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UPCOMING SERMONS

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MARCH 12

Atonement Through Sacrifice

Leviticus 16:6-10
& Numbers 21:4-9

MARCH 19

Onward Under Joshua

Deuteronomy 30:11-20
& Joshua 24:14-28

MARCH 26

A Shining Example

Judges 2:16-19
& Ruth 4:11-17

NEXT NEWSLETTER
DEADLINE:
March 23, 2023

This week the focus of our churchwide study is the fact that God dwells with us. In Exodus, God dwells among the people in the tabernacle. The tabernacle reflected God's heavenly throne; that is to say, it was a glimpse of heaven here on earth. One of the things I always loved about the tabernacle was the fact it was portable. As the Israelites moved around the Sinai Peninsula, so did the tabernacle. It is a vivid reminder that God is on the move and therefore always present with us.

Later Jesus will tell His disciples, "*go* and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely *I am with you always*, to the very end of the age (Matthew 28:19-20)." Here Jesus reminds them, and us, that as we are going, as we are on the move, we have a calling to make disciples. This calling is not about transmitting information but rather is about walking alongside of folks in such a way that they encounter the transforming love of our Risen Lord. Oh, and Jesus will be with us every step of the way.

Peter picks up on this then when he writes, "you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ (1 Peter 2:5)." **WE ARE THE SPIRITUAL HOME OF GOD!** God dwells in us and calls us to minister to the people around us.

So it seems to me the question we should be asking ourselves is: do we have our house in order? In other words, if we are the temple of God, how well are we reflecting heavenly realities and God's glory?

The season of Lent is a time in the Christian year set apart specifically for such reflections. May you be faithful in this holy "spiritual spring cleaning."

- Pastor Tara

HOLY WEEK AT ST. ANDREW'S

MAUNDY THURSDAY

WORSHIP SERVICE ON APRIL 6 AT 7:00PM

Join us for communion, special music, and a Time of Shadows from the Gospel of Matthew.

"For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His love for those who fear Him." Psalm 103:11

Palm Sunday

APRIL 2 AT 10:30AM

Join us as we remember the Lord's triumphal entry with fresh palm branches, special music, and a message of hope.

Wear a festive hat and parade to Meet and Greet in the Fellowship Hall afterwards.

"Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!" - Luke 19:38

St. Andy's Easter Brunch Potluck

9:30AM on Easter Sunday, April 9

Names starting with A-M, bring something savory

Names starting with N-Z, bring something sweet

Easter Sunday

WORSHIP SERVICE APRIL 9 AT 10:30AM

Join us in celebrating Christ's Resurrection with special music (including a full choir, brass ensemble, timpani, and organ) and a special time for children.

"I have seen the Lord!" John 20:18



One Great HOUR OF SHARING

We collect the PCUSA One Great Hour of Sharing offering on Easter, April 9. Donations are split between Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and the Self-Development of People fund. Your donations provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope, including those affected by catastrophes like the recent earthquake in Syria and Turkey.

P.W. Spring Gathering

The Presbyterian Women of the Presbytery of New Covenant invite you to their Spring Gathering on April 22, held at Pines Presbyterian Church in Houston (12751 Kimberley Lane, Houston, TX 77024). Speakers Jean Zophy, Phyllis Koenig, and the Webster Earth Care Team will present "Celebrating God's Earth." The registration deadline is April 14th, and the fee is \$18. Breakfast and lunch are included. Collections will benefit Mission of Yahweh, a shelter for women and children.

To register, call Presbytery PW Moderator Mary Ann Thomas at 713-594-1872 or visit pbyofnewcovenant.org/presbyterian-women/.

April Baby Bottle Campaign

St. Andrew's is joining the Hope Women's Resource Clinic annual Baby Bottle Campaign this April. The Clinic's ministry is to offer unconditional love and hope to pregnant women and their families. It is an outreach of the Christian community in Southeast Texas "expressed through evangelism, counseling, medical assistance, and education to the glory of God."

They offer free-of-charge services like pregnancy testing, options education, ultrasound imaging, and testing and treatments. They also provide material assistance for parents and babies, including clothing, formula, and diapers. In 2021, they provided these services to 2,224 clients, a number that continues to grow each year.

For the Baby Bottle Campaign, you can take a bottle home at the beginning of April, and then fill it with change, cash, or a check. At the end of the month, you can return the bottle. For more information about the Hope Clinic, visit www.hopeclinicpartners.com.



March BIRTHDAYS

- 03-09 Diane Shaver
- 03-15 Susie Champion
- 03-15 Beth Anne Mistrot
- 03-16 Marilyn Bell
- 03-16 Sandra Laborde
- 03-17 Marie Hoch
- 03-17 Bill Yoes
- 03-18 Paula Nichols
- 03-24 Eleanor Alexander
- 03-26 Julie Munro

IN OUR PRAYERS In the Congregation

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

Friends and Family

Brenda Allen, Tina Workman, Jaxon Higginbotham, Jack Dillard, Erin Lenhart, Mary and Tom Hayden, Thomas Fisher, Karen Thompson Butler, Jerry Linn, Janie Niederstadt Verderame, Mary Kennedy, Esmee Foster

ST. ANDREW'S FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

Applications for the Virginia Anderson and W. B. "Pappy" Drennan Scholarships **will close on April 5**. These awards are only open to St. Andrew's members enrolled in a college or university. For more information on eligibility and the application process, please visit the church website or contact Martha Pate.

St. Andrew's Confirmation Class



Our confirmands are three-fifths of the way through the confirmation process! Pray for them as they continue to study and grow in their faith. We will celebrate their confirmation together on June 4.

2023 Easter Flowers



If you would like to order flowers in honor or memory of someone for this Easter Sunday, feel free to cut out and mail the form below! You can also order and pay online at saintandy.org/events-media/documents, or you can get flower order forms in your bulletin on Sunday or in the Church Office on weekdays. The deadline to order is **March 30**.

Flowers for Easter Sunday

We will adorn the sanctuary with lilies, tulips, and spring flowers. Flowers are \$15 each.

If you want to honor someone or their memory with a flower, please complete the form below.

_____ In honor of

_____ In memory of

Given by

Bring payments to the church office or place in the offering baskets with this form. The deadline is **Thursday, March 30, 2023**. Dedications will be listed in the bulletin on Easter Sunday, April 9, 2023.

LENTEN PREACHING SERIES

Join us for the 53rd Annual Lenten Preaching Series on **March 20-22!**

Fr. Bruce Nieli, C.S.P., will present *Thirsting for Living Water: How the Holy Spirit Quenches Our Common Thirst for Truth, Goodness, and Beauty*.

The LPS is an annual ecumenical tradition of Calder Baptist, First Christian, St. Anne Catholic, Trinity United Methodist, St. Andrew's Presbyterian, and St. Stephen's Episcopal. Each year, a different church hosts the event. This year, St. Anne Catholic Church is hosting all events on its campus at 2715 Calder Avenue.

Evening Services on March 20, 21, and 22: 7:00PM, followed by fellowship in the Parish Hall.

Ladies' Luncheon, March 21: 12:00PM at the Parish Hall. (Tickets for the luncheon are available at the church office for a \$10 donation.)

Mens' Breakfast, March 22: 7:00AM at the Parish Hall. (A freewill offering will be taken at the door.)

Children and Youth Event, March 22: 7:00PM. Details pending.



Cookies Needed!

Please consider baking some homemade cookies to donate for the Lenten Preaching Series! These will serve as refreshments for the receptions following each evening service.

If you would like to help, please drop off cookies at the St. Anne Parish Hall on Monday, March 20th, from 5:30PM to 6:30PM.

SPRING FORWARD



Daylight Saving Time begins on March 12. Don't forget to "spring forward" one hour on Sunday or else you'll miss a great worship service!

Nominating Committee 2023

The St. Andrew's Nominating Committee has begun its work for 2023. Please keep the work of this committee in your prayers as they seek God's voice in calling the women and men God has already chosen to lead our church.

A Prayer for the Committee

God of grace and wisdom, grant them patience, as they wait for the work of Your Spirit. Make them humble, that they may hear Your voice louder than any other. Make them quiet, as You say in a sacred whisper the names of those You would have lead Your church. Most of all, O God, remind them that the task is a holy one. A hard one. A faithful one. Guide them in this work. Amen.

Church-Wide Study Books

All sixty-five sets of CASKET EMPTY study materials have been claimed. For those who are interested in purchasing an extra set of materials for themselves, please notify the church office. The cost for a whole set (study guide, Bible study workbook, and timeline chart) is \$54 or the cost for just the books is \$42.

TEXAS INDEPENDENCE DAY LUNCHEON

Folks at St. Andrew's enjoyed some Texas-themed food, fun, and fellowship on March 5. (As you can see, Pastor Tara tried her best to dress like an authentic Texan!)



NEW MEMBERS' CLASS

If you are interested in becoming a member of St. Andrew's, please join us for us an informal lunch on Sunday, March 19, to discover more about our church, its vision, and its ministries. This is a no-pressure opportunity to explore church membership while becoming better acquainted with church leaders. While you won't receive a VIP parking pass or skip-the-line passes for communion, you will learn about the important functions members have in continuing the mission and ministry of St. Andrew's. We hope you will join us in discovering ways you can make a home among us!

The class will begin with lunch at **12:00 p.m.** in the Parlor and will conclude no later than 2 p.m. Childcare will be provided for those who request it. If you have any questions, please contact the church office. **Please RSVP by March 15 at the latest.**

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