

# ANDREWS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

ORDER OF WORSHIP

18<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 1, 2023

11:00AM

↑ *Please stand as you are able.*

**Bold** – read responsively or in communal prayer.

## GATHERING AND FOCUSING ON GOD

INVITATION TO SILENT MEDITATION

PRELUDE AND LIGHTING OF ALTAR CANDLES

**Here I Am to Worship with O Worship the King**

*As the music plays you are invited to a time of silent prayer.*

Kerry Archer

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mike Clements

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Led by Pam Mills

When circumstances, or the inhumanity of others,  
have left us alone and wounded,  
you offer us living water,

**Thank you, gracious and generous God.**

We thank you and praise you, O God,  
that how ever we may thirst,  
what ever we may need to satisfy our souls,  
you offer it freely and abundantly in Christ;

**So we drink deep of the living water  
and, as we draw from your wells,  
we seek to pass the cup to others,  
who, like us, are thirsty for your grace.**

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Sara Scruggs

All too often, we tell God we will do better, and be better,  
and then just go on living the same way we always have.

Let this be the moment,  
when we tell our God of our failures and faithlessness,  
so we can go forth to work in that kingdom of grace and hope.  
Join me as we pray,

**We would want to be fountains of hope for others, God of glory,  
but people find only hardened hearts.**

**We would like to be transformed people,  
but our stubborn pride prevents us from bending a knee to you.**

**We long to stand with those who are in need,  
but our selfishness keeps our backs rigid in judgment.**

**Forgive us, God who came down to us.**

**Humble us, that we might be true servants to the broken and lost.**

**Split open our frozen hearts,  
that compassion might flow freely to those who are hurting.**

**Fill our minds with the presence of your Spirit,  
that we might learn how to follow Jesus Christ,  
our Lord and Savior,**

**into that kingdom of grace and hope.**

*Silence is kept.*

## Assurance of Pardon

This is the good news:  
in Christ, God's plan for salvation was accomplished.  
You are forgiven, you are made new.

**We will complete God's joy  
by sharing compassion, forgiveness, hope,  
with everyone we meet.  
Thanks be to God. Amen.**

↑ OPENING HYMN: **All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name** UMH #154

PASTORAL PRAYER: Sara Scruggs

OFFERTORY / REFLECTION: **Behold the Lamb** Kerry Archer

↑ DOXOLOGY UMH #95

↑ BLESSING OF THE OFFERING: Sara Scruggs

Holy God of infinite grace, we bring our offerings today knowing that  
our actions too often don't live up to our intentions and aspirations.  
When calling ourselves Christians, we announce ourselves as  
followers of Christ, knowing how many times our choices have made  
us unrecognizable as his disciples. Yet you wait patiently for us to  
find our way back to the path. May our giving this day and our living  
reflect our desire to be faithful to the Savior, in whose blessed name  
we pray. **Amen**

## PROCLAMATION AND HEARING OF GOD'S WORD

↑ HYMN OF PREPARATION: **One Bread, One Body** UMH #620

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION: Sara Scruggs

Reveal yourself to us in your word, O Holy God. Open our hearts to  
your blessing, to the changes you want to make in our lives and in our  
life together, and to the work you want us to do. Holy are you Lord, and  
you have called your church to a holy and sacramental vision. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE: **Matthew 21:23-32** Sara Scruggs

SERMON: **So Many Questions** Sara Scruggs

## THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING UMH #15-16  
Led by Sara Scruggs

THE LORD'S PRAYER UMH #895

**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 trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

## SENT INTO MINISTRY IN THE WORLD

↑ CLOSING HYMN: **Jesus Shall Reign** UMH #157

*As we sing, the altar rail is open for prayer.*

↑ BENEDICTION Sara Scruggs

↑ SUNG RESPONSE: **Let There Be Peace on Earth** UMH #431

↑ CARRYING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

POSTLUDE: **Christ the Victorious** Kerry Archer

## THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

<b>18<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost / World Communion Sunday</b>	October 1
9:30 am	Adult Sunday School in the Fellowship Hall
10:00 am	Children and Youth Sunday School
11:00 am	Worship
Monday	October 2
11:00 am – 1:00 pm	HOME <i>Happy Birthday, Cheryl Kelley!</i>
Tuesday	October 3
2:00 pm	United Methodist Women <i>Happy Birthday, Joslyn Booth!</i>
Wednesday	October 4
1:00 pm	Games & Dames <i>Happy Birthday, Ronnie Clontz!</i>
Thursday	October 5
5:00 pm	Welcome Table (Meal by United Methodist Church)
Friday	October 6
11:00 am – 1:00 pm	HOME
2:00 pm	AHS Homecoming Parade
After the Game	5 <sup>th</sup> Quarter
Saturday	October 7
	<i>Happy Birthday, Brent Burch, Jonathan Burch, Reagan Adams!</i>
<b>19<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost / Communion Sunday</b>	October 8
9:30 am	Adult Sunday School in the Fellowship Hall
10:00 am	Children and Youth Sunday School
11:00 am	Worship

**Favorite Hymn:** We have a couple of worship services coming up in which we would like to highlight your favorite hymns. If you would like to submit a hymn for us to consider including, please let Sara or Kerry know.

## HELPING IN MINISTRY THIS WEEK

### Greeters

Mookie Booth Sue Tallant  
Warren Bookwalter Trudy Reynolds

### Ushers / Offering Stewards

Oct 1: Ron C., Philip, Warren, Vernon  
Oct 7: Mark, Don D., Gil, Dewey

### Liturgist

October: Pam Mills

### Communion Stewards

October: Ken Deese  
November: David Newsome  
December: Cheryl Kelley

### Acolyte(s)

October: Tobin Brogunier

## Welcome Table Schedule

Oct 5: United Methodist Men  
Oct 12: Sam Mabry & Crew

### Home Delivered Meal Volunteers

Mon: Terry and George  
Fri: Beth

## LAST WEEK BY THE NUMBERS:

Sunday Worship Attendance: 36

General Budget: \$6,939.00

Welcome Table: \$50.00

Special Donation (Computer) \$1,500.00

Pastor's Discretionary: \$250.00

5<sup>th</sup> Quarter: \$50.00

HOME: \$25.00

The Class: \$30.00

Change Sunday: \$38.00

## A SPECIAL WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS!

We're so glad you're here! We hope that you feel God's presence through worship today. To make yourself more at home, you might like to know that:

- The Nursery (for pre-school children) is located in Room 208-209, in the Family Life Center. Ask a greeter for directions.
- If you need hearing assistance, there are headphones in the Chestnut Street entryway.
- Restrooms are located at the back of the sanctuary in the Library and the Memorial Parlor.
- The Welcome Table is a free community meal hosted every Thursday at 5pm in our Family Life Center. Both volunteers and diners are wanted!
- You can learn more about the United Methodist Church as a denomination by visiting [www.umc.org](http://www.umc.org).

## Readings from the Lectionary:

**Monday**, October 2, 2023: Psalm 42; Exodus 18:1-12; Philippians 1:3-14

**Tuesday**, October 3, 2023: Psalm 42; Exodus 18:13-27; Philippians 1:15-21

**Wednesday**, October 4, 2023: Psalm 42; Exodus 19:9b-25; Matthew 9:2-8

**Thursday**, October 5, 2023: Psalm 19; Exodus 23:1-9; Colossians 2:16-23

**Friday**, October 6, 2023: Psalm 19; Exodus 23:14-19; Philippians 2:14-18; 3:1-4a

**Saturday**, October 7, 2023: Psalm 19; Exodus 23:10-13; John 7:40-52

**Sunday**, October 8, 2023: Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20 and Psalm 19; Isaiah 5:1-7 and Psalm 80:7-15; Philippians 3:4b-14; Matthew 21:33-46

**HOME** thanks you for your generous donations of money and items we request. We are also collecting the following clothing items: Jeans, Belts, T-shirt, Underwear, Socks, Backpacks.

**Alcoholics Anonymous** meets Wednesdays and Sundays at 12:00 noon in the Fellowship Hall.

## KEEP IN TOUCH WITH ANDREWS UMC!

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[www.virtualstorefronts.com/AndrewsUMC](http://www.virtualstorefronts.com/AndrewsUMC)

## CHILDREN & YOUTH

**Children's Sunday School Schedule:** 10:00am Children/Youth Sunday School

Classes (*Located in Family Life Center upstairs*):

- PreK – 6th Grade: Room 215 (Cheryl Kelley)
- 7th Grade & Up: Room 216

## PRAYERS AND PRAISES

If you have prayer requests or praises that you wish to share, you may fill out the prayer slip in the pew or email or phone them to the office. **Please note that we cannot publish names or issues without the permission of the individual.** Phone: 828-321-5216; email: [andrewsumc@gmail.com](mailto:andrewsumc@gmail.com)

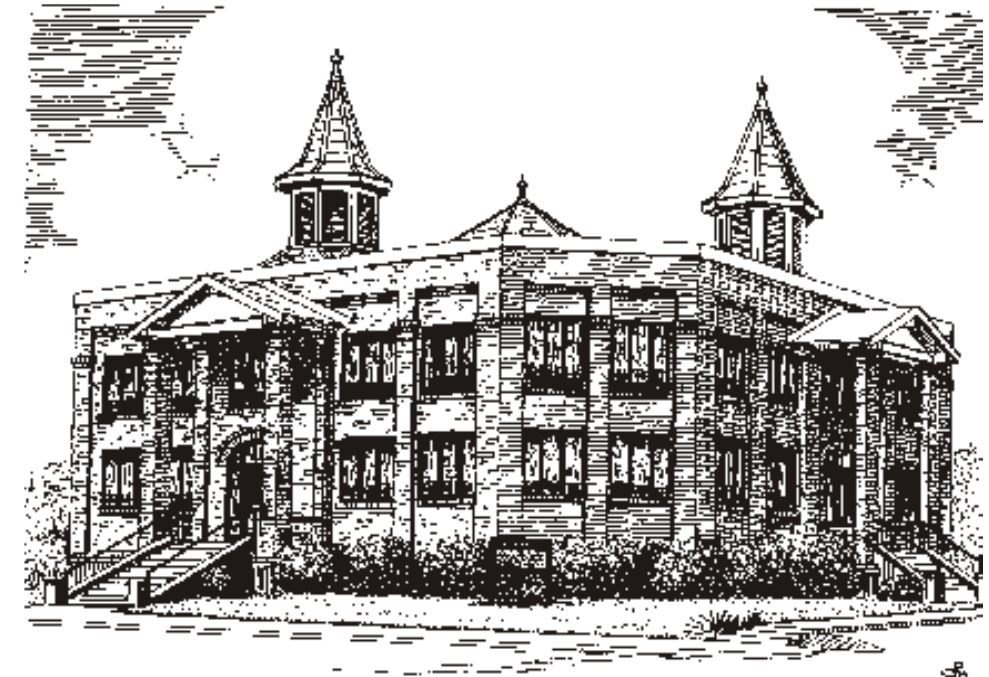
- Prayers of gratitude for all our blessings.
- Prayers for baby Riley, Marc and Alyssa Mainguy, Riley was born prematurely on September 20.
- For June Brooks, recuperating from surgery at Murphy Rehab and Nursing in room 106. June would welcome visitors and cards.
- For Theresa McCoy, additional back surgery on October 24.
- For Aretha Hays, her nephew, Kodi, and her friend, Eula.
- For our church and each one of our church family, the Town of Andrews and all who make it their home.
- For Bobbie Wilson, Jerry Thompson, Elizabeth West, David Kelley, H. F. Forbes, Lavenia Hawk, Cookie Godsey, Betty Brewer, John and Linda Kennedy, Darlene Graham, Don and Sue Tallant, Louise and Roy Gilbert, Jimmie Pitt, and Margaret Freel, for continued healing and recovery.
- For those who are lonely.
- For the people of Ukraine.
- For the victims of violence and their families.
- For the many unspoken prayer requests we receive.
- For those suffering and dying from COVID and breakthrough infections.
- For our health care workers.
- For those struggling and suffering from addiction, mental illness, dementia, and their families and caregivers.
- For hungry families, that they be fed.
- For the earthquake victims in Morocco.
- For the flood victims in Libya.

**Prayer Requests:** Please continue to place your prayer request cards in the offering plate. If you have a confidential request, please give it to Pastor Sara after worship.

**Thank you to the Vengeance Creek Baptist Church** for cooking for the Welcome Table on Thursday, September 28. Welcome Table cannot function without our community partners, our volunteers, and your prayers and support!!

**Holy Smokes Tasting Party / Fundraising Event, October 5** – A chance to sample a range of American dishes with all-you-can-eat access. An evening of fun and fellowship to benefit the Good Samaritan Fund. Held at Saint Williams Catholic Church, 765 Andrews Rd, Murphy, 5:30-7 pm. Admission at the door: \$10 adults; \$5 kids 10 and under.

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a welcoming congregation of grace and growth through Jesus Christ



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*Ministers: Every member of the church!*  
*Pastor: Rev. Sara Scruggs*  
*Accompanist: Kerry Archer*  
*Administrative Assistant: Jeanne Powell*  
*Custodian: Lamar Roberts*