

# ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## Journey Through the Bible

Jesus Rules the World and Gathers His Church  
Revelation 5:1-14

### CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

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

† Worshipers are asked to stand in body or spirit.

December 3, 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.*)

God, our Provider, in this time of worship, may we be fed in body and soul. As we sing and pray, as we break the bread and pour the cup, may the Spirit of the Lord fall upon us so that we are refreshed, anointed, and empowered. And when our time of worship is ended, send us back out into the world to proclaim the Good News of Your salvation. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

**PRELUDE**

**LIFE AT ST. ANDREW'S**

† **CALL TO WORSHIP**

based on Psalm 30

One: Lord our God, we praise You.

**Many: We cried to You for help and You answered us.**

One: You have restored our lives;

**Many: You have rescued us from the grave.**

**All: O Lord, our Lord, we will give thanks to You forever!**

† **HYMN 451**

*Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones*

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Ye watchers and ye holy ones, bright seraphs, cherubim, and thrones,  
Raise the glad strain, alleluia!

Cry out, dominions, pryncedoms, powers, virtues, archangels, angel's choirs,  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

O higher than the cherubim, more glorious than the seraphim,  
Lead their praises, alleluia! Thou bearer of the eternal Word, most gracious, magnify the Lord,  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Respond, ye souls in endless rest, ye patriarchs and prophets blest,

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Ye holy twelve, ye martyrs strong, all saints triumphant, raise the song,  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

O friends, in gladness let us sing, supernal anthems echoing,  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

To God the Father, God the Son, and God the Spirit, Three in One,  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

† INVITATION TO CONFESSION

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Dear Lord, continue to heal me where I am broken. You see those places, Jesus, even when I don't see them. Heal my fears, my sadness, my rebelliousness, and my inner brokenness. Make me the whole person You have created and saved me to be.

† ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS      Friends proclaim the good news of the Gospel!  
In Christ Jesus, 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

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Stan and Diane Ruth

ANTHEM

*The Lion and the Lamb*

HEATHER SORENSON

He's coming on the clouds, kings and kingdoms will bow down.  
And every chain will break as broken hearts declare His praise.  
For who can stop the Lord Almighty?

Our God is the Lion, the Lion of Judah. He's roaring with power,  
And fighting our battles. And every knee will bow before Him.  
Our God is the Lamb, the Lamb that was slain, for the sins of the world.  
His blood breaks the chains. And every knee will bow before the Lion and the Lamb.  
Every knee will bow before Him.

So open up the gates, make way before the King of Kings.  
The God who comes to save is here to set the captives free.  
For who can stop the Lord Almighty? Who can stop the Lord Almighty?

All hail the power of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall.  
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown Him Lord of all.  
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown Him Lord of all!

Let every kindred, every tribe on this terrestrial ball  
To Him all majesty ascribe, and crown Him Lord of all.  
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown Him Lord of all!

O that with yonder sacred throng we at His feet may fall!  
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown Him Lord of all!  
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown Him Lord of all!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Revelation 5:1-14

Pew Bible p. 1065  
Large Print p. 1872-1873

SERMON

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† HYMN 594

*This is the Feast of Victory*  
Chorus: This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

FESTIVAL CANTICLE

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. (Chorus)  
Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are His. (Chorus)  
Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation. (Chorus)  
Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. (Chorus)  
For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia! (Chorus)

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.

DOXOLOGY

† PRAYER OF DEDICATION

† THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

*Please wait until everyone has been served and then we will share in the bread and cup together as a sign of our unity in Christ  
Jesus. There is a gluten-free option in the center of the tray.*

† HYMN STF 2022

*Great is the Lord*  
Chorus: Great is the Lord, He is holy and just; by His power we trust in His love.  
Great is the Lord, He is faithful and true; by His mercy He proves He is love.  
Great is the Lord and worthy of glory! Great is the Lord and worthy of praise.  
Great is the Lord; now lift up Your voice, now lift up your voice:  
Great is the Lord! Great is the Lord!

GREAT IS THE LORD

Great are You, Lord, and worthy of glory! Great are You, Lord, and worthy of praise.  
Great are You, Lord, I lift up my voice, I lift up my voice:  
Great are You, Lord! Great are You, Lord!

† BENEDICTION

† SENDING SONG

*Lift Up Your Heads*  
Redeemer, come! I open wide my heart to Thee; here, Lord, abide.  
Let me Thy inner presence feel; Thy grace and love in me reveal.  
  
*You are encouraged to sit and enjoy the postlude after the sending song.*

TRURO

POSTLUDE

*The flowers today were given to the glory of God by Bruce and Lynn Burnside.  
Merry Christmas to our St. Andrew's family!*

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 0-5. Children's activity bulletins and large print bulletins, Bibles, and hymnals are available on the sanctuary tables.

Join us for a **FAREWELL RECEPTION** in the Parlor for Gale Jones, immediately following the service **TODAY**, as we wish her well on her move to Colorado Springs.

**SOME OTHER PLACE CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE:** Sign out a tag from the Christmas Tree in the parlor, purchase and wrap the requested gift and attach the tag. Please return by December 10.

Join us for a **CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON** following worship on December 10. Chicken enchilada soup, tamales, chips and dip, and cookie decorating are on the menu! We will also stuff Christmas stockings and make cards for Girls' Haven.

We will collect the **CHRISTMAS JOY** special offering on Sunday, December 17. 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.

## St. Andrew's Prayer List

**MEMBERS:** Greta Ott, Pat Caywood, Bob Fisher, Shelley Plunkett, Lee Plunkett, Barbara Abel, Dalton Abel, Kay Long

**FRIENDS AND FAMILY:** Lance LaDuke, Ecxandy Espinosa, David Cobble, Karen Thompson Butler, Madeline Johnson, Val Rayzor, Mary Kennedy, Mickey Shuffield, Thomas Fisher, Jack Dillard, Erin Lenhart, Jerry Linn, Janie Niederstadt Verderame, Rachel Lawrence, Esmee Foster

## St. Andrew's Calendar

Sunday, December 3, 2023

- 9:15AM Sunday School
- 10:30AM Worship
- 11:30AM Gale Jones Reception
- 11:45AM Choir Rehearsal
- 12:00PM New Members Class
- 3:00PM Boy Scouts
- 5:00PM Youth Group

Monday, December 4, 2023

- 10:00AM Monday Group
- 5:30PM Strings After School
- 6:30PM CE Team

Tuesday, December 5, 2023

- 10:00AM PW Bible Study
- 10:00AM Staff Meeting
- 5:30PM Strings After School
- 5:30PM Fellowship Meeting
- 6:00PM GTHE Rehearsal
- 6:30PM Tuesday Group

Wednesday, December 6, 2023

- 8:15AM SOP Soup Kitchen
- 9:30AM Day School Chapel
- 5:30PM Handbell Rehearsal
- 6:30PM Worship Team

Thursday, December 7, 2023

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

Saturday, December 9, 2023

- 8:30AM SETX Food Bank

Sunday, December 10, 2023

- 9:15AM Sunday School
- 10:30AM Worship
- 11:30AM Christmas Luncheon
- 12:15AM Choir Rehearsal
- 3:00PM Boy Scouts
- 7:00PM GTHE Concert

### CHURCH STAFF

Tara Thompson, Pastor  
Thomas Furlow, Music Director  
Mary Roberts, Office Manager  
Rachel Stiles, Admin Assistant/Organist  
Patricia Williamson, Pianist

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