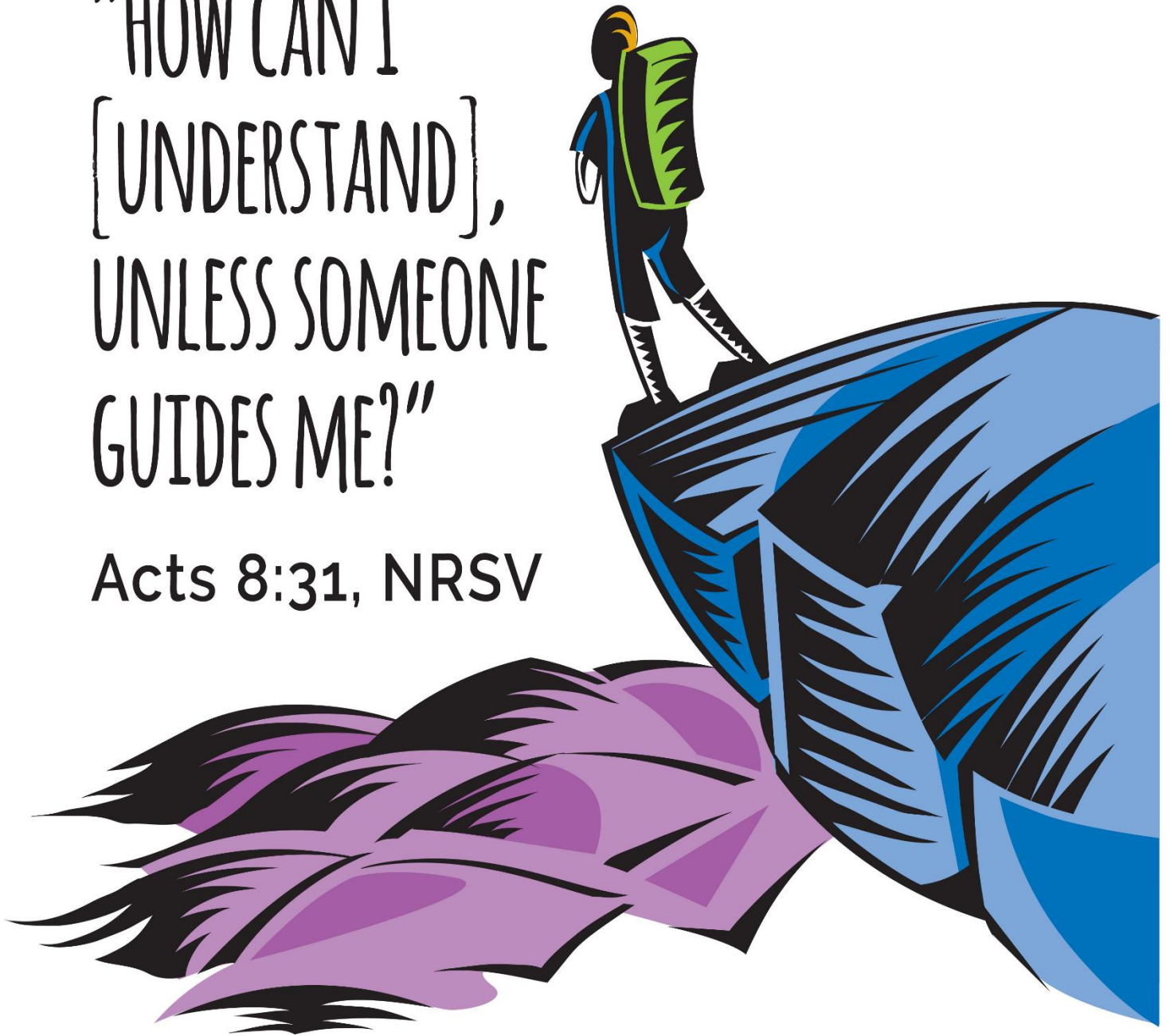


# Welcome to St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church

"HOW CAN I  
[UNDERSTAND],  
UNLESS SOMEONE  
GUIDES ME?"

Acts 8:31, NRSV



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**SUNDAY SHEPHERD**

Sarah Brown

**GATHERING FOR WORSHIP**

**PRELUDE**

St. Andrew's Legacy Carillion

**PRAISE TO GOD**

**WELCOME**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Pastor: We gather this day in joy and Christian fellowship,

**People: for we are the church of Jesus Christ!**

Pastor: We pray for the Holy Spirit to be among us,

**People: opening our hearts and minds to the worship of God!**

**\*HYMN # 90**

*"Joyful, joyful, We Adore Thee" v. 1 – 4*

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love;  
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before Thee, Opening to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; Drive the dark of doubt away.  
Giver of immortal gladness, Fill us with the light of day.

All Thy works with joy surround Thee, Earth and heav'n reflect Thy rays.  
Stars and angels sing around Thee, Center of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain, Flowery meadow, flashing sea;  
Chanting bird and flowing fountain Call us to rejoice in Thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving, Ever blessing, ever blest,  
Well-spring of the joy of living, Ocean depth of happy rest.  
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother - All who live in love are Thine.  
Teach us how to love each other; Lift us to the joy divine.

Mortals, join the mighty chorus Which the morning stars began;  
Love divine is reigning o'er us, Leading us with mercy's hand.  
Ever singing, march we onward, Victors in the midst of strife.  
Joyful music leads us sunward In the triumph song of life.

**STUMP THE PASTOR OR THE CHILDREN**

**DISMISSAL TO CHILDREN'S CHURCH** *"Jesus Loves Me"*

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In-Unison)**

Gracious God, our hearts are restless until they find their home in you. Forgive our pursuit of things that separate us from you. We pursue success, realizing it will never be enough. We desire more possessions, knowing they are empty. We turn toward the world and hope we will find peace, knowing the world cannot provide it. Forgive us, we pray, and may our wandering hearts find their rest in you alone. Amen.

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**\*RESPONSE: HYMN # 812**

*“Glory be to the Father”*

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:**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

(Greet each other with the sign of peace)

**HYMN # 617**

*“Near to the Heart of God”* v. 1 – 3

There is a place of quiet rest,  
Near to the heart of God;  
A place where sin cannot molest,  
Near to the heart of God.

Refrain: O Jesus, blest Redeemer,  
Sent from the heart of God,  
Hold us, who wait before Thee,  
Near to the heart of God.

There is a place of comfort sweet,  
Near to the heart of God;  
A place where we our Savior meet,  
Near to the heart of God. [Refrain]

There is a place of full release,  
Near to the heart of God;  
A place where all is joy and peace,  
Near to the heart of God. [Refrain]

## PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Kevin Strang

Gracious God, may your Holy Spirit open our hearts and minds to your words of love and grace this day. Amen.

### SCRIPTURES

Kevin Strang

Acts Reading: Acts 8:26-40

Reader: This is the WORD of the LORD for His people.

**PEOPLE: Thanks be to GOD!**

### MESSAGE

*"Divine Directions"*

Pastor Linda Graham

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:** The Apostle's Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again, He ascended into heaven. He is seated at the right hand of the Father, and He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### 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

#### \*RESPONSE HYMN # 815

*"Doxology"*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise Him, all creatures here below.

Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host.

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

## PRAYER OF DEDICATION (In-Unison)

Gracious God, please accept these gifts and use them for the coming of your kingdom in this time and place. In gratitude for all we have and for your love for us, we pray with thanksgiving. Amen.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### HYMN # 56

*"To God Be the Glory" v. 1 – 3*

To God be the glory - great things He hath done!  
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,  
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin  
And opened the life-gate that all may go in.

Refrain: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!

Let the earth hear His voice!

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!

Let the people rejoice!

O come to the Father through Jesus, the Son,  
And give Him the glory - great things He hath done!

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood -  
To every believer, the promise of God.

The vilest offender who truly believes,  
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.[Refrain]

Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done,  
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son.

But purer and higher and greater will be  
Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. [Refrain]

## CHARGE & BLESSING

## POSTLUDE

St. Andrew's Legacy Carillion

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## May Lectionary

<b>Sixth Sunday of Easter</b> May 5	<u>*Acts 10:44-48</u>	<u>Psalm 98</u>	<u>1 John 5:1-6</u>	<u>John 15:9-17</u>
<b>Ascension of the Lord</b> May 9	<u>*Acts 1:1-11</u>	<u>Psalm 47</u> or <u>Psalm 93</u>	<u>Ephesians 1:15-23</u>	<u>Luke 24:44-53</u>
<b>Seventh Sunday of Easter</b> May 12	<u>*Acts 1:15-17, 21-26</u>	<u>Psalm 1</u>	<u>1 John 5:9-13</u>	<u>John 17:6-19</u>
<b>Day of Pentecost</b> May 19	<u>*Acts 2:1-21</u> or <u>Ezekiel 37:1-14</u>	<u>Psalm 104:24-34, 35b</u>	<u>Romans 8:22-27</u> or <u>Acts 2:1-21</u>	<u>John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15</u>
<b>Trinity Sunday</b> May 26	<u>Isaiah 6:1-8</u>  <u>Psalm 29</u>		<u>Romans 8:12-17</u>	<u>John 3:1-17</u>
<b>Visitation of Mary to Elizabeth</b> May 31	<u>1 Samuel 2:1-10</u>  <u>Psalm 113</u>		<u>Romans 12:9-16b</u>	<u>Luke 1:39-57</u>