

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Speaking of Jesus: Influence

John 15:9-17

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

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

† Worshipers are asked to stand in body or spirit.

May 24, 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.*)

Loving God, quiet our hearts and center our minds in Your presence. Prepare us to worship You with gratitude, hear Your Word with openness, and follow Jesus with faithfulness. By Your Spirit, shape us to love one another and to bear fruit that brings You glory. Amen.

PRELUDE

Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart

MORECAMBE

LIFE AT ST. ANDREW'S

† **CALL TO WORSHIP**

based on Psalm 9:1-2

One: We will give thanks to the Lord with our whole hearts.

Many: We will tell of God's wonderful deeds.

One: In times of joy and in times of struggle, God has been faithful.

Many: We will remember the Lord's goodness and praise God's holy name.

One: Let us be glad and rejoice in the One who gives us life.

Many: We will sing praise to the Most High with hearts full of gratitude.

All: Come, let us worship God with thanksgiving and joy.

† **HYMN 127**

Come, O Spirit

BOUNDLESS MERCY

Come, O Spirit, with Your sound Like a wind, quick rushing;
Come from heaven and stir our hearts, Each disciple touching!
Mold our actions to Your will, You our service giving;
Move within our fellowship, Transform now our living!

Come, O Spirit, with Your flame, Leaping tongues of fire;
Come, and with Your glorious light All our thoughts inspire!
Rest upon each servant's head Till each one is speaking,
Of our Christ, the Holy One All the earth is seeking!

Come, O Spirit, fill Your church, Making strong our mission;
Fill Your daughters and Your sons With a mighty vision,
Till the great and glorious day When the whole creation,
Sings Your praise as Lord and King, Giver of salvation!

† INVITATION TO CONFESSION

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, You call us to abide in Your love and to keep Your commandments, just as Christ has loved us. Yet we confess how often we wander. We fail to love one another as You have commanded. We cling to fear, choose selfishness, and resist the sacrificial love that bears lasting fruit. Though You call us friends and appoint us to go and bear fruit, we hold back from the life You set before us. Forgive us, prune what is unfaithful within us, and restore us to the joy of abiding in Christ. By Your Spirit, make us faithful in love, obedient in discipleship, and fruitful in all we do.

† 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.

MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE

SFC Mark Champion, Retired U.S. Army

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 15:9-17

Pew Bible p. 928
Large Print p. 1643

SERMON

Influence

ANTHEM

If You Love Me

by Lloyd Larson

If you love Me, if you love Me, if you love Me, keep My commandments.
If you love Me, if you love Me, if you love Me, keep My commandments.
Those who love Me, shall have the Spirit of truth;
Comforter shall come upon you.

If you love, you'll live forever, too. Live forever, too.
If you love Me, if you love Me, if you love Me, keep My commandments.
My peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you, but not as the world gives, I give to you.
Let not your hearts be troubled, nor let them be afraid.
Take the peace I leave with you.

If you love Me, if you love Me, if you love Me, keep My commandments.
If you love Me, if you love Me, if you love Me, keep My commandments,
My commandments, keep My commandments. If you love Me.

TIME OF CONFIRMATION

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 335

Though I May Speak

O WALY WALY

Though I may speak with bravest fire, And have the gift to inspire,
And have not love, my words are vain; As sounding brass, and hopeless gain.

Though I may give all I possess, And striving so my love profess,
But not be given by love within, The profit soon turns strangely thin.

Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control, Our spirits long to be made whole.
Let inward love guide every deed; By this we worship and are freed.

† BENEDICTION

† SENDING SONG

Lord, You Give the Great Commission

ABBOT'S LEIGH

Lord, You call us to Your service: "In My name baptize and teach."
That the world may trust Your promise, Life abundant meant for each,
Give us all new fervor, draw us Closer in community;
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

For Your Gift of God the Spirit

MERTON

The chancel flowers today were given to the glory of God and
in honor of our 2026 confirmands.

We thank Martha Giarratano for sharing her gift of music with us 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.

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY is TODAY! Join us for a Confirmation Celebration luncheon of pulled pork sandwiches, coleslaw, chips, watermelon and cake in the Fellowship Hall after worship.

The **PW ANNUAL SALAD LUNCHEON** will be held May 26 in the Parlor. Bible study begins at 10:00AM with the salad luncheon following at 11:00AM. Bring a friend and your favorite salad to share!

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**.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL is June 16 - June 18 for children ages 4 through 5th grade! Register your child today at myvbs.org/saintandybmt.

St. Andrew's Prayer List

MEMBERS: Bill Yoes, Becky Thompson, Bob Fisher, Pat Richard, Bobbie Weid, Barbara and Dalton Abel

FRIENDS AND FAMILY: Harold Onwiler, Roy Philip, George Busceme, Family of Richard Sell, Kathy Isabell, Family of Russell Trest, Janet Dexter, Bruce Williams, John Florio, Elizabeth Everett Baird, David Fertitta, Charlie and Judy Monaghan, Jean and Ron Williamson, Haywood Walker, Pamela Humphrey, 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 24, 2026

9:15AM Sunday School
10:30AM Worship
11:30AM Confirmation Lunch
11:45AM Choir Rehearsal
3:00PM Boy Scouts

Monday, May 25, 2026

6:00PM GT Square Dancers

Tuesday, May 26, 2026

10:00AM PW Bible Study
11:00AM PW Salad Luncheon
4:00PM Nominating Team

Wednesday, May 27, 2026

5:30PM AA Group

Thursday, May 28, 2026

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

Sunday, May 31, 2026

9:15AM Sunday School
10:30AM Worship
11:45AM Choir Rehearsal
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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