

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Jesus' Final Hours

Service of Scripture, Symbols, and Songs

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

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

† Worshipers are asked to stand in body or spirit.

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.

April 2, 2026

Maundy Thursday

7:00PM

PRAYER OF PREPARATION (*You are invited to pray this prayer in silence.*)

Come, Holy Spirit, source of all life. As we listen again to the story of the Passion of Christ, awaken our ears, open our hearts, and sustain the weary with Your Word. Amen.

PRELUDE

What Wondrous Love Is This

WONDROUS LOVE

† **CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Jesus' face turns toward the cross.

Many: Even if we wish to look away, we shall not.

One: We will watch what comes although our hearts may break.

Many: In the breaking, we shall be made whole.

All: This is our blessing, that Love endured death for us.

† **HYMN**

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.

INTRODUCTION

SONG OF PREPARATION

Stay with Me

STAY WITH ME

Stay with Me, remain here with Me,
Watch and pray, watch and pray.

LESSON 1

John 13:2-15

³Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God; ⁴so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. ⁵After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him. ⁶He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" ⁷Jesus replied, "You do not realize now what I am doing, but later you will understand." ⁸"No," said Peter, "you shall never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no part with me." ⁹"Then, Lord," Simon Peter replied, "not just my feet but my hands and my head as well!" ¹⁰Jesus answered, "Those who have had a bath need only to wash their feet; their whole body is clean. And you are clean, though not every one of you." ¹¹For he knew who was going to betray him, and that was why he said not every one was clean. ¹²When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. "Do you understand what I have done for you?" he asked them. ¹³"You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and rightly so, for that is what I am. ¹⁴Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. ¹⁵I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you.

SYMBOL

Wash Basin and Towel

REFLECTION

- ⇒ Where is Jesus calling you to kneel, to serve, to love in ways that might feel beneath you or inconvenient?
- ⇒ Where do you need to come back to Jesus for cleansing, confessing your sin, receiving His mercy, and allowing Him to wash what you cannot fix on your own?

HYMN

Lord, We Have Come at Your Own Invitation

O QUANTA QUALIA

Lord, we have come at Your own invitation, Chosen by You, to be counted Your friends;
Yours is the strength that sustains dedication, Ours a commitment we know never ends.

Here, at Your table, confirm our intention, Give it Your seal of forgiveness and grace;
Teach us to serve without pride or pretension, Lord, in Your kingdom, whatever our place.

LESSON 2

Matthew 26:26-29

²⁶While they were eating, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body." ²⁷Then he took a cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you. ²⁸This is my blood of the covenant, which

is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. ²⁹ I tell you, I will not drink from this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom."

SYMBOL

Bread and Cup

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Please come forward by the center aisle, beginning with those nearest the front.

After receiving the bread and the cup, return to your seat by the side aisles.

The communion bread tonight is free of gluten, nut, dairy, and soy.

HYMN

The Lord's Prayer

MALOTTE

Our Father, which 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, Amen.

LESSON 3

Luke 22:39-53

³⁹ Jesus went out as usual to the Mount of Olives, and his disciples followed him. ⁴⁰ On reaching the place, he said to them, "Pray that you will not fall into temptation." ⁴¹ He withdrew about a stone's throw beyond them, knelt down and prayed, ⁴² "Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done." ⁴³ An angel from heaven appeared to him and strengthened him. ⁴⁴ And being in anguish, he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat was like drops of blood falling to the ground. ⁴⁵ When he rose from prayer and went back to the disciples, he found them asleep, exhausted from sorrow. ⁴⁶ "Why are you sleeping?" he asked them. "Get up and pray so that you will not fall into temptation." ⁴⁷ While he was still speaking a crowd came up, and the man who was called Judas, one of the Twelve, was leading them. He approached Jesus to kiss him, ⁴⁸ but Jesus asked him, "Judas, are you betraying the Son of Man with a kiss?" ⁴⁹ When Jesus' followers saw what was going to happen, they said, "Lord, should we strike with our swords?" ⁵⁰ And one of them struck the servant of the high priest, cutting off his right ear. ⁵¹ But Jesus answered, "No more of this!" And he touched the man's ear and healed him. ⁵² Then Jesus said to the chief priests, the officers of the temple guard, and the elders, who had come for him, "Am I leading a rebellion, that you have come with swords and clubs?⁵³ Every day I was with you in the temple courts, and you did not lay a hand on me. But this is your hour, when darkness reigns."

SYMBOL

Praying Hands

REFLECTION

⇒ Where are you facing a "not my will, but Yours" moment right now? Bring your fears, questions, and desires honestly to God in prayer.

⇒ Pray that your first response in trials would be to kneel, like those praying hands, in humble dependence on your Heavenly Father.

To see the King of heaven fall in anguish to His knees;
 The light of Hope of all the world now overwhelmed with grief.
 What nameless horrors must He see, to cry out in the garden:
 “Oh, take this cup away from Me, yet not My will but Yours; yet not My will but Yours.”

To know each friend will fall away, and heaven’s voice be still,
 For hell to have its vengeful day upon Golgotha’s hill.
 No words describe the Savior’s plight to be by God forsaken,
 Till wrath and love are satisfied, and ev’ry sin is paid, and ev’ry sin is paid.

What took Him to this wretched place: What kept Him on this road?
 His love for Adam’s cursed race, for ev’ry broken soul.
 No sin too slight to overlook, no crime too great to carry,
 All mingled in this poisoned cup, and yet He drank it all; the Savior drank it all.

LESSON 4

Luke 22:54-62

⁵⁴Then seizing him, they led him away and took him into the house of the high priest. Peter followed at a distance. ⁵⁵And when some there had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and had sat down together, Peter sat down with them. ⁵⁶A servant girl saw him seated there in the firelight. She looked closely at him and said, “This man was with him.” ⁵⁷But he denied it. “Woman, I don’t know him,” he said. ⁵⁸A little later someone else saw him and said, “You also are one of them.” “Man, I am not!” Peter replied. ⁵⁹About an hour later another asserted, “Certainly this fellow was with him, for he is a Galilean.” ⁶⁰Peter replied, “Man, I don’t know what you’re talking about!” Just as he was speaking, the rooster crowed. ⁶¹The Lord turned and looked straight at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word the Lord had spoken to him: “Before the rooster crows today, you will disown me three times.” ⁶²And he went outside and wept bitterly.

SYMBOL

Rooster

REFLECTION

⇒ Are there ways you have denied Jesus, through your words, silence, or choices?

⇒ Hear the “rooster’s crow” in your life as an invitation to turn back, not as condemnation.

HYMN

Ah, Holy Jesus

HERZLIEBSTER JESU

Ah, holy Jesus, how have You offended,
 That mortal judgement has on You descended?
 By foes derided, by Your own rejected, O most afflicted!

Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon You?
 It is my treason, Lord, that has undone You.
 ’Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied You; I crucified You.

LESSON 5

Mark 15:9-20

⁹“Do you want me to release to you the king of the Jews?” asked Pilate, ¹⁰knowing it was out of self-interest that the chief priests had handed Jesus over to him. ¹¹But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have Pilate release Barabbas instead. ¹²“What shall I do, then, with the one you call the king of the Jews?” Pilate asked them. ¹³“Crucify him!” they shouted. ¹⁴“Why? What crime has he committed?” asked Pilate. But they shouted all the louder, “Crucify him!” ¹⁵Wanting to satisfy the crowd, Pilate released Barabbas to them. He had Jesus flogged, and handed him over to be crucified. ¹⁶The soldiers led Jesus away into the palace (that is, the Praetorium) and called together the whole company of soldiers. ¹⁷They put a purple robe on him, then twisted together a crown of thorns and set it on him. ¹⁸And they began to call out to him, “Hail, king of the Jews!” ¹⁹Again and again they struck him on the head with a staff and spit on him. Falling on their knees, they paid homage to him. ²⁰And when they had mocked him, they took off the purple robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him.

LESSON 6

John 19:17-19; 28-30

¹⁷Carrying his own cross, he went out to the place of the Skull (which in Aramaic is called Golgotha). ¹⁸There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on each side and Jesus in the middle. ¹⁹Pilate had a notice prepared and fastened to the cross. It read: Jesus of Nazareth, the king of the Jews. ²⁸Later, knowing that everything had now been finished, and so that Scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said, “I am thirsty.”²⁹A jar of wine vinegar was there, so they soaked a sponge in it, put the sponge on a stalk of the hyssop plant, and lifted it to Jesus’ lips. ³⁰When he had received the drink, Jesus said, “It is finished.” With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

SYMBOL

Crown of Thorns and Cross

REFLECTION

⇒ As you picture the crown of thorns, what sins, wounds, or areas of shame are you carrying? Bring them to Jesus, thanking Him that He has already carried the curse for you.

SPECIAL MUSIC*O Sacred Head, Now Wounded*

arr. Joel Rainey

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 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.
 O sacred head now wounded.

LESSON 7

Luke 23:50-54

⁵⁰Now there was a man named Joseph, a member of the Council, a good and upright man, ⁵¹who had not consented to their decision and action. He came from the Judean town of Arimathea, and he himself was waiting for the kingdom of God. ⁵²Going to Pilate, he asked for Jesus' body. ⁵³Then he took it down, wrapped it in linen cloth and placed it in a tomb cut in the rock, one in which no one had yet been laid. ⁵⁴It was Preparation Day, and the Sabbath was about to begin.

SYMBOL

Burial Cloth

REFLECTION

⇒ Consider what it means that Jesus truly died for you personally, not in theory, but in reality.

⇒ Ask God to deepen your gratitude for the cross and the tomb, and to renew your hope in the risen Christ.

HYMN

'Tis Finished! The Messiah Dies

OLIVE'S BROW

'Tis finished! All my guilt and pain, I want no sacrifice beside;
For me, for me the Lamb is slain, 'Tis finished! I am justified.

The reign of sin and death is o'er, And all may live from sin set free;
Satan has lost his mortal pow'r; 'Tis swallowed up in victory.

LESSON 8

John 19:38-42

³⁸Later, Joseph of Arimathea asked Pilate for the body of Jesus. Now Joseph was a disciple of Jesus, but secretly because he feared the Jewish leaders. With Pilate's permission, he came and took the body away. ³⁹He was accompanied by Nicodemus, the man who earlier had visited Jesus at night. Nicodemus brought a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about seventy-five pounds. ⁴⁰Taking Jesus' body, the two of them wrapped it, with the spices, in strips of linen. This was in accordance with Jewish burial customs. ⁴¹At the place where Jesus was crucified, there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb, in which no one had ever been laid. ⁴²Because it was the Jewish day of Preparation and since the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there.

SYMBOL

Burial Spices

REFLECTION

⇒ Are there areas where your faith has been hidden "at night," like Nicodemus at first? What might it look like to step into the light and openly follow Christ?

Beneath the cross of Jesus I fain would take my stand,
The shadow of a mighty rock Within a weary land;
A home within the wilderness, A rest upon the way,
From the burning of the noon-tide heat, And the burden of the day.

Upon the cross of Jesus Mine eye at times can see
The very dying form of One Who suffered there for me:
And from my stricken heart with tears Two wonders I confess:
The wonders of redeeming love And my unworthiness.

DARKNESS

We will sit in darkness together for a minute until you hear the tolling of the chimes. When you are ready, come forward and sprinkle a handful of potpourri on the wrapped form, thanking Jesus that His sacrifice is a sweet fragrance before God and the source of your forgiveness and hope.

This is the only worship service of the liturgical year that does not end with a benediction as we journey through Good Friday and await Jesus' Resurrection on Sunday morning.

We thank Martha Giarratano (cello) and Mason Hendrix (oboe)
for sharing their gifts of music with us in worship today.

We also want to thank our readers for this evening's service:

Brian Armstrong
Paige Neyland
Zoe Odle
Bruce Partain
Susan Reese
Charlotte Schwarzlose

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 0-5. Children's activity bulletins and **LARGE PRINT** bulletins, Bibles, and hymnals are available on the sanctuary tables.

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

Join us for a potluck **EASTER BRUNCH** at 9:30AM this Sunday, April 5. Names starting with A-M, bring something sweet; those with names starting with N-Z, bring something savory.

THE CHURCH OFFICE is closed on Monday, April 6.

If you are interested in volunteering for Vacation Bible School, make plans to attend the **VBS INFORMATIONAL LUNCHEON** on April 12, immediately after worship in Fellowship Hall. Whatever your gifts, abilities and time commitment, we've got a spot for you! Also, Safe Sanctuary Training will be offered after the meeting for those needing it.

The St. Andrew's Day School is **NOW REGISTERING** students for the summer term and the 2026-2027 school year!

ST. ANDREW'S POLO SHIRTS are available for pre-order! Shirts are \$20 each (add \$3 for 2X-5X). Size charts and sample shirts will be available for review when placing your order. Orders and payments due **April 30**. Order forms are available in the church office, on the sanctuary tables, and online at www.saintandy.org.

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

Friday, April 3, 2026

OFFICE CLOSED
7:00AM Men's Breakfast

Saturday, April 4, 2026

4:00 PM Chancel Set-up
5:00PM Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, April 5, 2025

Christ is Risen!
9:00AM Choir Rehearsal
9:30AM Easter Brunch
10:30AM Worship

Monday, April 6, 2026

OFFICE CLOSED
5:00PM Day School Board
5:30PM Strings After School
6:00PM GT Square Dancers

Tuesday, April 7, 2026

10:00AM PW Coordinating Team
11:30AM Staff Meeting
5:30PM Strings After School
5:30PM Fellowship Team
6:30PM Christian Education

Wednesday, April 8, 2026

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

Thursday, April 9, 2026

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

Friday, April 10, 2026

OFFICE CLOSED

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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