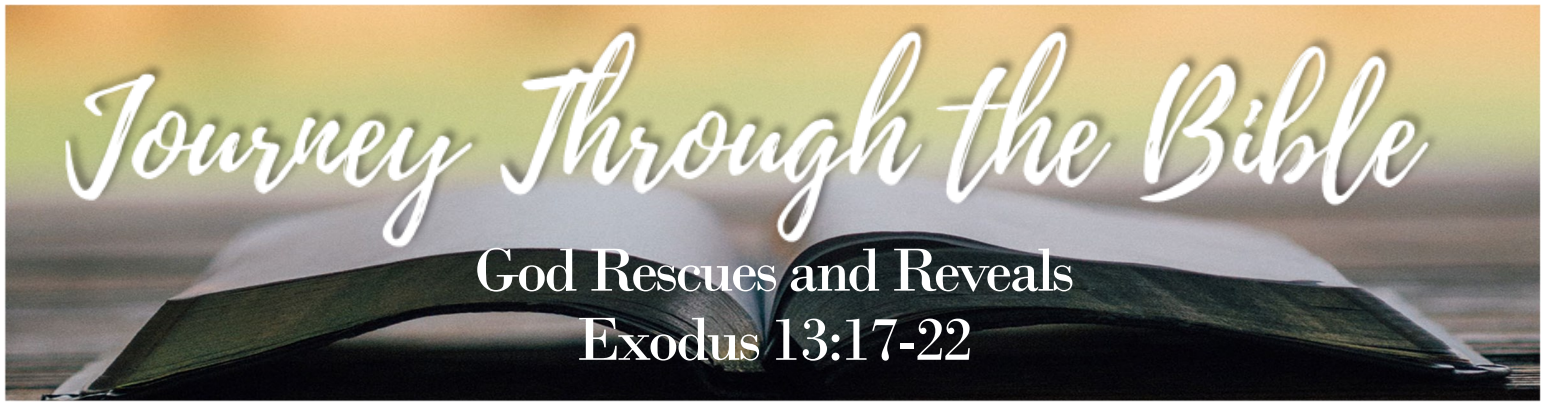


ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

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

† Worshipers are asked to stand in body or spirit.

February 26, 2023

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.*)

We praise and adore You, O God. May this time of worship and the service of our lives reveal our thanksgiving and our wonder that You should care for us. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

PRELUDE

LIFE AT ST. ANDREW'S

† **CALL TO WORSHIP**

based on Psalm 103

One: Praise the Lord!

Many: With all our hearts, we will praise God's holy name!

One: Praise the Lord!

Many: We will never forget the good things God has done for us.

One: Praise the Lord, all the earth—

Many: Everyone, everywhere!

All: We will praise the Lord!

† **HYMN 430**

Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!

DARWALL'S 148TH

Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!

For Christ the Lord has led us through the ages long!

Chorus: In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord.

Long years have come and gone, And still God reigns supreme,
Empowering us to catch the vision, dream the dream! (Chorus)

Let courage be our friend, Let wisdom be our guide,
As we in mission magnify the Crucified! (Chorus)

Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!
For Christ the Lord has triumphed o'er the ages long! (Chorus)

† INVITATION TO CONFESSION

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy and beloved God, though we wander from Your path as though we don't have a care in the world, it is You who protects us and guides us back to You. So, when we would choose falsehood, tighten Your belt of truth around us. When we would be corrupted by the world, cover us with Your righteousness. When life's thorns and stickers would wound us, protect us with reminders that nothing separates us from You. When our heads would get hot and our tempers rise, cool us with Your salvation. Walk with us in our journey and help us to be in step with You wherever You lead us.

† ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God. Amen.

† PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

TIME FOR CHILDREN

SPECIAL MUSIC

In the Wilderness

MICHAEL CARD

In the wilderness, in the wilderness,
He calls His sons and daughters to the wilderness.
But He gives grace sufficient to survive any test,
And that's the painful purpose of the wilderness.

In the wilderness we wander, in the wilderness we weep,
In the wasteland of our wanting where the darkness seems so deep.
We search for the beginning, for an exodus to home,
And find that those who follow Him must often walk alone.

In the wilderness we're wond'ring for a way to understand.
In the wilderness there's not a way, for the Way's become a man,
And the man's become the Exodus: the way to holy ground,
But wand'ring in the wilderness is the best way to be found.
Groaning and growing amidst the desert days,
The windy winter wilderness can blow the self away.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Exodus 13:17-22

Pew Bible p. 59

SERMON

God Rescues and Reveals

† HYMN 330

Deep in the Shadows of the Past

SHEPHERDS' PIPES

Deep in the shadows of the past, Far out from settled lands,
Some nomads traveled with their God Across the desert sands.
The dawn of hope for humankind Was glimpsed by them alone:
A promise calling them ahead, A future yet unknown.

While others bowed to changeless gods They met a mystery:
God with an uncompleted name, "I am what I will be";
And by their tents, around their fires, In story, song, and law
They praised, remembered, handed on A past that promised more.

From Abraham to Nazareth The promise changed and grew,
While some, remembering the past, Recorded what they knew,
And some, in letters or laments, In prophecy and praise,
Recovered, held, and re-expressed New hope for changing days.

For all the writings that survived, For leaders long ago,
Who sifted, chose, and then preserved The Bible that we know,
Give thanks, and find its promise yet Our comfort, strength, and call,
The working model for our faith, Alive with hope for all.

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 INSERT

Bless Now, O God, the Journey

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Bless now, O God, the journey that all Your people make,
The path through noise and silence, the way of give and take.
The trail is found in desert and winds the mountain round,
Then leads beside still waters, the road where faith is found.

Bless sojourners and pilgrims who share this winding way;
Your hope burns through the terrors, Your love sustains the day.
We yearn for holy freedom while often we are bound;
Together we are seeking the road where faith is found.

Divine eternal lover, You meet us on the road.
We wait for lands of promise where milk and honey flow,
But waiting not for places, You meet us all around.
Our covenant is written on roads, as faith is found.

† BENEDICTION

† SENDING SONG

In His Time

GOD'S TIME

In His time, in His time; He makes all things beautiful in His time.
Lord, please show me every day As You're teaching me Your way,
That You do just what You say in Your time.

POSTLUDE

We thank Richard Vandertulip for sharing his gift of music with us in worship today.

Please use the **CONNECT** 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.

GIVE BLOOD AND SAVE A LIFE! St. Andrew's is hosting a blood drive in the Fellowship Hall on Wednesday, March 8, from 4:00PM-7:00PM.

Come help the St. Andrew's Build Team at **SLEEP IN HEAVENLY PEACE**, a ministry that builds and delivers beds to children and families in need! The build day is on March 11 from 12:30PM-4:00PM. Register online at <http://bit.ly/shpevent>.

Join us for a **TEXAS INDEPENDENCE-THEMED FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON** on Sunday, March 5, immediately following the worship service! The menu is hamburgers, chips, baked beans, and banana pudding. (Dress in your Texas best, too!)

St. Andrew's Prayer List

MEMBERS: George Fulton, Shelley Plunkett, Barbara Abel, Dalton Abel, Peg Towers, Bob Fisher, Eleanor Alexander, Kay Long, Bill McIlrath, Joyce Head, Dave Darchuk

FRIENDS AND FAMILY: Dana Blakelock, Jack Dillard, Erin Lenhart, Mary and Tom Hayden, Thomas Fisher, Karen Thompson Butler, Jerry Linn, Janie Niederstadt Verderame, Mary Kennedy, Rachel Lawrence, Jill Botkin, Nick Bynum, Esmee Foster

St. Andrew's Calendar

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 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, FEBRUARY 27, 2023

- 10:00AM Monday Group
- 5:30PM Strings After School
- 6:30PM La Hacienda

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2023

- 10:00AM PW Bible Study
- 5:15PM Strings After School
- 6:30PM Tuesday Group

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1, 2023

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

THURSDAY, MARCH 2, 2023

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

SUNDAY, MARCH 5, 2023

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

CHURCH STAFF

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

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