

# ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



## CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

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

*† Worshipers are asked to stand in body or spirit.*

January 8, 2023

Epiphany of the Lord Sunday

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.

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

Lord Jesus, Your light calls us forth to follow and serve You. Your light still shines for all to see in this world. May we continue to reflect Your light in our lives, in our service, in our words, and in our deeds. Amen.

**PRELUDE**

**LIFE AT ST. ANDREW'S**

**ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS**

**† CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: God is telling a story in our lives.

**Many: A story full of the promises God makes and our struggles to trust,**

One: Full of mystery and surprising news,

**Many: Full of hard endings and unexpected new beginnings.**

**All: We are here to worship the God who makes our story holy.**

**† HYMN 263**

*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

ST. DENIO

Immortal, invisible, God only wise, In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days, Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unchanging, and silent as light, Nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might;  
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above Thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all, life Thou givest, to both great and small; In all life Thou livest, the true life of all;  
We blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree, Then wither and perish; but naught changeth Thee.

Thou reignest in glory, Thou rulest in light, Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight;  
All praise we would render; O help us to see 'Tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee!

† INVITATION TO CONFESSION

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, You are always speaking, giving us instructions, directing our attention, and telling us of Your love. We confess that sometimes we are not very good listeners. We aren't sure what is Your voice, what is ours, and what is just noise. We are easily distracted. We like our own ways. But even when we are consumed with other priorities, You still call. Open our minds and hearts. Tune our ears to Your voice. Help us to listen to what You have to say, and then help us to follow wherever You lead.

† ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

In Christ Jesus, we are forgiven!  
Glory to God! Amen.

† PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

TIME FOR CHILDREN

ANTHEM

*I Love to Tell the Story*

ARR. LARSON

Tell the story of Jesus, how He came to forgive and save us.  
Tell the wonderful story of Jesus and His love.

I love to tell the story of unseen things above,  
Of Jesus and His glory, of Jesus and His love.  
I love to tell the story because I know 'tis true;  
It satisfies my longings as nothing else can do.

Chorus: I love to tell the story, 'Twill be my theme in glory,  
To tell the old, old story of Jesus and His love.

I love to tell the story, for those who know it best  
Seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest.  
And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song,  
'Twill be the old, old story that I have loved so long.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 1:1-14

Pew Bible p. 911

SERMON

One Redemptive Story

† HYMN 331

*Thanks to God Whose Word Was Written*

WYLDE GREEN

Thanks to God whose word was written In the Bible's sacred page,  
Record of the revelation Showing God to every age.  
God has spoken: Praise God for the living Word.

Thanks to God whose word is published In the tongues of every race.  
See its glory undiminished By the change of time or place.  
God has spoken: Praise God for the living Word.

Thanks to God whose Word Incarnate Heights and depths of life did share.  
Deeds and words and death and rising, Grace in human form declare.  
God has spoken: Praise God for the living Word.

Thanks to God whose Word is answered By the Spirit's voice within.  
Here we drink of joy unmeasured, Life redeemed from death and sin.  
God is speaking: Praise God for the living Word.

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*  
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.

OLD HUNDREDTH

† PRAYER OF DEDICATION

† HYMN 327

*O Word of God Incarnate*  
O Word of God incarnate, O Wisdom from on high,  
O Truth unchanged, unchanging, O Light from our dark sky:  
We praise You for the radiance That from the hallowed page,  
A lantern to our footsteps, Shines on from age to age.  
  
The church from You, dear Savior, Received this gift divine,  
And still that light is lifted On all the earth to shine.  
It is the chart and compass That, all life's voyage through,  
Amid the rocks and quicksands, Still guides, O Christ, to You.  
  
O make Your church, dear Savior, a lamp of purest gold  
To bear before the nations Your true light, as of old;  
O teach Your wandering pilgrims By this our path to trace,  
Till, clouds and storms thus ended, We see You face to face.

MUNICH

† BENEDICTION

† SENDING SONG

*Jesus, Name Above All Names*  
Jesus, name above all names, Beautiful Savior, glorious Lord,  
Emmanuel, God is with us, Blessed Redeemer, living Word.

HEARN

POSTLUDE

Please use the **C O N N E C T** cards in the pews to let us know about prayer requests or areas of interest. If you are a visitor, please also include your contact information and help us get to know you better! You can place completed cards in the offering baskets.

The nursery is located near the sanctuary and is available for children ages 0-4. Children's activity bulletins and large print bulletins, Bibles, and hymnals are available on the sanctuary tables.

**OUR CHURCH-WIDE BIBLE STUDY** starts today! It isn't too late to get study materials and sign up for one of our groups, which begin meeting on January 9, 10, and 15:

#### WEEKDAYS

- **Monday Morning Group** meets at 10:00am in the Parlor.
- **Tuesday Evening Group** meets at 6:30pm in the Study.

#### SUNDAY MORNINGS AT 9:15AM

- **Discovery Class** meets in the library.
- **Pew Sisters** meets in Room 2.
- **Fellowship Class** meets in Room 3.

Come watch the **CLASH OF THE CARDINALS** with St. Andrew's! Tickets are \$10 to see the Lamar Cardinals play the University of the Incarnate Word Cardinals; the game is January 21 at 6:00PM at the Lamar University Montagne Center. RSVP to the church office by January 11.

## St. Andrew's Prayer List

**MEMBERS:** Family of Nancy Hale, Paige Neyland, George Fulton, Howard and Pat Caywood, Dorothy Moorefield, Eleanor Alexander, Kay Long, Barbara and Dalton Abel, Shelley Plunkett, Bob Fisher, Bill McIlrath, Joyce Head, Dave Darchuk

**FRIENDS AND FAMILY:** Family of Philip Winkle, Family of Barbara Burrow, Family of Rapheal "Ray" Barton, Cindy Anglin, Amy Butler, Bob Oliver, Erin Lenhart, Jack Dillard, Janie Niederstadt Verderame, Mary Kennedy, Rachel Lawrence, Jill Botkin, Thomas Fisher, Nick Bynum, Jerry Linn, Karen Thompson Butler, Esmee Foster

## St. Andrew's Calendar

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 8, 2023

- 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, JANUARY 9, 2023

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

### Tuesday, January 10, 2023

- 10:00AM PW Work Day
- 5:00PM Finance/Property
- 5:30PM Strings After School
- 6:30PM Cub Scouts
- 6:30PM Tuesday Group

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11, 2023

- 9:30AM Dayschool Chapel
- 5:30PM Handbell Rehearsal
- 6:30PM Worship Team

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 12, 2023

- 8:30AM MOW Cooks
- 10:00AM MOW Delivers
- 10:00AM Prayer Team

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 13, 2023

- 6:30PM There's a Solution

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 14, 2023

- 8:30AM SETX Food Bank

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 15, 2023

- 9:15AM Sunday School
- 10:30AM Worship
- 11:30AM Meet and Greet
- 11:45AM Choir Rehearsal
- 12:00PM Confirmation Class
- 3:00PM Boy Scouts
- 5:00PM Youth Group

## CHURCH STAFF

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

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