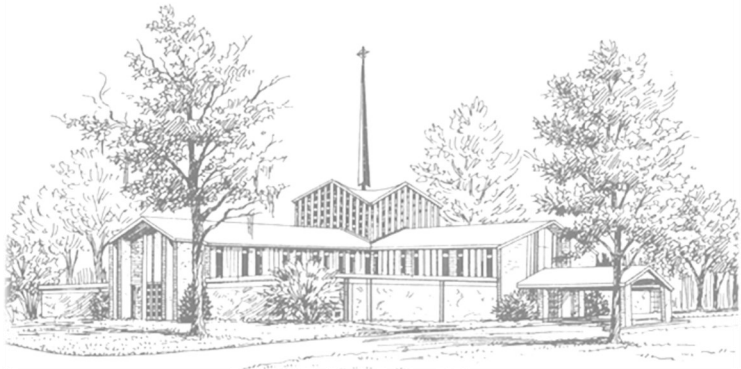


ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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December 18, 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.)

God, You have given us reason to celebrate. You have come to each person, young and old, married and single, female and male, rich and poor. You have kept Your promise to love us with an everlasting love. Grant that we will always rejoice in You. In Jesus' name we pray, amen.

PRELUDE

LIFE AT ST. ANDREW'S

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

TOM, MEGHAN, AND TUCKER COBB

† **CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Prepare the way of the Lord.

All: We light this candle in joy,

One: The joy that we have in Jesus, our Savior.

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

† **HYMN 53**

What Child Is This

GREENSLEEVES

What Child is this, who, laid to rest, On Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet While shepherds watch are keeping?
Chorus: This, this is Christ the King, Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
Haste, haste to bring Him laud, the Babe, the Son of Mary!

Why lies He in such mean estate Where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here The silent Word is pleading.
(Chorus)

So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh; Come, one and all, to own Him.
The King of kings salvation brings; Let loving hearts enthrone Him.
(Chorus)

† INVITATION TO CONFESSION

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of stable, stars and surprises, of light and hope and new life, open our eyes and hearts to Your presence in our world; forgive our obsession with property and possessions; forgive our worldly compromises and narrowness of vision. Open us to Your grace, that we might hear again the song of the angels, and respond with a song in our hearts, and in our lives.

† ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

People of God, do not be afraid.
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

† PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

TIME FOR CHILDREN

ANTHEM

Mary, Did You Know?

MARK LOWRY

Mary, did you know that your baby boy will someday walk on water?
Mary, did you know that your baby boy will save our sons and daughters?
Did you know that your baby boy has come to make you new?
This child that you've delivered will soon deliver you.

Mary, did you know that your baby boy will give sight to a blind man?
Mary, did you know that your baby boy will calm a storm with his hand?
Did you know that your baby boy has walked where angels trod?
And when you kiss your little baby, you have kissed the face of God.

Oh Mary, did you know?
The blind will see, the deaf will hear, the dead will live again.
The lame will leap, the dumb will speak, the praises of the Lamb.

Mary, did you know that your baby boy is Lord of all creation?
Mary, did you know that your baby boy would one day rule the nations?
Did you know that your baby boy is heaven's perfect Lamb?
This sleeping child you're holding is the Great I Am.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 2:8-14

Pew Bible p. 880

SERMON

Gifts

† HYMN 62

Bring We the Frankincense of Our Love

EPIPHANY SONG

Bring we the frankincense of our love
To the feet of the holy Child,
Ever remembering God's great gift
Of a love that is undefiled.

Chorus: Holy the Infant and holy the mother
And holy and precious the gifts that we bring;
Praise to the Father and praise to the Spirit
And praise to Christ Jesus our King.

Bring we the myrrh of humility
To the throne of the Son of God,
Ever recalling the purity
Of His life when the earth He trod. (Chorus)

Ever secure in His changelessness,
Though the kingdoms of earth may fall,
Bring we the gold of our faithfulness
To the King who is Lord of all. (Chorus)

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

[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

† HYMN 535

Go with Us, Lord

TALLIS' CANON

Go with us, Lord, and guide the way
Through this and every coming day,
That in Your Spirit strong and true
Our lives may be our gift to You.

† 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 in loving memory of Nelson Jones by Barbara Warren.

We thank Andrew Gautreaux and Bert Sanchez for sharing
their gifts of music with us in worship today.

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!

The St. Andrew's Mission and Evangelism team is hosting a **CHRISTMAS DRIVE FOR HENRY'S PLACE**, a day center for the homeless that offers a wide variety of vital services for a vulnerable part of our community. Donations of winter items like hats, scarves, socks, and blankets can be dropped off at the church office until December 18.

The **CASKET EMPTY** materials for our **JOURNEY THROUGH THE BIBLE IN 2023** are available for pickup following worship or in the church office. Limit one set per household to ensure that we have enough for everyone.

We are collecting the **PCUSA CHRISTMAS JOY** offering today during the service. Envelopes are available in your bulletin.

Join us on **CHRISTMAS EVE** at 6:30pm in our sanctuary for a special time of worship.

Come enjoy carols and pastries in the parlor at 9:30am **CHRISTMAS MORNING!**

The church office will be **CLOSED** on Monday, December 26.

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

PRAYER

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

Bob Fisher, Bill McIlrath, Joyce Head, Dave Darchuk

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

Sunday, December 18, 2022

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

Monday, December 19, 2022

6:00PM La Hacienda
6:30PM There's a Solution

Tuesday, December 20, 2022

6:30PM Session Meeting

Wednesday, December 21, 2022

5:30PM Board of Trustees

Thursday, December 22, 2022

OFFICE CLOSING AT 12:30PM
8:30AM MOW Cooks
10:00AM MOW Delivers
10:00AM Prayer Team

Friday, December 23, 2022

4:30PM Choir Rehearsal
6:30PM There's a Solution

Saturday, December 24, 2022

5:00PM Choir Rehearsal
6:30PM Worship Service

Sunday, December 25, 2022

MERRY CHRISTMAS!
9:30AM Carols & Pastries

CHURCH STAFF

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

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