

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.

October 4, 2026

World Communion Sunday

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 all nations, prepare our hearts for worship. Unite us with Your people throughout the world, and fill us with gratitude as we gather at Christ's table. Prepare our hearts to receive Your grace with gratitude and help us respond faithfully to Your call. Amen.

PRELUDE

Lamb of God

arr. Joel Raney

LIFE AT ST. ANDREW'S

† CALL TO WORSHIP

based on Isaiah 25:6-9

One: God prepares a feast for all peoples and all nations.

Many: We gather at Christ's table as one family of faith.

One: From east and west, north and south, God calls us together.

Many: In every language and culture, we proclaim God's saving love.

All: Let us rejoice and be glad in God's salvation!

† HYMN INSERT

Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy

RESTORATION

Come, ye sinners, poor and needy, weak and wounded, sick and sore;
Jesus ready stands to save you, full of pity, love and power.

Refrain: I will arise and go to Jesus; He will embrace me in His arms.
In the arms of my dear Savior, O there are ten thousand charms.

Come, ye thirsty, come, and welcome; God's free bounty glorify,
True belief and true repentance, every grace that brings you nigh.

Come, ye weary, heavy laden, lost and ruined by the fall;
If you tarry till you're better, you will never come at all.

Let not conscience make you linger, nor of fitness fondly dream;
All the fitness He requireth is to feel your need of Him.

† INVITATION TO CONFESSION

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, You invite us to Your feast of grace, yet we often ignore Your call. We confess that we approach Your gifts with a sense of entitlement, believing we deserve Your blessings while overlooking the generosity of Your grace. We allow busyness, pride, and selfish desires to keep us from following You. Forgive us when we take Your invitation for granted and fail to live as people clothed in compassion, humility, and love.

† 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

Matthew 22:1-14

Pew Bible p. 848
Large Print p. 1506

SERMON

Entitlement

ANTHEM

Think of Me and Remember

arr. Joel Raney

Take this wine I pour, Take this bread I break.
Search your heart and remember the sacrifice I make.
Come and follow Me. I will hold you forever.
My life I give so you may live.
Think of Me and remember.
When your feet grow tired,
And your flesh is weak,
Think of Me and remember
I am the rest you seek.

Chorus: Come and follow Me, Come, follow Me,
I will hold you forever.
My life I give, so you may live.
Think of Me and remember.

Remember how I prayed at Gethsemane,
"Father let this cup please pass from Me."
Remember how the soldiers captured Me,
Then led the Son of Man to Calvary.
As you close the day, As you sing and pray,
Search your heart and remember
The debt I came to pay.

Think of Me and remember.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING (*Offering baskets are located at the chancel steps and sanctuary entrances.*)

† 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.

† PRAYERS OF DEDICATION

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

The elements will be distributed by elders on all sides of the chancel steps.

After receiving the bread and cup, return to your seat by the side aisles.

SPECIAL MUSIC

And Can It Be

arr. Dan Forrest

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 510

Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts

QUEBEC

Jesus, Thou joy of loving hearts, Thou fount of life, Thou light of all,
From the best bliss that earth imparts We turn, unfilled, to heed Thy call.

Thy truth unchanged hath ever stood; Thou savest those that on Thee call;
To them that seek Thee Thou art good, To them that find Thee, all in all.

We taste Thee, O Thou living bread, And long to feast upon Thee still;
We drink of Thee, the fountainhead, And thirst our souls from Thee to fill.

Our restless spirits yearn for Thee, where'er our changeful lot is cast,
Glad when Thy gracious smile we see, Blest when our faith can hold Thee fast.

O Jesus, ever with us stay, Make all our moments calm and bright;
O chase the night of sin away, Shed o'er the world Thy holy light.

† BENEDICTION

† SENDING SONG

The World Abounds with God's Free Grace

FOREST GREEN

Lord, teach us all an attitude that thanks You all our days,
A love that shows our gratitude through deeds that live our praise.

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

POSTLUDE

How Majestic is Your Name

arr. Joel Raney

We thank Jacob Furlow (violin), Martha Giarratano (cello), Mason Hendrix (oboe),
and Brielle Frost (flute) for sharing their gift of music with us in worship.

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.

We will collect the **PCUSA WORLD COMMUNION OFFERING TODAY**. This offering works to ensure all God's people flourish as God intends through ministries working for racial justice, gender justice, peacemaking, global witness, and ecumenical and interfaith relations.

DEACON TRAINING for new church officers is TODAY from 11:45AM to 3:30PM in the church parlor.

Starting October 1, we are collecting items for **STOCK THE PANTRY** at Some Other Place, **SEAFARERS' CENTER CHRISTMAS KITS** and **MARSHALL MIDDLE SCHOOL TRUNK OR TREAT**. Suggested items are listed in the October newsletter and on St. Andrew's website. Donations may be placed in bins located at the Church Office and in the Gladys foyer.

The **CHANCEL FLOWERS** today were given to the glory of God and in honor of our son Thomas' birthday by Bob and Judy Fisher.

St. Andrew's Prayer List

MEMBERS: Maryann Sweeney, Anne Harmon, Becky Thompson, Bob Fisher, Barbara Abel, Pat Richard, Bobbie Wied

FRIENDS AND FAMILY: Lara Bain, Tory Haralson, Family of Rane Nelson, Tenisha Humphrey, Carol Gober, Laura Assunto, Elizabeth Everett Baird, Marcia Denton, Jean and Ron Williamson, George Busceme, Charlie and 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, October 4, 2026

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

Monday, October 5, 2026

5:30PM	Strings After School
6:00PM	GT Square Dancers

Tuesday, October 6, 2026

10:00AM	PW Coord. Team
5:30PM	Strings After School
5:30PM	Fellowship Team
6:30PM	Christian Education

Wednesday, October 7, 2026

8:15AM	Soup Kitchen
9:30AM	Day School Chapel
4:30PM	Mission/Evangelism
5:30PM	AA Group
5:30PM	SA Handbells

Thursday, October 8, 2026

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

Saturday, October 10, 2026

8:30AM	SETX Food Bank
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Sunday, October 11, 2026

9:00AM	Choir Rehearsal
9:15AM	Sunday School
10:30AM	Worship
11:45AM	Choir Rehearsal
12:00PM	Deacons Meeting
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
Katherine Rape, Admin Assistant
Katrina Strong, Custodian
Patricia Williamson, Accompanist

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