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 25, 2026 Reformation 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 our hearts and turn us toward You. Free us from pride, comparison, and entitlement, and awaken us to Your abundant grace. Prepare us to worship with humility, gratitude, and joy, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRELUDE *Jesus Paid it All* arr. Lloyd Larson

LIFE AT ST. ANDREW'S

† CALL TO WORSHIP based on 1 Peter 4:10-11
One: Each of us has received a gift from God's abundant grace.
Many: We are called to be faithful stewards of all God has given us.
One: Let us use our gifts to serve one another with humility and love.
Many: We will share God's grace freely, without seeking praise or reward.
One: In all that we say and do, may God be glorified through Jesus Christ.
Many: To God belongs the glory and the power forever and ever.
All: Let us worship the Lord!

† HYMN 375 *Lord of All Good* TOULON

Lord of all good, our gifts we bring to You; Use them Your holy purpose to fulfill;
Tokens of love and pledges brought anew, That our whole life is offered to Your will.

We give our minds to understand Your ways, Hands, eyes, and voice to serve Your great design,
Heart with the flame of Your own love ablaze, Till for Your glory all our powers combine.

Father, whose bounty all creation shows; Christ, by whose willing sacrifice we live;
Spirit, from whom all life in fullness flows, To You with grateful hearts ourselves we give.

† Invitation to Confession

† Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, everything in heaven and on earth belongs to You. All that we have comes from Your hand, yet we confess that we often treat Your gifts as our possessions. We approach You with a transactional mindset, expecting our faithfulness to earn Your favor and our generosity to guarantee Your blessing. We seek recognition, cling to our resources, and forget that we are only stewards of Your blessings. Forgive our pride and ingratitude. Examine our hearts, renew our devotion, and give us willing spirits that offer ourselves joyfully to You.

† 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 *My Worth is Not in What I Own* arr. David Angerman

My worth is not in what I own, not in the strength of flesh and bone,
But in the costly wounds of love at the cross.

My worth is not in skill or name, in win or lose, in pride or shame,
But in the blood of Christ that flowed at the cross.

Refrain: I rejoice in my Redeemer—greatest treasure, well-spring of my soul.
I will trust in Him, no other; my soul is satisfied in Him alone.

As summer flow'rs we fade and die; fame, youth, and beauty hurry by,
But life eternal calls to us at the cross.

I will not boast in wealth or might, or human wisdom's fleeting light,
But I will boast in knowing Christ at the cross.

Two wonders here that I confess: my worth and my unworthiness;
My value fixed, my ransom paid at the cross.

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lesson 1 Chronicles 29:10-20 Pew Bible p. 369
Large Print p. 610-611

Sermon The Extravagant Return

† Hymn 428 *We Give Thee but Thine Own* Schumann

We give Thee but Thine own, whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from Thee.

May we Thy bounties thus as stewards true receive,
And gladly, as Thou blessest us, to Thee our firstfruits give.

To comfort and to bless, to find a balm for woe,
To tend the lonely in distress, is angels' work below.

The captive to release, to God the lost to bring,
To teach the way of life and peace—it is a Christ-like thing.

And we believe Thy word, though dim our faith may be;
Whate'er for Thine we do, O Lord, we do it unto Thee.

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 *(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.

†UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION
Lord, receive these offerings not because they're anything special, but because generosity is part of the work You have given us to do. Make us, as well as these gifts, offerings of Good News and signs of Your power to reconcile and redeem. May our commitments for 2027 reflect our desire to see Your Kingdom unfold before us. We pray that they represent the best we have to offer, our pledge to keep You and the Gospel as our first priority, and a reflection of our trust in You for all things. Bless these intentions so they may become ministry and mission in our midst. We ask this in the name of Christ. Amen.

† HYMN INSERT *I'd Rather Have Jesus* I'D RATHER HAVE JESUS

I'd rather have Jesus than silver or gold; I'd rather be His than have riches untold;
I'd rather have Jesus than houses or lands, I'd rather be led by His nail-pierced hand.

Refrain: Than to be the king of a vast domain Or be held in sin's dread sway.
I'd rather have Jesus than anything This world affords today.

I'd rather have Jesus than men's applause; I'd rather be faithful to His dear cause;
I'd rather have Jesus than worldwide fame. I'd rather be true to His holy name.

He's fairer than lilies or rarest bloom; He's sweeter than honey from out the comb;
He's all that my hungering spirit needs. I'd rather have Jesus and let Him lead.

† 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 *Rejoice, Give Thanks, and Sing* arr. Lloyd Larson

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 COMMITMENT SUNDAY. Prayerfully return your completed "2027 Estimate of Giving" card today. 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 at her house on November 1, beginning at 5PM, for SAPC volunteers and their families. The menu is Sausage Gnocchi, Garlicky White Bean & Chicken, Broccoli Cheese, Oktoberfest Soup, and Pork Stew.

The CHANCEL FLOWERS today were given to the glory of God and in loving memory of her parents, Elizabeth and Henry Creeger, on their anniversary by Elizabeth Petit and her family.

St. Andrew's Prayer List

MEMBERS: Andy Quigley, Becky Thompson, Bob Fisher, Barbara Abel, Pat Richard, Bobbie Wied

FRIENDS AND FAMILY: Jack and Karen Tarpy, Family of Annie Bowman, Family of Anita Heilman, Family of Jack Farris, Lara Bain, Kameron Webb, Carol Gober, Laura Assunto, Elizabeth Everett Baird, Marcia Denton, Jean and Ron Williamson, George Busceme, Charlie and Judy Monaghan, 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 25, 2026
REFORMATION SUNDAY
9:00AM Choir Rehearsal
9:15AM Sunday School
10:30AM Worship
11:30AM Fall Luncheon
11:45AM Choir Rehearsal
3:00PM Boy Scouts
4:30PM Youth Group

Monday, October 26, 2026
5:30PM Strings After School

Tuesday, October 27, 2026
10:00AM PW Bible Study
5:00PM MMS Trunk or Treat
5:30PM Strings After School

Wednesday, October 28, 2026
9:30AM Day School Chapel
5:30PM AA Group
5:30PM SA Handbells

Thursday, October 29, 2026
8:30AM MOW Cooks
10:00AM MOW Delivers
11:30AM DS Trunk or Treat
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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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