

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Speaking of Jesus: Intercede

Ezekiel 22:23-31

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

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

† Worshipers are asked to stand in body or spirit.

April 26, 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.*)

Mighty God, keep us mindful of Your guidance and Your promises as we go through this day, that our hearts may be full of joy. Amen.

PRELUDE

Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee

arr. Kevin McChesney

LIFE AT ST. ANDREW'S

† **CALL TO WORSHIP**

based on Psalm 96:1-4

One: Sing a new song to the Lord!

Many: Let the whole earth sing to the Lord!

One: Sing to the Lord and bless His name.

Many: Each day proclaim the Good News that God saves.

One: Publish His glorious deeds among the nations.

Many: Tell everyone about the amazing things He does.

All: For great is the Lord and worthy of our praise!

† **HYMN 343**

Called as Partners in Christ's Service

BEECHER

Called as partners in Christ's service, Called to ministries of grace,
We respond with deep commitment Fresh new lines of faith to trace.
May we learn the art of sharing, Side by side and friend with friend,
Equal partners in our caring To fulfill God's chosen end.

Christ's example, Christ's inspiring, Christ's clear call to work and worth,
Let us follow, never faltering, Reconciling folk on earth.
Men and women, richer, poorer, All God's people, young and old,
Blending human skills together Gracious gifts from God unfold.

Thus new patterns for Christ's mission, In a small or global sense,
Help us bear each other's burdens, Breaking down each wall or fence.

Words of comfort, words of vision, Words of challenge, said with care,
Bring new power and strength for action, Make us colleagues, free and fair.

So God grant us for tomorrow Ways to order human life,
That surround each person's sorrow With a calm that conquers strife.
Make us partners in our living, Our compassion to increase,
Messengers of faith, thus giving Hope and confidence and peace.

† INVITATION TO CONFESSION

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, we confess that we have praised You with our lips but have not always glorified You with our lives. Have mercy on us, we pray, for our weak faith that fades under pressure, for our quick enthusiasm that just as quickly dies, and for the hopes we proclaim but do not pursue. Forgive us, Lord God, and renew our confidence in Your power and in the power of prayer to change lives so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name.

† 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

Here Am I, Send Me

by John Purifoy

Here am I, send me. Here am I, Lord, send me. Unto Thee, willingly, yielded I come.
Show the path that I must walk, compel me then to go,
And if I stray bring back the light of day, For here am I, send me, I pray.

Send me to be what's created in me. Formed in Your image, I stand.
Turn my weakness into Your power, Pow'r to be at last all I'm able to be.

Here am I, send me. Here am I, Lord, send me. Precious Holy Spirit come, fill me anew.
Give me wisdom, send me strength. Grant that I may be a mirror of Your never-ending love,
For here am I, send me, I pray.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Ezekiel 22:23-31

Pew Bible p. 729-730
Large Print p. 1290-1291

SERMON

Intercede

† HYMN 437

Our Cities Cry to You, O God

SALVATION

Our cities cry to You, O God, From out their pain and strife;
You made us for Yourself alone, but we choose alien life.
Our goals are pleasure, gold, and power; Injustice stalks our earth;
In vain we seek for rest, for joy, For sense of human worth.
Yet still You walk our streets, O Christ! We know Your presence here,
Where humble Christians love and serve In godly grace and fear.

O Word made flesh, be seen in us! May all we say and do,
Affirm You God Incarnate still And turn sad hearts to You!

Your people are Your hands and feet To serve Your world today,
Our lives the book our cities read To help them find Your way.
O pour Your sovereign Spirit out On heart and will and brain;
Inspire Your church with love and power To ease our cities' pain!

O healing Savior, Prince of Peace, Salvation's source and sum,
For You our broken cities cry: O come, Lord Jesus, come!
With truth Your royal diadem, With righteousness Your rod,
O come, Lord Jesus, bring to earth The city of our God!

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 344

Christ of the Upward Way

SURSUM CORDA

Christ of the upward way, My guide divine, Where You have set Your feet May I place mine;
And move and march wherever You have trod, Keeping face forward up the hill of God.

Give me the heart to hear Your voice and will, That without fault or fear I may fulfill,
Your purpose with a glad and holy zest, Like one who would not bring less than the best.

Christ of the upward way, My guide divine, Where You have set Your feet May I place mine;
And when Your last call comes serene and clear, Calm may my answer be, "Lord, I am here."

† BENEDICTION

† SENDING SONG

Lord, You Give the Great Commission

ABBOT'S LEIGH

Lord, You give the great commission: "Heal the sick and preach the Word."
Lest the church neglect its mission, And the Gospel go unheard,
Help us witness to Your purpose With renewed integrity;
With the Spirit's gifts empower us For the work of ministry.

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

POSTLUDE

Come Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy

by Joseph Hart

The chancel flowers today were given to the glory of God and
in celebration of their 21st wedding anniversary by Tori and Brian Armstrong.

We thank the St. Andrew's Handbell Choir for sharing their gift of music today.

Please use the **C O N N E C T** 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.

NEW MEMBERS CLASS is TODAY immediately after worship. Lunch is provided.

PW BIBLE STUDY continues with Lesson 7 on Tuesday, April 28 at 10:00AM in the Parlor. Pastor Tara is leading the study.

FIRST FRIDAY MEN'S BREAKFAST will meet on May 1, at 7:00AM! Join us for food, prayer, and a short devotion.

VBS FOLLOW-UP MEETING will be Sunday, May 3 immediately after worship. Safe Sanctuary Training is offered after the meeting for volunteers who need it. Lunch is provided. All VBS volunteers should attend.

ST. ANDREW'S POLO SHIRTS are available for pre-order! Shirts are \$20 each (add \$3 for 2X-5X). Size charts and sample shirts are available for review when placing your order. Orders and payments due **April 30**.

St. Andrew's Prayer List

MEMBERS: John Pember, Bob Fisher, Pat Richard, Bobbie Weid, Barbara and Dalton Abel

FRIENDS AND FAMILY: John Florio, Elizabeth Everett Baird, 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, April 26, 2026

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

Monday, April 27, 2026

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

Tuesday, April 28, 2026

- 10:00AM PW Bible Study
- 5:30PM Strings After School
- 6:00PM GTHE Rehearsal

Wednesday, April 29, 2026

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

Thursday, April 30, 2026

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

Friday, May 1, 2026

- 7:00AM Men's Breakfast

Sunday, May 3, 2026

- 9:15AM Sunday School
- 10:30AM Worship
- 11:30AM VBS Follow-up Meeting
- 11:45AM Choir Rehearsal
- 12:30PM Confirmation Class
- 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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