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 18, 2026 Scottish 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.)*
Gracious God, quiet my heart and open my spirit to Your presence. Free me from the disappointments and distractions that keep me from gratitude. As I worship, help me remember Your faithfulness, receive Your grace, and respond with joyful thanks. Amen.

PRELUDE *Make Room within My Heart, O God* by Penny Rodriguez

LIFE AT ST. ANDREW'S

† PROCESSIONAL *Scotland the Brave* TRADITIONAL SCOTTISH

† CALL TO WORSHIP based on Psalm 90
One: God, You have been our dwelling place in every generation.
Many: From everlasting to everlasting, You are God.
One: Teach us to number our days and to receive each one as a gift.
Many: Fill us with Your steadfast love, that we may rejoice and be glad.
All: Establish the work of our hands, and make us grateful as we worship You!

† HYMN 470 *O Day of Radiant Gladness* WALDVOGELEIN

O day of radiant gladness, O day of joy and light,
O balm of care and sadness, Most beautiful, most bright;
This day the high and lowly, Through ages joined in tune,
Sing "Holy, holy, holy" To the great God triune.

This day at the creation The light first had its birth;
This day for our salvation Christ rose from depths of earth;
This day our Lord victorious The Spirit sent from heaven,
And this day most glorious A triple light was given.

This day God's people, meeting, The Holy Scripture hear;
Christ's living presence greeting, Through bread and wine made near.

We journey on, believing, Renewed with heavenly might,
From grace more grace receiving On this blest day of light.
Thus deriving from their banner Light by night and shade by day,
Safe they feed upon the manna Which God gives them when they pray.

† Invitation to Confession

† Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, on this Scottish Sunday, we thank You for the faithful people who came before us, those who trusted You through struggle, change, and disappointment, and who passed their faith from one generation to the next. We confess that we do not always follow their example. When life disappoints us, we complain instead of giving thanks, doubt instead of trusting, and overlook the blessings around us. Forgive us, renew our gratitude, and strengthen our faith, so that we may faithfully share Your love with generations yet to come.

† 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 *Amazing Grace* arr. Paul Thompson

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, That saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost, but now I'm found; Was blind, but now I see.

T'was grace that taught my heart to fear, And grace my fear relieved;
How precious did that grace appear, The hour I first believed.

The Lord has promised good to me, His word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be, As long as life endures.

Through many dangers, toils and snares, We have already come.
T'was grace that brought us safe thus far, And grace will lead us home.

When we've been here ten thousand years, Bright shining as the sun.
We've no less days to sing God's praise, Than when we've first begun.

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lesson Deuteronomy 34:1-12 Pew Bible p. 180
Large Print p. 300

Sermon Disappointment

† Hymn 253 *I'll Praise My Maker* Old 113th

Blessing of the Tartans

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 *(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

† HYMN 210 *Our God, Our Help in Ages Past* ST. ANNE

Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home.

Before the hills in order stood, or earth received its frame,
From everlasting Thou art God, to endless years the same.

A thousand ages in Thy sight are like an evening gone;
Short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever rolling stream, soon bears us all away;
We fly forgotten, as a dream dies at the opening day.

Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
Be Thou our guard while life shall last, and our eternal home.

† 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.

RECESSIONAL *Highland Cathedral* arr. James Wetherald

The chancel flowers today were given to the glory of God and
in memory of our close family friend, Jerry Day, by Susan and Jessica Meitzen.

We thank Jeff Courts (bagpipes) for sharing his gift of music with us 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.

Today is SCOTTISH SUNDAY. Join us for lunch after worship. The menu is beef stew, rolls, and shortbread. Following lunch, we will have modified Highland Games: tug of war, shotput, and jousting (with pool noodles of course)!

COMMITMENT SUNDAY is October 25. Prayerfully complete your "2027 Estimate of Giving" card, and return it by this day. Doing so helps us create an accurate budget for next year's ministry.

All women are invited to join the 2026-2027 PW BIBLE STUDY on Tuesday, October 27 at 10AM in the parlor. We will continue with Lesson Three: Freedom in Christ.

November 1 is ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY. It is the time of the Christian year when we remember those who have graduated from this life to life-everlasting.

Pastor Tara will host a SOUP SUPPER SOCIAL on November 1, beginning at 5PM, for SAPC volunteers and their families.

St. Andrew's Prayer List

MEMBERS: Gretta Ott, Family of Anne Harmon, Becky Thompson, Bob Fisher, Barbara Abel, Pat Richard, Bobbie Wied

FRIENDS AND FAMILY: Lara Bain, Kameron Webb, Ron Denton, George Brown III, Family of Jerry Day, 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 18, 2026
SCOTTISH SUNDAY
9:00AM Choir Rehearsal
9:15AM Sunday School
10:30AM Worship
11:30AM Scottish Lunch
11:45AM Choir Rehearsal
3:00PM Boy Scouts

Monday, October 19, 2026
5:30PM Strings After School

Tuesday, October 20, 2026
5:30PM Strings After School
6:30PM Session Meeting

Wednesday, October 21, 2026
9:30AM Day School Chapel
5:30PM AA Group
5:30M Board of Trustees
5:30PM SA Handbells

Thursday, October 22, 2026
8:30AM MOW Cooks
10:00AM MOW Delivers
4:30PM SAPC Foundation
6:00PM AA Group
6:00PM GT Handbells

Sunday, October 25, 2026
COMMITMENT SUNDAY
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
Katherine Rape, Admin Assistant
Katrina Strong, Custodian
Patricia Williamson, Accompanist

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