered, In mercy gathered, mended and whole;
Empty-handed but not forsaken, I've been set free, I've been set free!

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound That saved a wretch like me!
Oh, I once was lost but now I'm found, Was blind, but now I see.

You take our failure, You take our weakness. You set Your treasure in jars of clay.
So take this heart, Lord; I'll be Your vessel, The world to see Your love in me.

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound That saved a wretch like me!
Oh, I once was lost but now I'm found, Was blind, but now I see.
Oh, I can see You now. I can see the love in Your eyes;
Laying Yourself down, raising up the broken to life.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Pew Bible p. 175
Large Print p. 291

SERMON

God of Freedom

† HYMN 283

God Marked a Line and Told the Sea

KEDRON

God marked a line and told the sea Its surging tides and waves were free,
To travel up the sloping strand But not to overtake the land.

God set one limit in the glade Where tempting, fruited branches swayed,
And that first limit stands behind The limits that the law defined.

The line, the limit, and the law Are patterns meant to help us draw,
A bound between what life requires And all the things our heart desires.

But, discontent with finite powers, We reach to take what is not ours,
And then defend our claim by force And swerve from life's intended course.

We are not free when we're confined To every wish that sweeps the mind,
But free when freely we accept The sacred bounds that must be kept .

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

If My People's Hearts Are Humbled

BEECHER

If My people's hearts are humbled, If they pray and seek My face;
If they turn away from evil, I will not withhold My grace.
I will hear their prayers from heaven; I will pardon every sin.
If My people's hearts are humbled, I will surely heal their land.

Then My eyes will see their sorrow, Then My ears will hear their plea.
If My people's hearts are humbled, I will set their nation free.
If My people's hearts are humbled, If they pray and seek My face;
If they turn away from evil, I will not withhold My grace.

† 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

Amazing Grace

NEW BRITAIN

The chancel flowers today were given to the glory of God and
in celebration of their 34th anniversary by Paul and 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.

Collection of non-perishable items for the **SOUPER BOWL OF CARING**, benefiting Some Other Place, will continue for the month of February. Bins are located in the Church Office area and Gladys Foyer.

Join us for a **MARDI GRAS CHURCH LUNCHEON TODAY** following the annual meeting. The menu is red beans and rice, maque choux, cornbread, and king cake.

Join us on **ASH WEDNESDAY**, February 18, at 7:00PM for worship. The service will include special music, communion, and the imposition of ashes.

The **TUESDAY EVENING GROUP** will meet in the Study, beginning February 24, at 6:30PM to discuss our church-wide Lenten Study, *24 Hours That Changed the World*. This group is ideal for adults who are unable to attend a Sunday morning class.

St. Andrew's Prayer List

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

FRIENDS AND FAMILY: Joyce Philen and her husband, Farrell Menard, Family of John Alexander, Frankye Riley, Roy Philp, Michael Crommert, David Fertitta, George Busceme, Charlie and Judy Monaghan, Bruce Williams, Jean and Ron Williamson, 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, February 15, 2026

9:15AM	Sunday School
10:30AM	Worship
11:30AM	Annual Meeting
11:45AM	Mardi Gras Lunch
12:00PM	Choir Rehearsal
12:45PM	Deacons Meeting
3:00PM	Boy Scouts

Monday, February 16, 2026

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

Tuesday, February 17, 2026

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

Wednesday, February 18, 2026

9:30AM	Day School Chapel
5:30PM	AA Group Meeting
5:30PM	Board of Trustees
7:00PM	Ash Wednesday Service

Thursday, February 19, 2026

8:30AM	MOW Cooks
10:00AM	MOW Delivers
6:00PM	AA Group Meeting
6:00PM	GTHE Rehearsal

Saturday, February 21, 2026

1:00PM	J Alexander Visitation
2:00PM	J Alexander Memorial

Sunday, February 22, 2026

9:15AM	Sunday School
10:30AM	Worship
11:45AM	Choir Rehearsal
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
Patricia Williamson, Accompanist