

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

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

† Worshipers are asked to stand in body or spirit.

September 6, 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, quiet our hearts and open our spirits to Your presence. Make a way through the wilderness within us, strengthen us with Your hope, and prepare us to worship You with joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRELUDE

LIFE AT ST. ANDREW'S

† CALL TO WORSHIP

based on Psalm 146

One: Joy comes to those who hope in God.

Many: For the Lord is a keeper of promises.

One: Our God is a God of healing and help and hope!

Many: Our God will keep faith with all generations.

All: Let us praise the Lord both now and forevermore!

† HYMN 466

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

AZMON

O for a thousand tongues to sing My dear Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King, The triumphs of God's grace!

Jesus, the name that charms our fears, That bids our sorrows cease;
'Tis music in the sinner's ears, 'Tis life, and health, and peace.

Christ breaks the power of reigning sin, And sets the prisoner free;
Christ's blood can make the sinful clean, Christ's blood availed for me.

My gracious Master and my God, Assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad The honors of Thy name.

† INVITATION TO CONFESSION

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, You promise streams in the desert, strength for weak hands, and courage for fearful hearts. Yet we confess that we often live as though the wilderness is all there is. We grow weary and afraid. We fail to trust Your promises. We overlook the needs of those who are weak, hurting, or afraid, and we do not always walk in Your holy way. Forgive us, Lord. Open our eyes to see Your work among us. Open our ears to hear Your word of hope. Strengthen our hands for service, steady our knees for faithfulness, and lead us in the way of joy and gladness; 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.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 35:1-10

Pew Bible p. 615
Large Print p. 1072-1073

SERMON

From No to Know

ANTHEM

When We Gather at the Table

arr. Martin and Raney

When we gather at the table, we are one. When we take the bread and cup, we are one.
As we gather in this place, we are joined in His embrace.
When we gather at the table, we are one.

When we gather at the table, we are one. When we think upon His life, we are one.
Brought together by this sign, we are touched by love divine.
When we gather at the table, we are one.

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.
When we gather at the table, we are one. When we celebrate our faith, we are one.
By His love our hearts are sealed, every promise is fulfilled.

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 INSERT

Blest Are They

BLEST ARE THEY

Blest are they, the poor in spirit; Theirs is the kingdom of God.
Blest are they, full of sorrow; They shall be consoled.

Refrain: Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you;
Holy are you! Rejoice and be glad!

Blest are they, the lowly ones; They shall inherit the earth.
Blest are they who hunger and thirst; They shall have their fill.

Blest are they who show mercy; Mercy shall be theirs.
Blest are they, the pure of heart; They shall see God.

Blest are they who seek peace; They are the children of God.
Blest are they who suffer in faith; The glory of God is theirs.

Blest are you who suffer hate, All because of Me.
Rejoice, be glad; yours is the Kingdom; Shine for all to see.

† BENEDICTION

† SENDING SONG

God Be with You Till We Meet Again

RANDOLPH

God be with you till we meet again; Loving counsels guide, uphold you,
With a Shepherd's care enfold you; God be with you till we meet again.

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 George Brown, by his daughter, Martha Pate.

We would like to thank Julie Odle C.R.E. for leading us in worship today.

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.

The **PW THANK OFFERING** will be collected next Sunday, September 13, in worship. This offering supports missions in the United States and abroad.

HYMN FEST is also next Sunday, September 13 at 5PM at St. Mark's Episcopal Church. Hear your favorite hymns played by your favorite organists on the newly restored Aeolian-Skinner organ. Admission is free.

Join us for our **FALL LUNCHEON** on September 20 after worship. The menu is gumbo, rice, potato salad, bread, and banana pudding.

All women are invited to join the **2026-2027 PW BIBLE STUDY** on Tuesday, September 22 at 10:00AM in the parlor. We will continue with Lesson Two: Connected in Christ. Pastor Tara is leading the study.

St. Andrew's Prayer List

MEMBERS: Bob Fisher, James Wright, Stan Ruth, Barbara Abel, Pat Richard, Bobbie Wied

FRIENDS AND FAMILY: Family of Billie P. Smith, Family of Chris Pitre, LillyKate Cleek, Family of Maribel Daugherty, Joyce Stillwell, Family of Harold Onwiler, Ava Postlewait, Elizabeth Everett Baird, Pam Martin, Marcia Denton, Jean & 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, September 6, 2026

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

Monday, September 7, 2026

OFFICE CLOSED

Tuesday, September 8, 2026

5:30PM Finance & Property
5:30PM Worship Team
5:30PM Strings After School

Wednesday, September 9, 2026

9:30AM Day School Chapel
5:30PM SA Handbells
5:30PM AA Group

Thursday, September 10, 2026

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

Saturday, September 12, 2026

8:30AM SETX Food Bank

Sunday, September 13, 2026

9:00AM Choir Rehearsal
9:15AM Sunday School
10:30AM Worship
11:45AM Choir Rehearsal
12:00PM Deacons Meeting
3:00PM Boy Scouts
5:00PM Youth at 5 Under

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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