

# ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## Praying in the New Year

What's in a Name?  
Ephesians 3:14-15

### CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

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

† Worshipers are asked to stand in body or spirit.

January 21, 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.*)

Jesus, may the time we spend together in Your presence nourish our hearts and minds, strengthen our relationship with You, and renew our commitment to live in this world as Your faithful disciples. Amen.

**PRELUDE**

*Nearer, My God, to Thee*

BETHANY

**LIFE AT ST. ANDREW'S**

† **CALL TO WORSHIP**

based on Psalm 14

One: The foolish say, "There is no God! We are alone, on our own."

**Many: We gather to declare the glory of God in our lives.**

One: The foolish say, "It is your life; you are accountable to no one."

**Many: We gather, strengthened by the Spirit, trusting that Christ dwells in our hearts.**

One: The foolish say, "Everything I have is mine; I owe nothing to anyone."

**Many: We gather to praise the One who calls us to serve others in love.**

***All: We will join our voices in singing God's praise!***

† **HYMN 460**

*Holy God, We Praise Your Name*

GROSSER GOTT

Holy God, we praise Your name; Lord of all, we bow before You;  
All on earth Your scepter claim, all in heaven above adore You.  
Infinite Your vast domain, everlasting is Your reign.

Hark, the glad celestial hymn Angel choirs above are rising;  
Cherubim and seraphim, in unceasing chorus praising,  
Fill the heavens with sweet accord: Holy, holy, holy Lord.

All apostles join the strain as Your sacred name they hallow;  
Prophets swell the glad refrain, and the blessed martyrs follows,  
And from morn to set of sun, Through the church the song goes on.

Holy Father, Holy Son, Holy Spirit: Three we name You,  
While in essence only One; Undivided God we claim You,  
And adoring bend the knee while we own the mystery.

† INVITATION TO CONFESSION

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of mercy, we confess that we have failed to live as Your beloved sons and daughters. We have set our minds on the things of this world, and we have neglected the inheritance of love You bestow upon Your saints. We have pursued selfish aims in our daily business; we have harbored uncharitable thoughts toward our enemies and friends; we have avoided difficult responsibilities to our neighbors. Forgive us, we pray. Free us from our selfish ways and strengthen us to be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ, in whose Name we pray.

† 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

ANTHEM

*O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High*

COURTNEY

O love, how deep, how broad, how high; it fills the heart with ecstasy  
That God, the Son of God, should take our mortal form for mortals' sake!

For us He prayed; for us He taught; for us His daily works He wrought;  
By words and signs and actions thus still seeking not Himself, but us.

For us He rose from death again; For us He went on high to reign.  
For us He sent His Spirit here to guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.

All glory to our Lord and God, for love so deep, so high, so broad;  
The Trinity whom we adore forever and forevermore.  
Forever and forevermore.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Ephesians 3:14-15

Pew Bible p. 1007  
Large Print p. 1778

SERMON

What's in a Name?

† HYMN STF 2220

*We Are God's People*

FRED BOCK

We are God's people, the chosen of the Lord, born of the Spirit, established by the Word.  
Our cornerstone is Christ alone, and strong in Christ we stand;  
O let us live transparently, and walk heart to heart and hand in hand.

We are God's loved ones, the Bride of Christ, our Lord, for we have known it,  
The love of God outpoured. Now let us learn how to return the gift of love once given;  
O let us share each joy and care and live with a zeal that pleases heaven.

We are the body of which the Lord is head, called to obey Christ, now risen from the dead.  
God wills us be a family diverse, yet truly one; O let us give our gifts to God and  
So shall God's work on earth be done.

We are a temple, the Spirit's dwelling place, formed in great weakness,  
A cup to hold God's grace. We die alone, for on its own each ember loses fire;  
Yet joined in one the flame burns on to give warmth and light and to inspire.

## 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*

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

### † HYMN 155

*Rejoice, the Lord is King*

DARWALL

Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore!  
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing, and triumph evermore:  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice again I say, rejoice!

God's kingdom cannot fail, Christ rules o'er earth and heaven;  
The keys of death and hell are to our Jesus given:  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice again I say, rejoice!

Rejoice in glorious hope! For Christ, the Judge, shall come to glorify  
The saints for their eternal home:  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice again I say, rejoice!

### † 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

*All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*

CORONATION

*The flowers today were given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Susie Champion,  
by her loving husband, Mark Champion.*

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

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

The **2023-2024 PW BIBLE** Study continues on Tuesday, January 23, at 10:00AM in the Parlor. Pastor Tara will lead lesson four in our study from Luke 10:38-42.

A **NEW MEMBER CLASS** is scheduled on January 28 at 12:00PM for anyone interested in learning more. Lunch will be served, so please RSVP by Wednesday, January 24.

There will be a **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** on Sunday, February 4, 2024, immediately following worship. The purpose is to conduct the annual meeting and to act on the recommendation of 2023 Nominating Committee to fill the vacancy on the 2024 Nominating Committee.

## St. Andrew's Prayer List

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

**FRIENDS AND FAMILY:** Gordon Long, Family of Tom Hayden, Mary Hayden, 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 21, 2024

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

Monday, January 22, 2024

5:30PM Strings After School

Tuesday, January 23, 2024

10:00AM PW Bible Study  
5:30PM Strings After School

Wednesday, January 24, 2024

9:30AM Day School Chapel  
5:30PM Handbell Rehearsal

Thursday, January 25, 2024

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

Friday, January 26, 2024

Saturday, January 27, 2024

6:00PM Lamar vs. SLU  
Basketball Game

Sunday, January 28, 2024

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

### 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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