

# ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## Speaking of Jesus: Intersect

Acts 8:26-40

### CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

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

† Worshipers are asked to stand in body or spirit.

May 3, 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.*)

God of love, plant us in the soil of Your grace and enlighten us with the wisdom of Your Spirit, that we may abide in You and live in Your love, we pray. Amen.

**PRELUDE**

*II. Andante sostenuto in A Major*

by Sergei Rachmaninov

**LIFE AT ST. ANDREW'S**

† **CALL TO WORSHIP**

based on Psalm 22 & 1 John 4

One: As the weak realize their strength;

**Many: As the poor eat and are satisfied,**

**All: God's love abides in us.**

One: As the stranger finds a friend;

**Many: As the family offers forgiveness,**

**All: God's love abides in us.**

One: As the ends of the earth know of Christ's grace,

**Many: Let us rejoice and give thanks!**

**All: God's love abides in us.**

† **HYMN STF 2236**

*Gather Us In*

**GATHER US IN**

Here in this place new light is streaming, Now is the darkness vanished away,  
See in this space our fears and our dreamings, Brought here to You in the light of this day.  
Gather us in the lost and forsaken, Gather us in the blind and the lame;  
Call to us now, and we shall awaken, We shall arise at the sound of our name.

We are the young, our lives are a myst'ry, We are the old who yearn for Your face,  
We have been sung throughout all of hist'ry, Called to be light to the whole human race.  
Gather us in the rich and the haughty, Gather us in the proud and the strong;  
Give us a heart so meek and so lowly, give us the courage to enter the song.

Here we will take the wine and the water, Here we will take the bread of new birth,  
Here You shall call Your sons and Your daughters, Call us anew to be salt for the earth.  
Give us to drink the wine of compassion, Give us to eat the bread that is You;  
Nourish us well, and teach us to fashion Lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

Not in the dark of buildings confining, not in some heaven, light years away,  
But here in this place the new light is shining, Now is the Kingdom, now is the day.  
Gather us in and hold us forever, Gather us in and make us Your own;  
Gather us in all peoples together, Fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

† INVITATION TO CONFESSION

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, forgive us for not living fully in faithful obedience to You. We often turn away from the opportunities You give us to share Your love and grace. You have sent us into the world to be Your disciples, yet fear often holds us back and hinders our actions. Empower us, Lord, to be faithful in all that we say and do. Give us the courage to step out in faith and go where You lead. With hearts full of faith and open hands, help us set aside our fears and walk confidently along the paths You show us. Help us proclaim the Good News of Your love so that all who hear it may be drawn toward You.

† 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.*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Acts 8:26-40

Pew Bible p. 943  
Large Print p. 1669-1670

SERMON

Intersect

ANTHEM

*Come to the Water*

arr. Anna Laura Page

Come to the water, come refresh your spirit;  
Come, find the righteousness of God.  
Come, Holy Spirit, come work within us,  
Renew our hearts forevermore.

Gracious Redeemer, how we long for grace divine;  
Come, wash us with Your renewing power.  
We long for Your touch, we long for Your peace.  
Empower us, O Holy Lord.

Born through the water and the Holy Spirit,  
We come in faith to proclaim Your Word.  
Gracious Redeemer, strengthen our being,  
Make us disciples of Your grace.

Thank You, O Father; guide us to Your will divine.  
Help us to be the hands of Christ.  
Guide us, O Father, give us the courage,  
To walk the way that leads to You. 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

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

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.

† HYMN STF 2126

*All Who Hunger*

HOLY MANNA

All who hunger, gather gladly; holy manna is our bread.  
Come from wilderness and wandering. Here, in truth, we will be fed.  
You that yearn for days of fullness, all around us is our food.

Refrain: Taste and see the grace eternal, Taste and see that God is good.

All who hunger, never strangers; seeker, be a welcome guest.  
Come from restlessness and roaming. Here, in joy, we keep the feast.  
We that once were lost and scattered in communion's love have stood.

All who hunger, sing together; Jesus Christ is living bread.  
Come from loneliness and longing. Here, in peace, we have been led.  
Blest are those who from this table live their lives in gratitude.

† 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

*Prelude in G Minor, Op. 23, No. 5*

by Sergei Rachmaninov

The chancel flowers today were given to the glory of God and  
in loving memory of Kenneth Nichols by Paula Nichols and family.

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.

**VBS FOLLOW-UP MEETING AND SAFE SANCTUARY TRAINING** is TODAY immediately after worship. 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). Deadline extended: orders and payments due May 17.

**BOOK CLUB** will meet on Thursday, May 7th at 1PM in the church parlor. We will discuss our true crime selections.

Join us for a Golden Triangle Handbell Ensemble **MOTHER'S DAY CONCERT** at 3PM on Sunday, May 10.

Grab a **BABY BOTTLE** after the service and fill it with change, cash, or a check to benefit the Hope Women's Resource Clinic! Return your bottle to the church office by **Sunday, May 31**. Hope representatives will be here next week, and members can tour their mobile clinic after worship.

## St. Andrew's Prayer List

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

**FRIENDS AND FAMILY:** Roger and Sharon McCabe, 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, 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

### Monday, May 4, 2026

- 5:00PM Day School Board
- 6:00PM GT Square Dancers

### Tuesday, May 5, 2026

- 10:00AM PW Coordinating Team
- 5:30PM Strings After School
- 5:30PM Fellowship Team
- 6:00PM GTHE Rehearsal
- 6:30PM CE Team

### Wednesday, May 6, 2026

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

### Thursday, May 7, 2026

- 8:30AM MOW Cooks
- 10:00AM MOW Delivers
- 1:00PM Book Club
- 6:00PM AA Group Meeting
- 6:00PM GTHE Rehearsal

### Saturday, May 9, 2026

- 8:30AM SETX Food Bank
- 11:00AM Suzy Buehrle Memorial

### Sunday, May 10, 2026

- 9:15AM Sunday School
- 10:30AM Worship
- 11:45AM Choir Rehearsal
- 3:00PM GTHE Concert

## 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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