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 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.

Set our feet on lofty places; gird our lives that they may be Armored with all Christlike graces, Pledged to set all captives free. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, that we fail not them nor Thee!

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Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore; let the search for Thy salvation be our glory evermore Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving Thee whom we adore, serving Thee whom we adore.

† Invitation to Confession

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Everlasting God, You are slow to anger and swift to have mercy. Forgive us when we abuse Your gift of time. In our fastness and our slowness, help us to keep pace with You. Free us to live in Your time, a new time, in which there is a time for everything under heaven, and slow is not too slow, and fast is not too fast. Transform us into people who see time as a gift and a friend, who live as if we have time because we know that Your time will never cease.

† ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS Thanks be to our God, who comes among us!

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

ANTHEM In Remembrance R. COURTNEY

In remembrance of Me, eat this bread. In remembrance of Me, drink this wine. In remembrance of Me, pray for the time When God's own will is done.

In remembrance of Me, heal the sick. In remembrance of Me, feed the poor. In remembrance of Me, open the door And let your brother in, let him in.

Take, eat, and be comforted, Drink, and remember too, That this is My body and precious blood Shed for you, shed for you.

In remembrance of Me, search for truth. In remembrance of Me, always love. In remembrance of Me, don't look above, But in your heart, look for God.

Do this in remembrance of Me.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON Colossians 1:9-14 Pew Bible p. 1015

Large Print p. 1790

SERMON Pray with a Purpose

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING GIVE ONLINE

† HYMN 592 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow DOXOLOGY

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

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 **CONNEOT** 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 Lawerence, 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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