

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



LIVING THE GOOD LIFE

A Good Cause

Proverbs 31:8-9

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

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

† Worshipers are asked to stand in body or spirit.

August 23, 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.*)

Holy God, as we gather for worship, quiet our hearts and open our spirits to Your presence. Prepare us to hear Your Word, to seek what is just, and to follow Your call in the world. Amen.

PRELUDE

He Leadeth Me! O Blessed Thought

by William Bradbury

LIFE AT ST. ANDREW'S

† CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Our God calls us to live for something greater than ourselves.

Many: We come to worship the One who hears the cries of the vulnerable.

One: We are called to do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with our God.

Many: We come with open hearts and willing hands.

All: Come, let us worship the Lord and follow God's good cause in the world.

† HYMN 421

The Church of Christ in Every Age

WAREHAM

The church of Christ in every age, Beset by change but Spirit led,
Must claim and test its heritage And keep rising from the dead.

Across the world, across the street, The victims of injustice cry,
For shelter and for bread to eat, and never live until they die.

Then let the servant church arise, A caring church that longs to be,
A partner in Christ's sacrifice, and clothed in Christ's humanity.

For Christ alone, whose blood was shed, Can cure the fever in our blood,
And teach us how to share our bread, And feed the starving multitude.

We have no mission but to serve In full obedience to our Lord,
To care for all, without reserve, And spread Christ's liberating word.

† INVITATION TO CONFESSION

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, You call us to speak up for those whose voices are ignored, to defend the rights of the poor and needy, and to judge with justice and compassion. Yet too often we remain silent when we should speak, indifferent when we should act, and reluctant to risk ourselves for the sake of others. We confess that we have not always loved our neighbors with courage or faithfulness. Forgive us, Lord, and turn our hearts toward mercy, courage, and truth. Teach us to use our voices for the vulnerable, our hands for the hurting, and our lives for the good of Your world; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

† 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.

ANTHEM

Let There be Peace on Earth

by Miller and Jackson

Let there be peace on earth, And let it begin with me;
Let there be peace on earth, The peace that was meant to be.
With God as our Father, Brothers all are we.
Let me walk with my brother In perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me, Let this be the moment now;
With every step I take, Let this be my solemn vow;
To take each moment and live each moment In peace eternally,
Let there be peace on earth, And let it begin with me, With me!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Proverbs 31:8-9

Pew Bible p. 569
Large Print p. 982-983

SERMON

A Good Cause

† HYMN STF 2171

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

CHANNEL OF PEACE

Make me a channel of Your peace. Where there is hatred, let me bring your love.
Where there is injury, Your pardon, Lord, and where there's doubt, true faith in You.

Make me a channel of Your peace. Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope.
Where there is darkness, only light, And where there's sadness, ever joy.

Oh, Master, grant that I may never seek so much to be consoled as to console.
To be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love with all my soul.

Make me a channel of Your peace. It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
In giving of ourselves that we receive, and in dying that we're born to eternal 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.

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 434

Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples

KINGSFOLD

Today we all are called to be Disciples of the Lord, To help to set the captive free,
Make plowshare out of sword, To feed the hungry, quench their thirst,
Make love and peace our fast, To serve the poor and homeless first, Our ease and comfort last.

God made the world and at its birth Ordained our human race,
To live as stewards of the earth, Responding to God's grace.
But we are vain and sadly proud, We sow not peace but strife,
Our discord spreads a deadly cloud That threatens all of life.

Pray justice may come rolling down As in a mighty stream,
With righteousness in field and town To cleanse us and redeem.
For God is longing to restore An earth where conflicts cease,
A world that was created for A harmony of peace.

May we in service to our God Act out the living Word,
And walk the road the saints have trod Till all have seen and heard.
As stewards of the earth may we Give thanks in one accord,
To God who calls us all to be Disciples of the Lord.

† 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

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

by Joachim Neander

The chancel flowers today were given to the glory of God by Bob and Judy Fisher.

We thank Paula Nichols (piano) 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.

The **CHILDREN'S CHURCH TEACHER MEETING** is TODAY immediately following worship in the parlor to introduce our new *Kids Own Worship* curriculum.

All women are invited to join the **2026-2027 PW BIBLE STUDY** on Tuesday, August 25 at 10:00AM in the Parlor. We will begin with Lesson One: Unity in Christ, Wisdom from God. Pastor Tara is leading the study.

ST. ANDREW'S HANDBELLS resumes on Wednesday, September 2 from 5:30PM to 6:30PM in the Sanctuary. Contact Martha Giarratano or the church office for more information.

BOOK CLUB will meet Thursday, September 3 at 1:00pm in the church parlor. Join us as we discuss our reader's choice books.

MEN'S BREAKFAST will meet Friday, September 4 at 7:00AM in the Fellowship Hall for food, fellowship and a short devotional.

St. Andrew's Prayer List

MEMBERS: Stan Ruth, Leisa Stokes, James Wright, Gretta Ott, Barbara Abel, Bob Fisher, Pat Richard, Bobbie Wied

FRIENDS AND FAMILY: Family of Harold Onwiler, Ava Postlewait, Elizabeth Everett Baird, Kathy Johnson, Judy Singer, Pam Martin, Marcia Denton, Jean and Ron Williamson, George Busceme, Charlie & Judy Monaghan, Janet Dexter, 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 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

Monday, August 24, 2026

- 6:00PM GT Square Dancers

Tuesday, August 25, 2026

- 10:00AM PW Bible Study

Wednesday, August 26, 2026

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

Thursday, August 27, 2026

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

Sunday, August 30, 2026

- 9:00AM Choir Rehearsal
- 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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