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**July 5, 2026**  
ST.ANDREWS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
DUNEDIN, FLORIDA  
*Communion Sunday*

## ***A letter from Pastor Dave***

This morning we gather to worship at a unique time in the life of our church. Our nation celebrates its 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary this weekend and we cannot help but notice. And yet, our primary responsibility as Christians is to worship God—a task for which we gather every Sunday. The challenge we face is to keep the main thing the main thing: to put Jesus first. Even on this occasion.

In trying to best discern how to balance our primary call to worship Jesus with our secondary interest in celebrating our nation, I have reviewed several worship liturgies from 50 years ago, when the country celebrated the bicentennial. One of the common themes that emerged was a threefold pattern of thanksgiving, confession, and renewal—giving thanks to God for the time he has given us to be a nation, making confession that we have often failed to be the sort of people and nation that God called us to be, and, finally, asking God to renew our sense of purpose as Christians in America.

As such, our worship service this morning reflects this threefold pattern. We begin with a silent prayer inviting us to put God first. Next, our Call to Worship invites us to read together from the prophet Daniel, a reminder that God is in control of human history and that nations rise and fall in accordance with his good will. Then, the first hymn and the gathering prayer emphasize the communion of the saints: Christians in all places and times, gathered to worship God.

Our Prayer of Confession follows our normal weekly pattern, culminating with the passing of the peace. Then, we enter a time of thanksgiving, offering prayers of thanks, and singing a patriotic hymn, “O Beautiful for Spacious Skies.” The hymn is patriotic, sometimes boasting about the greatness of our country, but it is also—first and foremost—a prayer that God will make us something greater than we are. It is a prayer that God will make us a “brotherhood,” a people who love “mercy more than life,” and that God would “mend” our flaws. I encourage you to sing it as a prayer, putting the focus on God.

Our sermon text, from the apostle Paul, speaks to our American context by reminding us that we are citizens of Jesus’s heavenly kingdom even as we are citizens of earthly nations. That message is reinforced as we confess the words of the Apostles’ Creed—the “pledge of allegiance” of our Christian faith—and as we gather at the communion table, breaking bread with Christians from every walk of life.

We conclude with a time of renewal, singing the hymn “This is My Song,” whose final verse begins, “Let Christ be lifted up till all shall serve him.” And so, we let the hymn set the tone for the conclusion of the service, proclaiming Christ and praying that God will renew his church in America to accomplish his will.

It is my hope that this unique service will invite you to worship God through the act of meditating on our particular calling as American Christians at the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our founding. In what ways might we be called to love God and love our neighbors in the year 2026?

*Praise the Lord. How good it is to sing praises to our God,  
how pleasant and fitting to praise him!*

*Psalm 147:1*

## **UNITY SERVICE**

10:00 A.M.

### **WE GATHER**

#### **Silent Prayer in Preparation for Worship**

*God of this and every nation, as we gather this morning to worship you and to celebrate our nation, we pray that our hearts and minds will be tuned to your Holy Spirit and that our celebrations and our participation in our national moment will reflect the primacy of the gospel in our lives and in our loves. May everything we say and do glorify you and draw others closer to you. For yours is the kingdom and the glory forever. Amen.*

**Prelude**

*Fugue in C - Zeuner*

Mark Hunter

#### **Chiming of the Hour**

**Welcome & Announcements**

Elder Amanda Bowman

**\*Call to Worship** - (Based on *Daniel 2:20-22*)

Elder Edie Wiseman

(\*Congregation Stand)

Leader: Praise be to the name of God for ever and ever;

**People: wisdom and power are his.**

Leader: He changes times and seasons;

**People: he deposes kings and raises up others.**

Leader: He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to the discerning.

**People: He reveals deep and hidden things; he knows what lies in darkness, and light dwells with him.**

**\*Gathering Hymn** *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing* #610

**Gathering Prayer**

Elder Edie Wiseman

**Call to Confession**

Rev. Dr. David Hunsicker, Jr.

## Prayer of Confession

**Eternal God, in every age you have raised up men and women to live and die in faith. Forgive our indifference to your will. You have commanded us to speak, but we have been silent. You have called us to do what is just, but we have been fearful. Have mercy on us, your faithless servants. Keep before us faithful people for us to follow so that, by the power of your Holy Spirit, we may grow in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, to the praise of your holy name. Amen.**

## Declaration of Pardon

## Passing the Peace

**Leader:** Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**People:** **And also, with you.**

## Children's Choir

*O God, You Are My God*  
by David Strasser

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

Rev. Dr. David Hunsicker, Jr.

**\*Hymn of Thanksgiving** *O Beautiful for Spacious Skies #338*

## GOD'S WORD

## Prayer for Illumination

Elder Edie Wiseman

## Psalm Reading

*Psalm 46:1-11 - NIV*  
(Words will appear on the screen)

## Choir Anthem

*Battle Hymn of the Republic*  
by Julia Ward Howe

Chancel Choir

## Scripture Reading

*Phil 3:15-21 - NIV* Rev. Dr. David Hunsicker, Jr.  
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## Sermon

**Title:** When In Rome  
**Text:** *Phil 3:15-21 - NIV*

**\*Affirmation of Faith – Apostles' Creed**  
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Rev. Dr. David Hunsicker, Jr.

**\*Congregational Affirmation Response - Gloria Patri**  
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## **Prayers of the People**

### **OUR RESPONSE**

**Organ Offertory**

*Offertory Presto - Moller*

Mark Hunter

**\*Congregational Offering Response – Doxology**  
(Words will appear on the screen)

**Prayer of Dedication**

Elder Edie Wiseman

### **EUCCHARIST**

**\*Communion Hymn**      *One Bread, One Body #530*

**Invitation to the Lord's Table**

Rev. Dr. David Hunsicker, Jr.

**Great Thanksgiving**  
**The Lord's Prayer**  
**Breaking of the Bread**  
**Communion**  
**Prayer after Communion**

### **SENDING**

**\*Hymn of Renewal**      *This Is My Song #340*

**Prayer of Renewal**

Rev. Dr. David Hunsicker, Jr.

**Blessing & Charge**

**Choral Postlude**

*God Bless America*  
by Irving Berlin

Chancel Choir  
Janice Wisinski, soprano

**Organ Postlude**

*Allegro Maestoso - Thayer*

Mark Hunter

\*Please stand as you are able

**The organ music this morning** is from composers who played and wrote music for American churches during the revolution and post-revolutionary period. **Charles Zeuner** was a Saxon- born organist who came to America shortly after the revolution. He became the organist of *Park Street Church* in Boston where he also led the Handel and Haydn Society. He would later move to Philadelphia to be the organist of *St. Paul's Church*. As his fugal prelude shows, Zeuner never lost his roots in German music.

**John Moller** left Germany to go to Philadelphia during the Revolution to be the organist at *Zion Lutheran Church* and to become a music store owner. He would eventually move to New York to become the manager of Old City Concerts. Unlike Zeuner who never lost his organ roots, Moller, mostly a pianist I suspect, wrote in a “modern” rococo style that seemed somewhat foreign to the church service and totally at odds with organ pedagogy.

Born in America, **Eugene Thayer** attended Harvard and thereafter traveled to Germany to study organ. Returning to Boston, he would play at several Boston churches while editing a journal for organists. Thayer concluded his career at the prodigious *Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church* in New York.

Rev. Dr. David Hunsicker, Jr.  
Elder Amanda Bowman, Announcements  
Elder Edie Wiseman, Liturgist  
Janice Wisinski, Choir Director  
Mark Hunter, Organist  
Sophia & Gordy Harmon - Video Technician  
Vince Verderosa, Media Specialist

### **Those With Special Needs**

Janet Calve	Bo & Patsy Perry
Bill Douglas	Jim Throne
Mary Ann Beall	Ken Giesow
Kirk & Donna Yates	Linda Dremstedt
Patty Ingman	Ron & Betty Smay
Ron Roberson	Angie Castillejo-Rocha
Judy Hallford	Trish Pierson

### **Those Serving in the Military**

Jeremy Roberson (Navy)  
Ingrid Weishaupt (Army Reserve)  
Pete Weishaupt (Navy Reserve)

### **Those Who Grieve**

### **Those in the Hospital**

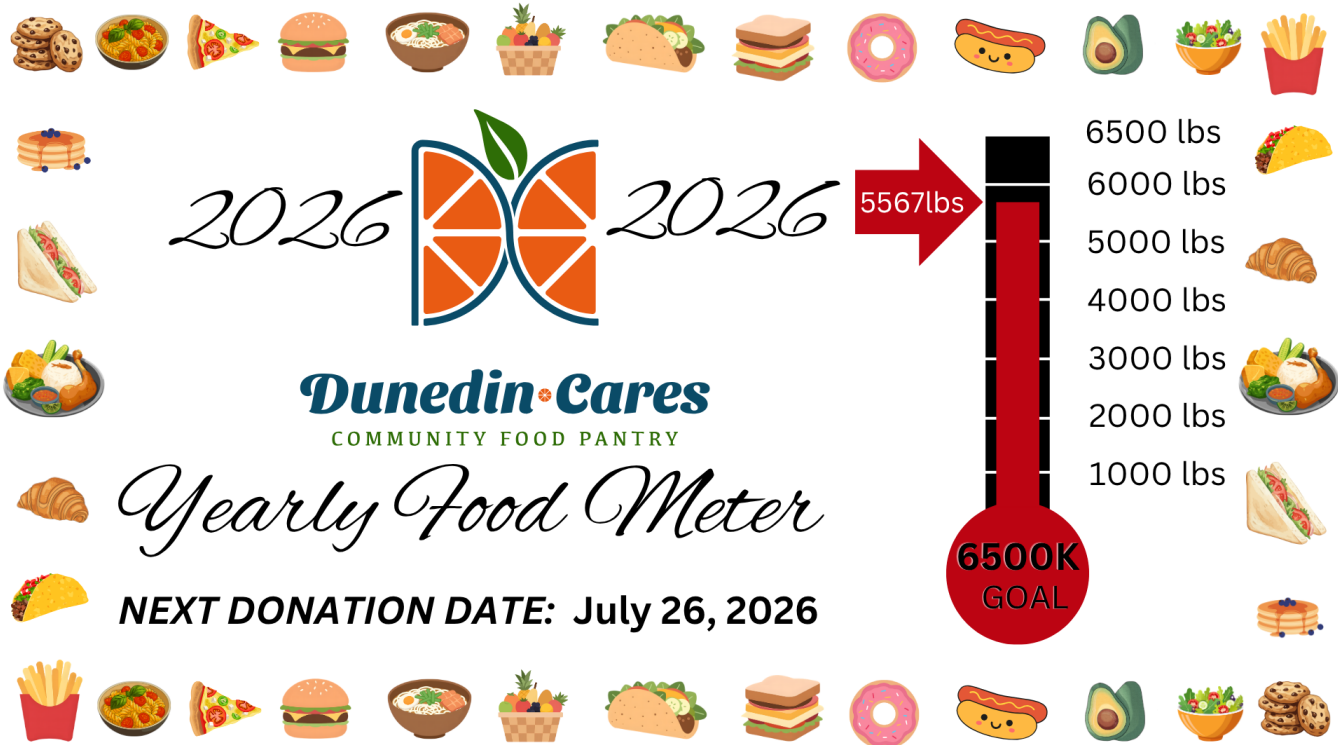
### **Those Homebound, in Assisted Living, Nursing Homes and Rehab Centers**

Kay Hirst, *Lake Seminole Square*, Seminole  
Sue Koutsourais, *The Gables Assisted Living*, Palm Harbor  
Greg Nichols, *Stratford Court*, Palm Harbor  
Dee Nickels, *St. Marks Memory Care*, Palm Harbor

### **Out of the Area**

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In addition, please pray for our church, the church universal, our community, our nation and our world, those in distressing circumstances, and those in authority.



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