

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



LIVING THE GOOD LIFE

A Good Community

Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

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

† Worshipers are asked to stand in body or spirit.

August 16, 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.*)

Gracious God, prepare our hearts to hear Your Word and to see one another with compassion. Teach us that we are better together, and shape us into a people who strengthen, encourage, and care for one another in Your love. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

PRELUDE

Allegro from Water Music

by G. F. Handel

LIFE AT ST. ANDREW'S

† CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God has made us for one another.

Many: We come to worship as one body, joined in faith, hope, and love.

One: When we walk together in Christ's love,

Many: We become a community of compassion, courage, and grace.

All: Come, let us worship the God who binds us together.

† HYMN 442

The Church's One Foundation

AURELIA

The church's one foundation Is Jesus Christ her Lord;
She is His new creation By water and the Word;

From heaven He came and sought her To be His holy bride;
With His own blood He bought her, and for her life He died.

Elect from every nation, Yet one o'er all the earth,
Her charter of salvation One Lord, one faith, one birth;

One holy name she blesses, Partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses, With every grace endued.

Though with a scornful wonder This world sees her oppressed,
By schisms rent asunder, By heresies distressed,

Yet saints their watch are keeping; Their cry goes up: "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping Shall be the morn of song.

Mid toil and tribulation, And tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation of peace forevermore;
And the great church victorious Shall be the church at rest.

Yet she on earth has union With God the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion With those whose rest is won;
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,
Like them, the meek and lowly, May live eternally.

† INVITATION TO CONFESSION

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of mercy and grace, we confess that we often try to live on our own, forgetting that You made us for one another. We ignore the weary, overlook the lonely, and fail to lift up those who fall. We choose independence over compassion and self-reliance over shared strength. Forgive us and teach us to be a people who bear one another's burdens, offer help freely, and walk together in Your love. May we live as the strong community You intend, held together by Your grace.

† 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.

BIBLE PRESENTATION FOR SECOND GRADERS

TIME FOR CHILDREN

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

ANTHEM

They'll Know We Are Christians

arr. Mark Hayes

We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord.
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored.
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love.
Yes they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand.
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land.
We will work with each other, we will work side by side.
And we'll guard each one's dignity and save each one's pride.

All praise to the Father, from whom all things come.
And all praise to Christ Jesus, His only Son.
And all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

Pew Bible p. 573

SERMON

A Good Community

† HYMN STF 2226

Bind Us Together

BIND US TOGETHER

Bind us together, Lord, bind us together with cords that cannot be broken.

Bind us together, Lord, bind us together, Lord, bind us together in love.

There is only one God, there is only one King;

There is only one body, that is why we sing.

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 438

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

DENNIS

Blest the tie that binds Our hearts in Christian love;
The fellowship of kindred minds Is like to that above.

Before our Father's throne We pour our ardent prayers;
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, Our comforts and our cares.

We share our mutual woes, Our mutual burdens bear,
And often for each other flows The sympathizing tear.

From sorrow, toil, and pain, And sin we shall be free;
And perfect love and friendship reign Through all eternity.

† 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

The chancel flowers today were given to the glory of God and
in loving memory of her Grams, Ann Thompson, by Tara Thompson.

We thank Paula Nichols (piano), Martha Giarratano, Valera Messer, and Dorothy Moorefield (string trio)
for sharing their 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.

We will be assembling **KINDNESS KITS** August 18 at 10:00AM in the parlor.

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

There will be a **CHILDREN'S CHURCH TEACHER MEETING** to introduce our new *Kids Own Worship* curriculum on August 23 immediately following worship in the parlor.

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, James Wright, Gretta Ott, Barbara Abel, Bob Fisher, Pat Richard, Bobbie Wied

FRIENDS AND FAMILY: Kathy Johnson, Judy Singer, Family of Ted Atwell, Pam Martin, Marcia Denton, Jean and Ron Williamson, George Busceme, Charlie & 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 16, 2026

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

Monday, August 17, 2026

6:00PM GT Square Dancers

Tuesday, August 18, 2026

10:00AM Kindness Kit Assembly
6:30PM Session Meeting

Wednesday, August 19, 2026

5:30PM AA Group
5:30PM Board of Trustees

Thursday, August 20, 2026

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

Sunday, August 23, 2026

9:00AM Choir Rehearsal
9:15AM Sunday School
10:30AM Worship
11:30AM Children's Church Leader Meeting
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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