

# Welcome to St Andrew Methodist Church!

*We are God's passionate people empowered by the Holy Spirit to share Christ.*



January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026

## Today's Scripture Verse

When the time came for the purification rites required by the Law of Moses, Joseph and Mary took him to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male is to be consecrated to the Lord"), and to offer a sacrifice in keeping with what is said in the Law of the Lord: "a pair of doves or two young pigeons." Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. He was waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Moved by the Spirit, he went into the temple courts. When the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the custom of the Law required, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying: "Sovereign Lord, as you have promised, you may now dismiss your servant in peace. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the sight of all nations: a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of your people Israel." The child's father and mother marveled at what was said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother: "This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against, so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul too." There was also a prophet, Anna, the daughter of Penuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was very old; she had lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, and then was a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped night and day, fasting and praying. Coming up to them at that very moment, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were looking forward to the redemption of Jerusalem.

**Luke 2:22-38**

## Weekly Snapshot!

### Sunday, January 4<sup>th</sup>

Jesus, Juice and Java	9:00 am	Fellowship Hall
Sunday School	9:30 am	Various Classrooms
Worship Service	10:30 am	Sanctuary
The Fountain Worship Service	6:00 pm	Sanctuary

### Monday, January 5<sup>th</sup>

Family Life Center is reserved from 5 – 9 pm

### Tuesday, January 6<sup>th</sup>

Coffee Hour	10:00 am	Fellowship Hall
Family Life Center is reserved from 5 – 9 pm		

### Wednesday, January 7<sup>th</sup>

Connections	5:30	Family Life Center
OWE God Squad Meeting	6:00	Fellowship Hall
Choir Practice	7:00	Sanctuary
Family Life Center is reserved from 7:30 – 9:30 pm		

### Thursday, January 8<sup>th</sup>

Senior Fitness	10:00 am	Family Life Center
Joy Handbells	5:00 pm	Family Life Center
Bells of St Andrew	6:00 pm	Family Life Center
Family Life Center is reserved from 5 – 9 pm		

### Friday, January 9<sup>th</sup>

Family Life Center is reserved from 5 – 9 pm

### Saturday, January 10<sup>th</sup>

Family Life Center is reserved from 5 – 9 pm

## Global Methodist Church Conference Motto...

**"to make disciples of Jesus Christ who worship passionately, love extravagantly, and witness boldly"**

### St Andrew Church Staff

Pastor	Ron Hoeksema
Secretary	TBA
Financial Secretary	Ruth Hughes
Choir Director	Carl Gibson
Organist	Kelly Ward
Youth Coordinator	Kat Grayson-Gibson
Audio/Video Engineer	Jonathan Johnson
Grounds/Maintenance	John Pitts

### Photographs Needed!

Are you a natural photographer? Beginning in 2026, we need pictures that show the life of St Andrew for our website. Please send only clear and close up photos to us at [churchoffice1567@yahoo.com](mailto:churchoffice1567@yahoo.com).

***Photos of children can only be submitted from their parents or grandparents who have permission!***

## Announcements

### Order of Worship

PRELUDE: “Come Now is the Time to Worship”

CALL OF WORSHIP: “10,000 Reasons”

HYMN/SONG OF PRAISE: “In Christ Alone”

WELCOME/GREET YOUR NEIGHBOR

OFFERING & OFFERTORY: “God of Wonders”

DOXOLOGY (Words on Screen)

CHOIR/SPECIAL MUSIC: “I Believe in a Hill Called Mount Calvary”  
*(Children are excused to Children’s Church after the reading of scripture)*

SCRIPTURE: Luke 2:22-38

SERMON: “Seeking Salvation”

SERVICE OF COMMUNION  
*(After communion has been served – Homebound Servers should come forward)*

PASTORAL/LORD’S PRAYER

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH # 88 (Words on Screen)

CLOSING HYMN/SONG #370 “Victory in Jesus”

BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE #328 “Surely the Presence”

POSTLUDE #328 “Surely the Presence”

#### **Praise Reports – Prayer Request – Homebound Members**

Another year to witness the love of Jesus Christ and praise God!

Merrill Hartman, Bob & Carolyn Sampson, Cynthia Mumford, JoAnn Crane,  
Melanie Spangler, Ansley McCaw, Frank Haynes, Shirley Crittendon, Ralph Murrell and  
Operation West End

Jean & Patricia Booty, Steve & Carol Hollis, Bob & Carolyn Sampson, Frank and Kathi Haynes, Joyce Crowe,  
Jackie Hutchins, Ann Owens, Joretta Rampey, Sheryle Place, Robin Few and Ralph Murrell

**Welcome to St. Andrew Methodist Church!** Please sign your name on the Friendship Pad! (The small notebook at the end of the pew.) If you are a first-time visitor, we are excited that you are here and hope that you will feel the Holy Spirit among us!

**Parents of Children:** Our nursery is available for newborns to 4 year olds. Kindergarteners to 5<sup>th</sup> grade are encouraged to join us for Children’s Church after the special music section of the service,

**Wednesday Night Connections:** Want to find a connection with us? Join us at every Wednesday at 5:30 for a free meal and program at 6:15. Children and youth can enjoy a small group experience just for them as well.

**St. Andrew’s Mission for January** is In His Arms Ministries. This ministry, which includes Halle’s House, is a non-profit organization dedicated to glorifying God by aiding in the recovery of chemically dependent individuals. Donations can be made by cash or check, just indicate the name of this ministry on the envelope. Thank you for your generosity!

**Volunteer Opportunities** – We are currently looking for nursery volunteers that would be willing to serve during both the 9:30 Sunday school hour and the 10:30 worship service. Please contact the church office if you are available to be added to the rotation.

**The Sunday School Experience** – If you aren’t already in a Sunday school class, let 2026 be the year that you give it a try. Classes begin at 9:30 am each Sunday and are available for all ages.

*If you would like an introduction to a class, please contact the church office or join us for Jesus, Juice and Java at 9 am and we will point you in the right direction.*

### Sermon Notes



**Church Office Hours are Monday to Friday 9 am – 1 pm**

**Appointments are recommended!**

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