



SAINT ANDREW
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The Beacon

OCTOBER 2026

MISSION

CHRIST IS CALLING ST. ANDREW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH TO BE
A BEACON OF PEACE AND LOVE WHERE EVERYBODY BELONGS

VISION

AS FOLLOWERS OF JESUS CHRIST, WE ARE BEING TRANSFORMED
THROUGH THE COURAGEOUS AND HEALING WORK OF RECONCILIATION

Month At-a-Glance

Sun 10/4 **IHOP Breakfast! | 8:45am** Join us around the breakfast table as we close out our "Come to the Table" Worship Series.

World Communion Sunday | Special Offering

Wed 10/7 **Wednesday Supper Club | 5:30 - 7:30 pm**
Join us for our second mid-week gathering! Drop-in for an easy night of good food, relaxed conversation, and community with both our church and school families. This month is pasta night!

Sat 10/10 **St. Andrew Tag Sale & Start of Celebrate Purcellville | 8am - 12 noon**
Bring your donations and help raise money for youth retreats! For more information see the **Outreach Update on page 8.**

*Pastor & Staff
Appreciation Sunday!*

Sunday, October 18th

*World Communion
Sunday
October 4th*

Around the world and right here at home, love in action looks like doing justice and loving kindness (Micah 6:8).

On Sunday, Sept. 27, and World Communion Sunday, Oct. 4, we're receiving the PC(USA) World Communion Offering. Your gifts support vital work in racial justice, gender equity, global peace, and interfaith reconciliation. Drop your gift in the plate using the special envelopes, give online, or text **GIVEWCO** to **41444**. A little from all of us adds up to a lot!

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October Calendar

Thu 1	9:15a 6:30p 7:00p	Coffee & Conversation @ Doppio Bunny Deacon Meeting Choir Practice
Sun 4	8:00p 8:45a 9:00a 10:00a 10:15a	Handbell Choir Practice IHOP Breakfast in Fellowship Hall Sunday School Worship Service* + World Communion Sunday Children's Church
Wed 7	11:15a	Worship Committee Meeting
Thu 8	5:30p 9:15a 7:00p	Wednesday Supper Club Coffee & Conversation @ Doppio Bunny Choir Practice
	8:00p	Handbell Choir Practice
Sat 10	8a - 5p	Tag Sale
Sun 11	9:00a 10:00a 10:15a	Sunday School Worship Service* Children's Church + Minis Youth Group
	11:15a	Mission Committee Meeting
Thu 15	9:15a 6:30p 7:00p	Coffee & Conversation @ Doppio Bunny NLC Board Meeting Choir Practice
	8:00p	Handbell Choir Practice
Sun 18	9:00a 10:00a 11:30a	Sunday School Worship Service* Session Meeting
	12:00p	Brewery Gathering for Staff Appreciation
Mon 19	6:00p	Youth Group (MS+HS)
Wed 21	10:00a	Bible Bunch
Thu 22	10:00a 9:15a 7:00p	Newsletter Submission Deadline Coffee & Conversation @ Doppio Bunny Choir Practice
	8:00p	Handbell Choir Practice
Sat 24	7:30p 9:00a	Book Club Sunday School
Sun 25	10:00a 10:15a 11:15a	Celebration Sunday Worship* + Food on the Fourth Children's Church + Minis Youth Group Outreach Committee Meeting (after service)
Wed 28	5:30p	Trunk-Or-Treat
Thu 29	9:15a 7:00p 8:00p	Coffee & Conversation @ Doppio Bunny Choir Practice Handbell Choir Practice

***child care is available
4 years old & under**

Want to be included in the next newsletter?

Please send committee updates, articles, and photos to
newsletter@standrew-pres.org by **October 21st**

A note from...

Pastor Amanda

A Deeper Well: Our Fall Stewardship Series

"Whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst." — John 4:14

Every Sunday when I look out at our sanctuary, I am reminded of how special this Saint Andrew community is. We laugh easily, we show up for one another in messy and beautiful ways, and we take seriously the call to be a place where every body belongs.

As we kick off our fall stewardship series, we're reflecting on an ancient image that feels remarkably true for us: the church as a well. A well doesn't dig itself. It takes effort, collective muscle, and steady commitment to dig deep, shore up the stones, and draw up water. That is the work we do together. But the water we draw up? That water is Christ's living water—offered freely to all who thirst, with no strings attached.

The well is ours, but the water is Christ's.

We maintain this well so that when our neighbors are worn out, when our kids need a safe place to grow, or when any one of us is walking through grief or transition, there is cool, life-giving grace ready to be drawn.

Saint Andrew is in a wonderful, healthy season of ministry. To keep dreaming big and expanding our impact in Purcellville and beyond, we want to be upfront about what it takes to keep this well flowing. Our active community includes about 200 children, youth, and adults, with an annual operating budget of approximately \$520,000. With our current business income, we rely on an average of \$3.70 per person per day to sustain our shared life of faith together. What if we could raise that average to \$5 a day?

For some, \$5 a day is pocket change; for others, it represents a real sacrifice. And that is the beauty of a church family: we are not a subscription service. Whether you can give abundantly or cannot give financially right now, your place in this community never changes. You belong, and you are unconditionally beloved.

For those who are able to give, we invite you to dig deep with us this year:

- Pray: Reflect on what this community means to you and how you might invest in our shared future.
- Pledge: Letting us know your estimated giving helps our Session plan responsibly and do the good that is ours to do. You can turn in a pledge card on **Celebration Sunday, October 25th**, or [set up a recurring payment online](#) anytime at standrew-pres.org by clicking the "Give" button.

Dig with us. Tend this well with us. And just as importantly—pull up a chair, catch your breath, and drink freely from the living water that never runs dry.

With gratitude and bright hope,

Pastor Amanda

youth & children

Upcoming Events

Volunteers needed!

* **Youth Group** - Dinner and drivers needed!

** **Tag Sale** - Volunteers needed to help set-up and man tables throughout the day.

Contact Lisa and Deborah Hill

*****Trunk-or-Treat** - Volunteers needed for various roles. Contact Ally Fetch

Oct 4	9:15 am	Children's Choir
	10:15 am	Children's Church
	6:00 pm	Youth Group*
Oct 10	8a - 12p	Tag Sale!**
Oct 11	10:15 am	Children's Church + Minis
Oct 18	10:15 am	Children's Church
	6:00 pm	Youth Group - All About Missions
Oct 25	10:15 am	Children's Church + Minis
Oct 28	5:30pm	Trunk-or-Treat***

Updates!

We've had a great time kicking off our children's choir, supporting the congregational singing of "My Lighthouse." We have entered a new season of Dads with Donuts, Children's Church, Minis and Youth Group, learning more about God and developing our faith in community with one another. Our intrepid Minis even contributed a dish to the Fall Potluck!

Our Youth would love to have some additional congregation members join us on our adventures.

We have plans to go thrift shopping to put together some snazzy outfits, learn all about what "smothered and covered" means, support the work of the church, and so much more! If you're interested in being there with our kids, whether that is providing dinner or just coming to hang out and build community together, please reach out to Lisa (lisamassey@standrew-pres.org).

Interested in Volunteering?!

Contact Lisa (lisamassey@standrew-pres.org) with any questions or for more information.

Would you like to volunteer to help make our ministries happen?

Scan the code to sign-up and let us know!



mission

Upcoming Meeting Schedule

Sunday, October 11
Sunday, November 8
Sunday, December 13



Please remember to bring food to donate to Loudoun Hunger Relief on the fourth Sunday of each month. Donated food can also be left in the box near the front door on any other Sunday.

We donated **111 pounds of food in August** bringing our year-to-date total to 649 pounds. **Our goal is to collect 1,000 pounds by the end of 2026.**

Thanksgiving Dinner Bags

Information will be coming soon about the Thanksgiving Dinner Bags we collect and donate to Loudoun Hunger Relief. Last year we delivered approximately 75 bags. Bags will need to be at the church by **November 8** for delivery to LHR.

On behalf of the congregation, the committee recently donated

\$500 to Loudoun Hunger Relief and **\$1,000 to the Neighborhood Learning Center** for scholarships.

Upcoming Events

The Mission Committee will be providing dinner for the Youth Group on **October 18.**

"Be The Neighbor"

Members of the committee are participating with pastors and members of other area churches in meetings with a group called Be the Neighbor sponsored by Leesburg Presbyterian. The group is working to obtain donated funds to help local people, especially immigrants, in need of financial aid.

worship

Upcoming Meeting Schedule

October 4

November 1

December 6

@ 11:15 am

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IHOP Breakfast

Join us for a catered IHOP breakfast at 9 am in the Fellowship Hall and World Communion Sunday Last day to celebrate "Come to the Table", a wonderful Worship series that began 9/6

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Pastor & Staff Appreciation Sunday

Want to assist in worship?

Let your individual and familial light shine during Sunday morning worship by volunteering to be a **liturgist** who reads Scripture and guides prayers or **an usher** who passes the collection plates. You can even volunteer as a family, serving for an entire month and dividing the Sundays between the roles of readers and ushers. We welcome your radiant volunteer spirit as you offer your talents in serving our faith community!

Please contact lynn.krepich@standrew-pres.org if you are interested.

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Celebration Sunday

Sanctuary Flower Sign-Ups

Celebrate special occasions and people in your life by providing flowers for any worship service.

Please contact

nancy.gilmore@standrew-pres.org

if interested in displaying a floral arrangement in the sanctuary.

music

SAVE
THE
DATE

November 7
@ 6:00pm

Support our St. Andrew Handbell Choir

The St. Andrew Handbell Choir will once again participate in the **Herndon Handbell Festival on Saturday Nov. 7, 2026.**

We will play a solo piece as well as participate in the combined choir selections.

The public concert is at 6:00 pm. We invite you to come and support our Handbell Choir as well as enjoy the beautiful and uplifting music. This event is free and open to the public.

fellowship & deacons

Upcoming Events

**OCT
18**

**Pastor & Staff
Appreciation Day**

We'll have special treats at coffee hour then head over to **Harvest Gap Brewery** in Purcellville to continue the fellowship.

Upcoming Deacons Meeting Schedule

October 1

November 5

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@ 6:30pm

Looking ahead to the Advent Season...

Are you interested in a tour of the National Cathedral? Contact Leslie Dragon or the Fellowship Committee for more information.

NLC Update

**OCT
28**

Trunk-or-Treat!

Wear your costume (nothing scary/gory, & no weapons), bring your treat bag, and come trick-or-treat at the decorated trunks in our parking lot! Sign up here to decorate a trunk, volunteer your time, make a candy donation....Or just come for the fun!

**Sign Up
Here!**



**OCT
4**

Paper Pie Book Sale

Reading opens a world of possibilities! Early exposure to books has been linked to early literacy and a lifetime love for reading! And the NLC will receive 50% of all sales back in free books! Shop cash & carry in person, or order online at <https://paperpie.com/brandpartner/L7660/event/681374567>

outreach

Meeting Schedule

4th Sunday of Every Month
After the Service

This committee is all about "getting the Word out" to the congregation and the community about our church and the many ways we are helping others and having fun together.

John Howard is the Session liaison and current person to contact if you have any questions (john.k.howard@gmail.com)

Upcoming Events

All proceeds going to
retreat scholarships
for the youth group!

Purcellville Community Tag Sale Call for Donations & Volunteers!

Mark your calendars! The Purcellville Tag Sale is coming up on Saturday, October 10, 2026, at the church. We need your help to make this year's sale a success!

Donate Your Items: We are looking for clean, gently used items to sell. Please bring your donations directly to the church on Saturday, October 10th, at 7-8:00 AM as we set up.

Volunteer to Help: We need extra hands! If you are available to assist with setup, organizing items, or helping out during the sale, we would love to have you on the team.

Your donations and gift of time make a huge difference.

Please contact the church office or speak with John Howard (john.k.howard@gmail.com) if you plan to volunteer or have questions about acceptable donation items. Thank you for your support!



Celebrate Purcellville - October 10-17th

We love our town! And we're excited to be participating in this year's Celebrate Purcellville Festival.

We hope you'll download the Celebrate Purcellville Passport and participate in the scavenger hunt.

*Hint: We are one of the locations! What a great way to celebrate our community and our favorite time of year!

bulletin board

RECYCLING HELP!

Do you have 15 minutes once or twice a week to help take the recycling from the building to the recycling container at the end of the parking lot?

Contact Josh if you can help!

property@standrew-pres.org

Book Club

4TH SATURDAY

@ 7:30 PM

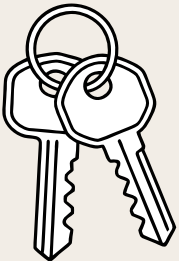
MEET AT A MEMBER'S HOME

Interested in joining?

Email bookclub@standrew-pres.org

Wednesday Night Supper Club

1st Wednesday of the Month
Next Gathering - October 7th
5:30-7:30 pm



Key Fobs

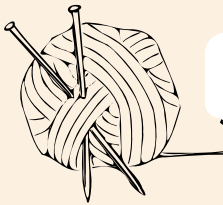
Any member of St Andrew may request a key fob for entry to the church on Sunday mornings for worship!

If you would like a fob, please contact

Josh Shields or Ally Fetch.

josh.shields@standrew-pres.org

ally.fetch@standrew-pres.org



St. Andrew Stitchers

Bring a project you're working on, and join friends to chat and craft! So far we have quilting, knitting, crocheting, needlepoint, cross stitch, and sometimes even "to do" projects like assembling goodie bags. Come hang out with us!

Interested or have questions?

Email ally.fetch@standrew-pres.org

Bible Bunch



2ND MONDAYS @10 AM IN THE YOUTH LOUNGE

The Bible Bunch is a member-guided fellowship, study, and prayer group. Starting this fall, we will be working through "United Through Christ, Bound to Each Other, Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians."

Interested or have questions?

Email nancy.gilmore@standrew-pres.org

committees & groups

CONTACT

A/V

To help behind-the-scenes with AV at worship services and special events, contact Tom Hill.

hillkid@earthlink.net

Fellowship

Our Fellowship Committee seeks to provide fun opportunities to visit together as siblings in Christ!

fellowship@standrew-pres.org

Property

From light bulbs to air conditioners, the Property team makes sure our campus is well kept and welcoming. Hands are always needed!

property@standrew-pres.org

NLC Board

Church Members

- Suzanne Wade (President)
- Leslie Dragon
- Kirsten Shields

NLC Parents

- Jessica Cassidy (Treasurer)
- Kalena Moore (Secretary)

nlcboard@nlcenter.com

Deacons

Class of 2027

- Nancy Gilmore
- Susan Cassutto
- Debra Gutenson (co-chair)

Class of 2028

- Katie Schweiger
- Leslie Dragon
- Frank Diehl

Class of 2029

- Marie Cahoon (co-chair)
- Robin Laybourne
- Pat Quinn

deacons@standrew-pres.org

If you or someone you know needs meals, help with errands, rides, or simply prayers, please reach out.

Session

Class of 2027

- Randy Dragon
- Sandra McDonnell
- Kyle Hottinger
- Hailey Shields

Class of 2028

- Lynn Krepich
- Sarah Read
- Rob Weaver

Class of 2029

- Stephen Fike
- Kevin Burel
- John Howard

session@standrew-pres.org

Want to join a group or have a question?

Feel free to reach out directly using the contact information above or email the Church Office at info@standrew-pres.org