

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Seat of Honor Mark 15:25-41

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

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

† Worshipers are asked to stand in body or spirit.

March 29, 2026

Passion 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.*)

Holy God, as we prepare to set aside our busyness and to focus intently on Jesus' suffering and death, we ask for eyes to see all the amazing things Jesus' death means for understanding You, Your love, and our salvation. Amen.

PRELUDE

LIFE AT ST. ANDREW'S

† **CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: We come to worship You, Jesus.

Many: We come with groans and whispers of hope in our hearts.

One: We come to remember Your sacrificial love for us.

Many: We come, trusting Your promises will be fulfilled.

All: We come to praise You for Your steadfast love.

† **HYMN 84**

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

RATHBUN

In the cross of Christ I glory, Towering o'er the wrecks of time;
All the light of sacred story Gathers round its head sublime.

When the woes of life o'ertake me, Hopes deceive, and fears annoy,
Never shall the cross forsake me: Lo! It glows with peace and joy.

When the sun of bliss is beaming Light and love upon my way,
From the cross the radiance streaming Adds more luster to the day.

Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure, By the cross are sanctified;
Peace is there that knows no measure, Joys that through all time abide.

† INVITATION TO CONFESSION

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, we know that we have let You down. Every day, we betray You, deny You, misunderstand You, and crucify You. We betray You when we act selfishly or are unkind. We deny You when we fail to speak out for justice and truth. We misunderstand You when we justify our actions by misquoting Your teachings. At the foot of the cross, we stand with all who have forgotten and forsaken You. Forgive us, Lamb of God, and fill us with the mercy, hope, and grace You poured out for us, as You gave Your life for the sins of the world.

† 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

Jesus Paid it All

arr. Robert Sterling

I hear the Savior say, Thy strength indeed is small,
Child of weakness, watch and pray, Find in Me thine all in all.

Jesus paid it all, All to Him I owe;
Sin had left a crimson stain, He washed it white as snow.

For nothing good have I Where-by Thy grace to claim;
I'll wash my garments white In the blood of Calv'ry's Lamb.
And when, before the throne, I stand in Him complete,
Jesus died my soul to save, My lips shall still repeat.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 15:25-41

Pew Bible p. 875-876
Large Print p. 1553-1554

SERMON

Seat of Honor

† HYMN 101

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

HAMBURG

When I survey the wondrous cross On which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss, And pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, Save in the death of Christ my God;
All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to His blood.

See, from His head, His hands, His feet, Sorrow and love flow mingled down;
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, Or thorns compose so rich a crown.
Were the whole realm of nature mine, That were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine, Demands my soul, my life, my all.

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 INSERT

At the Cross

HUDSON

Alas, and did my Savior bleed, And did my Sov'reign die?
Would He devote that sacred head For sinners such as I?

Refrain: At the cross, at the cross where I first saw the light,
And the burden of my heart rolled away,
It was there by faith I received my sight, And now I am happy all the day!

Was it for crimes that I had done He groaned upon the tree?
Amazing pity, grace unknown, And love beyond degree!

Well might the sun in darkness hide, And shut His glories in,
When Christ the mighty Maker died For man, the creature's sin.

Thus might I hide my blushing face While Calv'ry's cross appears,
Dissolve my heart in thankfulness, And melt mine eyes to tears.

But drops of grief can ne'er repay The debt of love I owe;
Here, Lord, I give myself away, 'Tis all that I can do.

† BENEDICTION

† SENDING SONG

An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare
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.

O WALY WALY

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

POSTLUDE

The chancel flowers today were given to the glory of God and
in loving memory of Suzy Champion by Mark Champion.

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.

We will collect the **ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING TODAY**. Donations are split between disaster assistance, hunger relief, and human development.

Join us TODAY after worship for lunch and an informative session on estate planning and charitable giving, **PROTECTING WHAT MATTERS**, presented by the St. Andrew's Foundation.

Also, children and youth are invited to a traditional **EGG HUNT** and games after lunch TODAY.

BOOK CLUB will meet on Thursday, April 2 at 1:00PM in the church parlor. We will discuss our classic reading selections.

FIRST FRIDAY MEN'S BREAKFAST WILL MEET on April 3, at 7:00AM! Join us for food, prayer, and a short devotion.

THE CHURCH OFFICE is closed on Monday, April 6.

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, 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 29, 2026

- 9:15AM Sunday School
- 10:30AM Worship
- 11:45AM Foundation Luncheon
- 12:00PM Egg Hunt
- 3:00PM Choir Rehearsal
- 3:00PM Boy Scouts
- 4:30PM Youth Group

Monday, March 30, 2026

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

Tuesday, March 31, 2026

- 5:30PM Strings After School
- 6:30PM Tuesday Group

Wednesday, April 1, 2026

- 8:15AM Soup Kitchen
- 9:30AM Day School Chapel
- 4:30PM Mission & Evangelism
- 5:30PM AA Group Meeting
- 5:30PM Handbell Rehearsal

Thursday, April 2, 2026

- 8:30AM MOW Cooks
- 10:00AM MOW Delivers
- 1:00PM Book Club
- 6:00PM AA Group Meeting
- 7:00PM Maundy Thursday Worship

Friday, April 3, 2026

- 7:00AM Men's Breakfast

Saturday, April 4, 2026

- 5:00PM Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, April 5, 2026

- 9:00AM Choir Rehearsal
- 9:30AM Easter Brunch
- 10:30AM Worship

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

Hours: Monday - Thursday, 8:30AM - 4:30PM
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