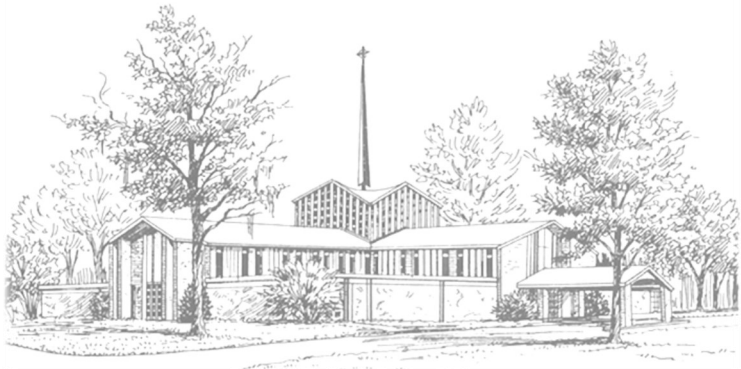


ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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December 4, 2022

10:30AM

WELCOME! What a delight that you are here! We hope you will experience the love of Jesus and the joy of community in this time of worship. If we can be of help to you, please let us know. We would love to assist you in finding ways to get involved and grow in your faith.

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

Please note that all text in **bold** is spoken in unison.

† Worshipers are asked to stand in body or spirit.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION (You are invited to pray this prayer in silence.)

Holy Spirit, help us to live in eager expectation of Christ's return. Embolden us to live lives which promote Christ's love and peace in our world. Use our church, our city, and our family to build Your kingdom. In Jesus' name we pray, amen.

PRELUDE

LIFE AT ST. ANDREW'S

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

HOWARD AND PAT CAYWOOD
KATIE HODGES

† **CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Prepare the way of the Lord.

All: We light this candle in peace,

One: The peace that Jesus, our Savior, gives to the world.

All: Come, let us adore Christ, our Lord.

† **HYMN 2**

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

HYFRYDOL

Come, Thou long-expected Jesus, Born to set Thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us; Let us find our rest in Thee.
Israel's strength and consolation, Hope of all the earth Thou art;
Dear desire of every nation, Joy of every longing heart.

Born Thy people to deliver, Born a child and yet a King,
Born to reign in us forever, Now Thy gracious kingdom bring.
By Thine own eternal Spirit Rule in all our hearts alone;
By Thine all-sufficient merit Raise us to Thy glorious throne.

† **INVITATION TO CONFESSION**

† **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Merciful God, always with us, always coming, we confess that we do not know how to prepare for Your Advent. We have forgotten how to hope in miracles; we have ignored the promise of Your kingdom; we get distracted by all the busyness of this season. Forgive us, God. Grant us the simple wonder of the shepherds, the intelligent courage of the Magi, and the patient faith of Mary and Joseph that we may journey with them to Bethlehem and find the good news of a child born for us. Now, in the quiet of our hearts, we ask You to make us ready for His coming.

† ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Thanks be to the Advent God, who comes among us!
In Jesus Christ, we are made right with God.

† PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

TIME FOR CHILDREN

ANTHEM

Jesus Is Our Christmas Peace

RUTH ELAINE SCHRAM

How is it, Lord, we can feel so alone
When we're standing in the pressing crowd?
And, why is it, Lord, we feel overwhelmed
By the sights and sounds all around?

Take us back to the place where we know Your grace;
Help us once again to see that the manger holds the answer:
Jesus came to bring us peace.
Peace, peace, peace, Jesus is our Christmas peace.
Though tumult rages all around, the Savior's peace can still be found.
Peace, peace, peace, Jesus is our Christmas peace.

Oh, lead us Lord, to Your table again,
Where we quietly embrace Your love;
The bread and the wine will remind us of peace that comes from above.
Take us back to the place where we know Your grace;
Help us once again to see that the manger holds the answer:
Jesus came to bring us peace.
Jesus is the Prince of Peace.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 1:67-79

Pew Bible p. 879-880

SERMON

Spirit

† HYMN INSERT

My Soul Gives Glory to My God

MORNING SONG

My soul gives glory to my God. My heart pours out its praise.
God lifted up my lowliness in many marvelous ways.

My God has done great things for me: yes, holy is this name.
All people will declare me blessed, and blessings they shall claim.

From age to age, to all who fear, such mercy love imparts,
Dispensing justice far and near, dismissing selfish hearts.

Love casts the mighty from their thrones, promotes the insecure,
Leaves hungry spirits satisfied, the rich seem suddenly poor.

Praise God, whose loving covenant supports those in distress,
Remembering past promises with present faithfulness.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

[GIVE ONLINE](#)

† HYMN 592

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

† PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

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.

† HYMN 376

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

TRUST AND OBEY

Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heaven, to earth come down,
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling, All Thy faithful mercies crown!
Jesus, Thou art all compassion, Pure, unbounded love Thou art;
Visit us with Thy salvation, Enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit Into every troubled breast!
Let us all in Thee inherit, Let us find the promised rest;
Take away the love of sinning, Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith, as its beginning, Set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty to deliver, Let us all Thy life receive;
Suddenly return, and never, Nevermore Thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing, Serve Thee as Thy hosts above;
Pray, and praise Thee without ceasing, Glory in Thy perfect love.

Finish, then, Thy new creation; Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see Thy great salvation Perfectly restored in Thee;
Changed from glory into glory, Till in heaven we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before Thee, Lost in wonder, love, and praise.

† BENEDICTION

† SENDING SONG

Emmanuel

EMMANUEL

Emmanuel, Emmanuel,
His name is called Emmanuel.
God with us, revealed in us,
His name is called Emmanuel.

POSTLUDE

The flowers today were given to the glory of God and with thanksgiving for Emmanuel, God-with-us.

Masks and hand sanitizers are available at the entrances
for everyone's comfort and convenience.

ST. ANDREW'S CALENDAR

Please use the **CONNECT** cards in the pews to let us know about areas of interest, prayer requests, and volunteer opportunities. If you are a **VISITOR**, please include your address, phone number, email, and other information that will help us get to know you better. Completed cards can be placed in the offering baskets.

The **NURSERY** is located near the sanctuary and is available for children ages 0-4 during worship. **CHILDREN'S BULLETINS** and **LARGE PRINT BULLETINS, BIBLES, AND HYMNALS** are available on the sanctuary tables.

Join us for **MEET AND GREET** in the Parlor immediately following the worship service!

If you would like to order Christmas flowers in honor or memory of loved ones, **POINSETTIA ORDER FORMS** can be found in the church office and online. The deadline for orders is December 11.

Join us for a **FELLOWSHIP LUNCH** immediately following the service on December 11. We will decorate Christmas cookies together and enjoy a meal of chicken enchilada soup, tamales, and chips and dips.

We will collect the **PRESBYTERIAN CHRISTMAS JOY** offering on Sunday, December 18. This offering provides assistance to current and retired church workers in their time of need, but also goes to developing future leaders at Presbyterian-related schools and colleges.

Please be reminded that there will be no **TAG** in December and January.



MEMBERS: Family of Bill Clark, Bobby Thompson, Eleanor Alexander, Kay Long, Barbara Abel, Dalton Abel, Shelley Plunkett, Bob

Fisher, Bill McIlrath, Joyce Head, Dave Darchuk

FRIENDS AND FAMILY: Patty Flores-Ramer, Tina and Bob Workman, Erin Lenhart, Jack Dillard, Janie Niederstadt Verderame, Mary Kennedy, Rachel Lawrence, Jill Botkin, Thomas Fisher, Paul Harborth, Nick Bynum, Jerry Linn, Karen Thompson Butler, Esme Foster

Sunday, December 4, 2022

9:15AM Sunday School
10:30AM Worship
11:30AM Meet and Greet
11:45AM Choir Rehearsal
3:00PM Boy Scouts
5:00PM Youth Group

Monday, December 5, 2022

10:00AM Monday Group
5:30PM Strings After School
6:00PM La Hacienda
6:30PM There's a Solution
6:30PM Christian Education

Tuesday, December 6, 2022

10:00AM PW Coordinating
10:00AM Staff Meeting
4:30PM Fellowship Team
5:15PM Strings After School
6:00PM GTHE Rehearsal
6:30PM Cub Scouts

Wednesday, December 7, 2022

8:15AM Soup Kitchen
9:30AM Dayschool Chapel
5:30PM Handbell Rehearsal
6:30PM Mission/Evangelism

Thursday, December 8, 2022

8:30AM MOW Cooks
10:00AM MOW Delivers
10:00AM Prayer Team
6:00PM GTHE Rehearsal

Friday, December 9, 2022

6:00PM GTHE Rehearsal
6:30PM There's a Solution

Saturday, December 10, 2022

8:30AM SETX Food Bank
9:00AM GTHE Rehearsal

Sunday, December 11, 2022

9:15AM Sunday School
10:30AM Worship
11:45AM Luncheon
12:15PM Choir Rehearsal
3:00PM Boy Scouts
5:00PM Youth Group
7:00PM GTHE Concert

CHURCH STAFF

Tara Thompson, Pastor
Melissa Hoyt, Office Administrator
Delana Weitzel, Day School Director
Thomas Furlow, Music Director
Rachel Clark, Admin Assistant/Pianist

Office: Monday -Thursday
8:30AM - 4:30PM