

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Believe, Lesson 20: Sharing My Faith ✦ Colossians 4:2-6
Can I Get a Witness?



CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

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

† Worshipers are asked to stand in body or spirit.

November 3, 2024

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

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 of all glory, as You have revealed Your mercy and might to Your faithful people in every age, so let us glimpse the mystery of Your life-giving grace and the love that even death cannot destroy through Jesus Christ. Amen.

PRELUDE

Shall We Gather at the River

HANSON PLACE

LIFE AT ST. ANDREW'S

† CALL TO WORSHIP

inspired by Jeremiah 29

One: A word of encouragement came from prophet to people:

Many: Live a life that is full – build, plant, eat, love, multiply;

One: Pray for your communities;

Many: Keep God in the center of all that is.

One: We enter into worship today with hope in our hearts,

Many: For here are reminders that we can live as God desires.

All: God has made a promise of faithfulness to us, and we can trust the promise.

† HYMN 364

I Sing a Song of the Saints of God

GRAND ISLE

I sing a song of the saints of God, patient and brave and true,
Who toiled and fought and lived and died for the Lord they loved and knew.
And one was a doctor, and one was a queen, and one was a shepherdess on the green:
They were all of them saints of God, and I mean, God helping, to be one too.

They loved their Lord so dear, so dear, and God's love made them strong;
And they followed the right, for Jesus' sake, the whole of their good lives long.
And one was a soldier, and one was a priest, and one was slain by a fierce wild beast:
And there's not any reason, no, not the least, why I shouldn't be one too.

They lived not only in ages past, there are hundreds of thousands still;
The world is bright with the joyous saints who love to do Jesus' will.
You can meet them in school, or in lanes, or at sea, in church, or in trains, or in shops, or at tea,
For the saints of God are just folk like me, and I mean to be one too.

† INVITATION TO CONFESSION

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of love, we thank You for Your patience. You have given us many guides and helpers to inspire us and have given us the word that one day, we shall be as Christ Jesus is. Yet we have been slow to hear, reluctant to learn, and sluggish in our efforts. We repent of our lack of faith and love and ask that the love of Jesus Christ, which so healed and uplifted the saints, may mercifully deal with our sins and empower our renewed good intentions.

† ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

† HYMN 579

Glory Be to the Father

GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

† PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

TIME FOR CHILDREN

ANTHEM

For the Bread That You Have Broken

ARR. SCHELAT

For the bread that You have broken, For the wine that You have poured,
For the words that You have spoken, Now we give You thanks, O Lord.

By this promise that You love us, By Your gift of peace restored,
By Your call to heav'n above us, Hallow all our lives, O Lord.

With the saints who now adore You Seated at the heav'nly board,
May the church still waiting for You Keep love's tie unbroken, Lord.

In Your service, Lord, defend us; In our hearts keep watch and ward;
In the world where You send us Let Your Kingdom come, O Lord

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Colossians 4:2-6

Pew Bible p. 1017
Large Print p. 1793

SERMON

Can I Get a Witness?

† HYMN

I Love to Tell the Story

HANKEY

I love to tell the story of unseen things above, Of Jesus and His glory, of Jesus and His love.
I love to tell the story because I know 'tis true. It satisfies my longings as nothing else can do.

I love to tell the story; more wonderful it seems Than all the golden fancies of all our golden dreams.
I love to tell the story; it did so much for me, And that is just the reason I tell it now to thee.

I love to tell the story; 'tis pleasant to repeat What seems each time I tell it more wonderfully sweet.
I love to tell the story, for some have never heard The message of salvation from God's own holy word.

I love to tell the story, for those who know it best Seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest.
And when in scenes of glory I sing the new, new song, 'Twill be the old, old story that I have loved so long.

Refrain: I love to tell the story! 'Twill be my theme in glory To tell the old, old story of Jesus and His love.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING (*Offering baskets are located at the chancel steps and sanctuary entrances.*)

† 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

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.

A TIME OF REMEMBRANCE

† HYMN 526

For All the Saints

SINE NOMINEE

For all the saints who from their labors rest Who Thee by faith before the world confessed,
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou wast their rock, their fortress and their might; Thou Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light. Alleluia! Alleluia!

O blest communion, fellowship divine! We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
Yet all are one in Thee, for all are Thine. Alleluia! Alleluia!

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast, Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Alleluia! Alleluia!

† BENEDICTION

† SENDING SONG

'Tis So Sweet To Trust In Jesus

TRUST IN JESUS

Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him! How I've proved Him o'er and o'er!
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! O for grace to trust Him more!

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

POSTLUDE

Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise

LLANFAIR

The chancel flowers today were given to the glory of God and
in loving memory of all the saints we have lost by Pastor Tara.

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.

Pastor Tara's **SOUP SUPPER SOCIAL** is today starting at 5:00PM! This years menu includes: Pumpkin Chili, White Bean and Spinach Soup, Chicken and Lime Soup, and Salmon Corn Chowder.

GIVE BLOOD, SAVE A LIFE! Consider donating blood at the St. Andy's Lifeshare Blood Drive on November 6 from 4:00PM-7:30PM in the Fellowship Hall.

BOOK CLUB meets on November 7 at 1:00PM in the main church parlor. Join us as we discuss our October Spooky Reads!

St. Andrew's Prayer List

MEMBERS: Bobbie Wied, Bob Webb, Evelyn Lord, Linda Sparkman, Beth Ann Mistrot, Bob Fisher, Barbara and Dalton Abel, Kay Long

FRIENDS AND FAMILY: David Fertitta, Charlie and Judy Monaghan, Family of Cecile Cobble, Family of William Shankles, Patty Bennett, Geneva Broussard, Ellen Wiemers, Jerry Linn, Madeline Johnson, David Cobble, Erika Russell, Karen Thompson Butler, Mary Kennedy, Thomas Fisher, Jack Dillard, Erin Lenhart, Janie Niederstadt Verderame

St. Andrew's Calendar

Sunday, November 3, 2024

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

- 9:15AM Sunday School
- 10:30AM Worship
- 11:45AM Choir Rehearsal
- 1:30PM Worship Staff Meeting
- 3:00PM Boy Scouts
- 5:00PM Youth Group

Monday, November 4, 2024

- 5:30PM Strings After School
- 6:00PM GT Square Dancers

Tuesday, November 5, 2024

- 10:00AM PW Coordinating
- 11:00AM Staff Meeting
- 5:30PM Strings After School
- 5:30PM Fellowship Team
- 6:30PM Tuesday Group
- 6:30PM Christian Education

Wednesday, November 6, 2024

- 9:30AM Day School Chapel
- 4:00PM Blood Drive
- 5:30PM AA Group Meeting
- 5:30PM Handbell Rehearsal
- 6:30PM Mission & Evangelism

Thursday, November 7, 2024

- 8:30AM MOW Cooks
- 10:00AM MOW Delivers
- 1:00PM Book Club
- 6:00PM GTHE Rehearsal

Saturday, November 9, 2024

- 8:30AM SETX Food Bank

Sunday, November 10, 2024

- 9:15AM Sunday School
- 10:30AM Worship
- 11:45AM Choir Rehearsal
- 3:00PM Boy Scouts
- 5:00PM Youth Group

CHURCH STAFF

Tara Thompson, Pastor
Thomas Furlow, Music Director
Gloria Pierce, Day School Director
Rachel Stiles, Organist
Joyce Stillwell, Admin Assistant
Katrina Strong, Custodian
Patricia Williamson, Pianist

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