

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Praying in the New Year

Pray with a Purpose
Colossians 1:9-14

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

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

† Worshipers are asked to stand in body or spirit.

January 7, 2024

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.*)

Gracious God, may our words and actions bring credit to Your name and joy to Your heart. May all that we do bear fruit for Your kingdom, and may we come to know and love You more each day, we pray. Amen.

PRELUDE

The Lord's My Shepherd

CRIMOND

LIFE AT ST. ANDREW'S

† **CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: A new day has dawned, a new year begun;

Many: Lord, call us so we may hear Your voice.

One: The world turns to hopes and dreams of the future;

Many: Lord, keep us in Your ways and on Your path.

One: We enter this new year with hope and excitement;

Many: Lord, remind us that You are with us.

All: Lord, guide us as we worship You.

† **HYMN 420**

God of Grace and God of Glory

CWM RHONDDA

God of grace and God of glory, on Thy people pour Thy power;

Crown Thine ancient church's story, bring its bud to glorious flower;

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.

Lo! The hosts of evil round us scorn, Thy Christ, assail Thy ways!

From the fears that long have bound us, free our hearts to faith and praise.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the living of these days, for the living of these days.

Cure Thy children's waring madness, bend our pride to Thy control;

Shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we miss Thy kingdom's goal, lest we miss Thy kingdom's goal.

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.

† HYMN 357

O, Master Let Me Walk with Thee

CHANNEL OF PEACE

O Master, let me walk with Thee in lowly paths of service free;
Tell me Thy secret; help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.

Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear, winning word of love;
Teach me the wayward feet to stay, and guide them in the homeward way.

Teach me Thy patience; still with Thee in closer, dearer company;
In work that keeps faith sweet and strong, in trust that triumphs over wrong.

In hope that sends a shining ray far down the future's broadening way;
In peace that only Thou canst give, with Thee, O Master, let me live.

† BENEDICTION

† SENDING SONG

Make Me A Channel of Your Peace

CHANNEL OF PEACE

Make me a channel of Your peace; where there's despair in life let me bring hope;
Where there is darkness; only light and where there's sadness, ever joy.

You are encouraged to sit and enjoy the postlude after the sending song.

POSTLUDE

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

MIT FREUDEN ZART

The flowers today were given to the glory of God and in appreciation for the new deacons, elders, and officers of St. Andrew's.

The red rose on the communion table today was given to the glory of God and in celebration of the birth of Henry Brooks Thompson, on December 27, to Chris and Olivia Thompson.

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.

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS: The new deacons, elders, and officers of St. Andrew's will be ordained and installed during worship TODAY. We are grateful for these servants who lead by example and are willing to do so much for our church family and our community.

Join us for a **CHURCH LUNCHEON** hosted by our very own Youth Group next Sunday, January 14, 2024, following worship. The menu is spaghetti and meatballs, salad, garlic toast, and cookies.

Come **WATCH** the Lamar Cardinals play the Southern University Lions. The game is Saturday, January 27 at 6:00PM at the Lamar University Montagne Center. Tickets are \$10. RSVP to the church office by January 22.

St. Andrew's Prayer List

MEMBERS: Family of Susie Champion, Family of Eleanor Alexander, Marian Koch, Pat Richard, Bob Fisher, Shelley Plunkett, Lee Plunkett, Barbara Abel, Dalton Abel, Kay Long

FRIENDS AND FAMILY: Erika Russell, 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, January 7, 2024

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

Monday, January 8, 2024

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

Tuesday, January 9, 2024

- 10:00AM Staff Meeting
- 5:30PM Strings After School
- 6:30PM Christian Ed Team

Wednesday, January 10, 2024

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

Thursday, January 11, 2024

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

Friday, January 12, 2024

Office Closed

Saturday, January 13, 2024

- 8:30AM SETX Food Bank
- 3:00PM Youth Cooks

Sunday, January 14, 2024

- 9:15AM Sunday School
- 10:30AM Worship
- 11:30PM Choir Rehearsal
- 11:30PM Church Lunch
- 3:00PM Boy Scouts

CHURCH STAFF

Tara Thompson, Pastor
Thomas Furlow, Music Director
Rachel Stiles, Admin Assistant/Organist
Joyce Stillwell, Admin Assistant
Patricia Williamson, Pianist

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