

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



LIVING THE GOOD LIFE

A Good Mind

Proverbs 9:1-18

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

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

† Worshipers are asked to stand in body or spirit.

August 9, 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 wisdom and life, as we gather for worship, quiet our hearts and ready our minds to hear Your voice. Open us to Your truth, so that we may receive Your Word with joy and follow Christ in wisdom and grace. Amen.

PRELUDE

LIFE AT ST. ANDREW'S

† CALL TO WORSHIP

based on Proverbs 9

Leader: Come, let us worship the Lord, who calls us to the way of wisdom.

People: We come to hear God's voice and walk in God's truth.

Leader: Let us turn from folly and rejoice in the life God gives.

People: Let us learn to live with minds made wise by God's Word.

All: With grateful hearts, we come to worship the Lord.

† HYMN 392

Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord

HALL

Take Thou our minds, dear Lord, we humbly pray; Give us the mind of Christ each passing day;
Teach us to know the truth that sets us free; Grant us in all our thoughts to honor Thee.

Take Thou our hearts, O Christ, they are Thine own; Come Thou within our souls and claim Thy throne;
Help us to shed abroad Thy deathless love; Use us to make the earth like heaven above.

Take Thou our wills, Most High! Hold Thou full sway; Have in our inmost souls Thy perfect way;
Guard Thou each sacred hour from selfish ease; Guide Thou our ordered lives as Thou dost please.

Take Thou ourselves, O Lord, heart, mind, and will; Through our surrendered souls Thy plans fulfill.
We yield ourselves to Thee, time, talents, all; We hear, and henceforth heed, Thy sovereign call.

† INVITATION TO CONFESSION

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, You have set a table of wisdom and called us to the path of life, yet too often we have turned aside to lesser voices. We have listened to folly when we should have listened for Your voice. We have shaped our thoughts with impatience, self-interest, and resentment rather than with Your truth, Your mercy, and Your peace. Forgive us, Lord, for the ways our minds have been shaped by anything less than Your wisdom. Renew us by Your Word. Teach us to love what is good, reject what is foolish, and walk in the way of understanding. Form in us the mind of Christ, so that our thoughts, words, and actions may reflect Your heart in 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.

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS & PRAYER FOR EDUCATORS

Children are invited to meet at the courtyard doors for Children's Church in Room 304.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Proverbs 9:1-18

Pew Bible p. 548-549
Large Print p. 944-945

SERMON

A Good Mind

† ANTHEM

Wisdom

by Heather Sorenson

Listen, my child. Listen, my sons and daughters. Listen, my child.
Receive the words of a father, Words to make you stronger, words for life that's longer.

Listen, my child. Listen, my sons and daughters. Listen, my child.
Seek after wisdom and guard her. Hold her and applaud her. She will be your life.

Remember her, she will protect you. And love her, she will watch over you.
Cherish her, she will exalt you. Embrace her, and she will grace you with a crown of glory.

Listen, my child. Listen, my sons and daughters. Receive these words,
This wisdom from creation's author, ancient words to ponder, words for life and honor.

When you walk, your steps will not be shaken. When you run, you will not falter,
You'll not fall. You will not stumble, you will not fall.

Listen, my child. Listen, my sons and daughters. Receive these words:
Seek after wisdom and guard her. Hold her and applaud her, for she is your life!

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.

† 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

May the Mind of Christ, My Savior

ST. LEONARDS

May the mind of Christ, my Savior, Live in me from day to day,
By His love and pow'r controlling All I do and say.

May the Word of God dwell richly In my heart from hour to hour,
So that all may see I triumph Only thro' His pow'r.

May the peace of God my Father Rule my life in everything,
That I may be calm to comfort Sick and sorrowing.

May the love of Jesus fill me As the waters fill the sea;
Him exalting, self abasing This is victory.

May I run the race before me, Strong and brave to face the foe,
Looking only unto Jesus As I onward go.

May His beauty rest upon me As I seek the lost to win;
And may they forget the channel, Seeing only Him.

† BENEDICTION

† SENDING SONG

God Is So Good

PROVIDENCE

God is so good, God is so good,
God is so good, God's so good to me.

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

POSTLUDE

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.

It's time for a new **ST. ANDREW'S PICTORIAL DIRECTORY!** Photography session dates are Friday, August 14 and Saturday, August 15. To sign up online, go to www.ucdir.com, enter Church Code: tx885 and Church Password: andrew.

A TASTING FOR SOME OTHER PLACE is Tuesday, August 18 from 5:00PM to 7:00PM at the Beaumont Civic Center. Tickets are available for \$15! Contact Judy Fisher or the church office for more information.

Join us next Sunday, August 16 when we present **CHILDREN'S BIBLES** to our second graders during worship.

All women are invited to join Presbyterian Women for the **2026 BIBLE STUDY** on Tuesday, August 25 at 10:00AM in the Parlor. Study books are available for \$14. Pastor Tara is leading the study.

St. Andrew's Prayer List

MEMBERS: Leisa Stokes, Barbara Abel, Bob Fisher, Pat Richard, Bobbie Wied

FRIENDS AND FAMILY: Family of Ted Atwood, Pam Martin, Marcia Denton, Jean and Ron Williamson, George Busceme, Charlie and Judy Monaghan, Janet Dexter, Harold Onwiler, Kathy Isabell, Bruce Williams, John Florio, Haywood Walker, Alison Berry Low, Jacob Walton, Madeline Johnson, Erika Russell, Mary Kennedy, Jack Dillard, Erin Lenhart, Janie N. Verderame

St. Andrew's Calendar

Sunday, August 9, 2026

- 9:15AM Kick-off Breakfast
- 10:30AM Worship
- 11:45AM Choir Rehearsal
- 12:00PM Deacons Meeting
- 3:00PM Boy Scouts
- 5:00PM Youth Pool Party

Monday, August 10, 2026

- 12:00PM Rainbow Room
- 6:00PM GT Square Dancers

Tuesday, August 11, 2026

- 5:30PM Finance & Property Team

Wednesday, August 12, 2026

- 5:30PM AA Group
- 6:30PM Worship Team

Thursday, August 13, 2026

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

Sunday, August 16, 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
Jessica Meitzen, Admin Assistant
Katrina Strong, Custodian
Patricia Williamson, Accompanist

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