

# ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



## The Danger of Mockery Mark 15:16-24

### CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

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

† Worshipers are asked to stand in body or spirit.

March 22, 2026

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

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, You give the gift of new life each day. Open my heart to receive this grace so I can be wholly Yours, and give me the courage to share this gift wherever I go as I strive to walk in Your way of mercy, forgiveness, and newness of life. Amen.

**PRELUDE**

*How Deep the Father's Love for Us*

by Stuart Townend

**LIFE AT ST. ANDREW'S**

† **CALL TO WORSHIP**

based on 1 Kings 17:8-16

One: Confident in Your faithfulness, God,

**Many: We will ever praise Your name.**

One: Through the abundance of Your steadfast love,

**Many: You have gathered us into Your house.**

One: In the holiness of Your presence,

**Many: We bow down to worship and adore You.**

**All: Mighty God, we are gathered to worship You!**

† **HYMN INSERT**

*Hallelujah! What a Savior*

**HALLELUJAH! WHAT A SAVIOR**

Man of Sorrow! What a name for the Son of God,  
Who came ruined sinners to reclaim. Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Bearing shame and scoffing rude, In my place condemned He stood;  
Sealed my pardon with His blood. Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Guilty, vile, and helpless we; Spotless Lamb of God was He;  
Full atonement can it be? Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Lifted up was He to die; It is finished! Was His cry;  
Now in heaven exalted high. Hallelujah! What a Savior!

When He comes, our glorious King, All His ransomed home to bring,  
Then anew this song we'll sing: Hallelujah! What a Savior!

† INVITATION TO CONFESSION

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Purifying God, we grow comfortable with how things are in our lives, in the church, and in the world. We do not always welcome the new life You offer in Christ, for You challenge our ideas of power and protocol. Confident in our own righteousness, we are critical of others. Wanting to control our possessions, we hoard the gifts You give us. Forgive us, we pray, for seeking our own gain at others' expense. Help us turn our lives toward Your own life of self-giving and sacrifice. Fill us, our homes, our churches, and the whole world with the abundant love of Christ until all are made new.

† 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

*Via Dolorosa*

arr. David T. Clydesdale

Down the Via Dolorosa, in Jerusalem that day, The soldiers tried to clear the narrow street.  
But the crowd pressed in to see This Man condemned to die on Calvary.

He was bleeding from a beating, There were stripes upon His back,  
And He wore a crown of thorns upon His head. And He bore, with every step,  
The scorn of those who cried out for His death.

Down the Via Dolorosa, called "the way of suffering,"  
Like a lamb came the Messiah, Christ the King.  
But He chose to walk that road out of His love for you and me.  
Down the Via Dolorosa, all the way to Calvary.

Por la Vía Dolorosa, triste día en Jerusalém. Los soldados le abrian paso a Jesus.  
Mas la gente se acercaba Paraver al que llevaba aquella cruz.

Por la Vía Dolorosa, que es la vía del dolor Como oveja vino Cristo Rey, Señor.  
Y fue Él quien quiso ir por su amor por ti y por mi. Por la Vía Dolorosa al Calvario y a morir.

The blood that would cleanse the souls of all men Made its way through the heart of Jerusalem.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 15:16-24

Pew Bible p. 875  
Large Print p. 1552-1553

SERMON

The Danger of Mockery

† HYMN 98

*O Sacred Head, Now Wounded*

PASSION CHORALE

O sacred head, now wounded, With grief and shame weighed down;  
Now scornfully surrounded With thorns, Thine only crown;

O sacred head, what glory, What bliss till now was Thine!  
Yet, though despised and gory, I joy to call Thee mine.

What Thou, my Lord, hast suffered Was all for sinners' gain:  
Mine, mine was the transgression, But Thine the deadly pain.  
Lo, here I fall, my Savior! 'Tis I deserve Thy place;  
Look on me with Thy favor, Vouchsafe to me Thy grace.

What language shall I borrow To thank Thee, dearest friend,  
For this Thy dying sorrow, Thy pity without end?  
O make me Thine forever; And should I fainting be,  
Lord, let me never, never Outlive my love to Thee.

## 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 103

*Deep Were His Wounds, and Red*

MARLEE

Deep were His wounds, and red, On cruel Calvary,  
As on the cross He bled In bitter agony.  
But they whom sin has wounded sore Find healing in the wounds He bore.

He suffered shame and scorn And wretched, dire disgrace;  
Forsaken and forlorn, He hung there in our place.  
But all who would from sin be free Look to His cross for victory.

His life, His all, He gave When He was crucified;  
Our burdened souls to save, What fearful death He died!  
But each of us, though dead in sin, Through Christ eternal life may win.

### † BENEDICTION

### † SENDING SONG

*An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare*

O WALY WALY

No end there is! We depart in peace, He loves beyond the uttermost;  
In every room in our Father's house, Christ will be there, as Lord and Host.

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

### POSTLUDE

*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

HAMBURG

The chancel flowers today were given to the glory of God by Stan and Diane Ruth.

We thank Lauren Sanchez for sharing her gift of music with us today.

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.

Don't miss the **COMMUNITY LENTEN SERVICE** at 5:00PM TODAY hosted by First Christian Church. St. Andrew's, along with other choirs, will lead the music and an offering will be collected for Some Other Place. Light refreshments to follow. Nursery is available.

The **2025-2026 PW BIBLE STUDY** continues with Lesson 6 on Tuesday, March 24, at 10:00AM in the Parlor. Pastor Tara is leading the study. We are assembling kindness kits after the study. Hope you can join us!

**EASTER FLOWERS** are a beautiful way to honor or remember loved ones this Easter. Each plant is \$15.00, and you can pay for them in person or online. *Orders and payments are due by Thursday, March 26, 2026.*

St. Andrew's will collect the **ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING** on March 29, 2026. Donations are split between disaster assistance, hunger relief, and human development.

## St. Andrew's Prayer List

**MEMBERS:** Family of Tom Bell, Andy Loker, Becky Thompson, John Pember, Bob Fisher, Pat Richard, Bobbie Wied, Suzy Buehrle, Barbara and Dalton Abel

**FRIENDS AND FAMILY:** 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, March 22, 2026

- 9:15AM Sunday School
- 10:30AM Worship
- 11:30AM Fill Easter Baskets
- 11:45AM Choir Rehearsal
- 3:00PM Boy Scouts
- 4:30PM Youth Group
- 5:00PM Community Lenten Service

### Monday, March 23, 2026

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

### Tuesday, March 24, 2026

- 10:00AM PW Bible Study
- 5:30PM Strings After School
- 6:30PM Tuesday Group

### Wednesday, March 25, 2026

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

### Thursday, March 26, 2026

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

### Sunday, March 29, 2026

- 9:15AM Sunday School
- 10:30AM Worship
- 11:45AM Foundation Luncheon
- 11:45AM Choir Rehearsal
- 12:00PM Egg Hunt
- 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

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