

ST. ANDY'S REVIEW

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UPCOMING SERMONS

MARCH 2

More than Meets the Eye
Matthew 17:1-9

MARCH 5 (7:00 pm)
Ash Wednesday

Desert Longing
Psalm 63:1-8

MARCH 9

BELIEVE: Patience
James 5:7-12

MARCH 16

BELIEVE: Kindness/Goodness
1 Corinthians 10:23-11:1

MARCH 23

BELIEVE: Faithfulness
Proverbs 3:1-6

MARCH 30

BELIEVE: Gentleness
John 8:2-11

APRIL NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:

Please call or email the office with newsletter submissions on or before
MARCH 20, 2025.



Spiritual Spring Cleaning

Lent is a forty-day period of reflection and preparation for Easter, beginning on Ash Wednesday. This season can be seen as a time for spiritual spring cleaning, a chance to take spiritual inventory and remove anything that hinders our personal and corporate relationships with Jesus Christ and our service to Him. Below are some ideas to help you during this season of Lenten reflection.

Eliminate clutter. Get rid of distractions that block your intimacy with God. Take an honest look at what might be interfering with making your relationship with God your top priority.

Scrub away dirt and disinfect. Whenever negative thoughts enter your mind, consciously replace them with positive thoughts that align with Biblical truth. When you feel tempted to revert to negative behavior, pray for God to grant you the strength to resist and overcome temptation.

Dust. Remove remnants of the past that are preventing you from stepping into the future with confidence. Ask God to reveal the areas where you need healing from past traumas and losses.

Polish. Make your relationships shine by serving others as God leads you. Be creative in finding ways to bless others through your words and actions. Each day, seek opportunities to encourage or help the people you encounter.

Organize. Rearrange your life so you can dream new dreams. Clear out your own agenda and invite the Spirit to show you God's dreams for your life. Then structure your decisions for how to use your resources (time, energy, talent, money, etc.) around pursuing those God-given dreams.

-Pastor Tara

March birthdays

- Mar 2 Hunter Bradford
- Mar 2 Matthew Hoch
- Mar 2 Lee Plunkett
- Mar 3 Julia Glenn
- Mar 4 Martha Giarratano
- Mar 4 Valera Messer
- Mar 7 Tillie Hickman
- Mar 7 Joyce Stillwell
- Mar 9 Diane Shaver
- Mar 12 Cameron Montgomery
- Mar 15 Scott Burns
- Mar 15 Beth Anne Mistrot
- Mar 16 Marilyn Bell
- Mar 16 Sandra Laborde
- Mar 17 Marie Hoch
- Mar 17 Bill Yoes
- Mar 18 Paula Nichols
- Mar 24 Pat Bardwell
- Mar 26 Julie Munro

In Our Prayers

In the Congregation

Bobbie, Wied, Jerry Phillips, Leisa Stokes, Bob Fisher, Susanne Nichols, Kay Long, Linda Sparkman, Beth Ann Mistrot, Barbara and Dalton Abel

Friends and Family

Family of Rev. Steve C. Kerr, Family of Charles Howell, Jr., Tenisha Humphrey, Don Linn, Jacob Walton, Charlie Monaghan, David Fertitta, Geneva Broussard, Madeline Johnson, David Cobble, Erika Russell, Karen Thompson Butler, Mary Kennedy, Thomas Fisher, Jack Dillard, Erin Lenhart, Janie Niederstadt Verderame

One Great HOUR OF SHARING

We will collect the **PCUSA One Great Hour of Sharing** offering on Sunday, April 20. Each gift to OGHS supports efforts to relieve hunger through the Presbyterian Hunger Program, promote development through the Presbyterian Committee on the Self-Development of People, and assist in areas of disaster through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. Each program works in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope.



GIVE BLOOD, SAVE A LIFE

Giving blood is crucial to save people's lives and make sure blood is available when it's needed. Please consider donating.



St. Andy's LifeShare Blood Drive
In the Fellowship Hall

PW SPRING GATHERING

The Presbyterian Women of the Presbytery of New Covenant invite you to their Spring Gathering on April 5, held at St. Philip Presbyterian Church in Houston (4807 San Felipe St., Houston, TX 77056). Speakers Mahlon Hight, Meg Scott-Johnson, and Rev. Keatan King will present "Cultivating A Well Balanced Life." **The registration deadline is March 30th**, and the fees are \$18 for prior attendee and \$15 for first-time attendee. There is a \$20 fee for walk-in registration. A continental breakfast and lunch are included.

If interested, contact Maryann Sweeney or you can pick up a registration form in the church office.

ASH WEDNESDAY

Join us for a special worship service on **Wednesday, March 5, at 7:00pm** as we begin our Lenten journey together.

Marking the beginning of a forty-day fast, Ash Wednesday is a time to meditate on our mortality and sinfulness; to commit to repentance and sacrifice; and most of all, to confidently recall that Christ is victorious over sin and death and that He is the one who enables our repentance.

Our service will include special music, communion, and the imposition of ashes. Ashes are a symbol of human frailty, and a reminder that we are "dead to sin and alive in Jesus Christ" (Romans 6:11).



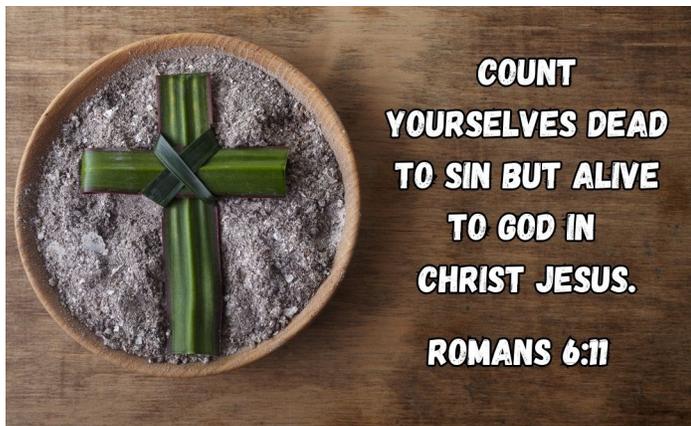
Save the Date
Community
Lenten Service
at Calder Baptist
Church

April 6, 2025

Worship at 5pm

with a reception to follow

More information to come!



LENTEN DEVOTIONALS

Available March 2

Lenten devotionals for children and adults will be available on the sanctuary tables beginning March 2. These resources provide daily reflections and activities for the Lenten season.



NEW! Children's Church following the Time for Children with Pastor Tara starts on **Sunday, March 2**. This is for children in kindergarten through fifth grade.

ST. ANDREW'S DAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION



The St. Andrew's Day School is now registering students for the **2025-2026 school year!** The school provides a supportive and nurturing environment for children twelve months to four years old. For more information, check the St. Andrew's website or call 409-892-8246.

ST. ANDREW'S FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

The St. Andrew's Foundation administers two scholarship funds for church members, the Virginia Anderson Scholarship Fund and the Drennan Scholarship Fund.

Detailed information, guidelines, requirements and applications are available on the St. Andrew's website under the menu choice: About - Foundation Scholarships.

The deadline to apply is April 6, 2025.



BOOK CLUB

MAR 6 • 1:00 • PARLOR

*We will discuss February's
love story reads.*



THEME TO DISCUSS
AT APRIL MEETING IS
HISTORICAL FICTION



TEXAS PROUD LUNCHEON

AFTER THE WORSHIP SERVICE
ON MARCH 23

On the menu:
Taco bar, chips & dips,
wedding and ginger
cookies

DRESS UP IN YOUR TEXAS BEST!



First Friday Men's Breakfast

Next meeting:
MARCH 7
in the Parlor.

Men, join us on
the first Friday
of every month
for food,
fellowship, and
prayer!

PW 2024-2025 Bible Study

MARCH 25
10:00AM in the Parlor

Join us for Lessons 6 & 7
as we continue our study.



March 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 9:15AM Sunday School 10:30AM Worship 11:45AM Choir Rehearsal 1:30PM Worship Staff 3:00PM Boy Scouts 4:30PM Youth Group 6:00PM Small Group	3 5:00PM Day School Board 5:30PM Strings After School 6:00PM Golden Triangle Square Dancers	4 10:00AM PW Coordinating 11:00AM Staff Meeting 5:30PM Fellowship 5:30PM Strings After School 6:30PM Christian Ed 6:30PM Tuesday Group	5 8:15AM SK @ SOP 9:30AM Day School Chapel 4:00PM AA Group 5:00PM Mission Evangelism 7:00PM Ash Wednesday Service	6 8:30AM MOW Cooks 10:00AM MOW Delivers 1:00PM Book Club 6:30PM GTHE Rehearsal	7 7:00AM Men's Breakfast	8 8:30AM SETX Food Bank
9 9:15AM Sunday School 10:30AM Worship 11:45AM Choir Rehearsal 3:00PM Boy Scouts 4:30PM Youth Group 6:00PM Small Group	10 12:00PM Rainbow Room 5:30PM Strings After School 6:00PM Golden Triangle Square Dancers	11 5:30PM Strings After School 5:30PM Finance & Property 6:30PM Tuesday Group	12 5:30PM AA Group 5:30PM Handbell Rehearsal 6:30PM Worship Team	13 8:30AM MOW Cooks 10:00AM MOW Delivers	14	15
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KEY
MOW = Meals On Wheels
PW = Presbyterian Women
SK @ SOP = Soup Kitchen at Some Other Place
GTHE = Golden Triangle Handbells Ensemble

SAVE THE DATES: HOLY WEEK AT ST. ANDREW'S

Palm Sunday

April 13 at 10:30AM

We will celebrate with fresh palm branches and special music.

Wear a festive hat and parade to the Fellowship Hall for refreshments and an egg hunt after worship.

"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"
John 12:13

Maundy Thursday

Worship Service
on April 17
at 7:00PM

Join us for communion, special music, and a Time of Shadows from the Gospel of Matthew.

*I will sing of the LORD'S great love forever;
with my mouth I will make your faithfulness
known through all generations.*
- Psalm 89:1

St. Andy's Easter Brunch Potluck

9:30AM on Easter Sunday, April 20
in the Fellowship Hall



A-M: bring something savory
N-Z: bring something sweet

Easter Sunday

APRIL 20 AT 10:30AM

Join us in celebrating Christ's Resurrection with special music (including a full choir, brass ensemble, timpani, and organ) and a special time for children.

"I have seen the Lord!"
John 20:18



Hat Parade & Egg Hunt April 13

Wear a festive hat and after worship join the parade to the Fellowship Hall for light snacks and conversation.

After snacks, children and youth will participate in a traditional egg hunt.



MOW VOLUNTEER NEEDED

The St. Andrew's Meals on Wheels program delivers hot, nutritious meals to homebound folks in Beaumont who aren't able to cook or shop for themselves. **Right now, the MOW team is in need of a driver to deliver a route on the first Thursday.** Delivering only takes about an hour. If you are willing and able to volunteer, contact Susan Reese or the Church Office.

St. Andrew's Handbells

If you enjoy music and fellowship (or if you want to be in a choir but don't want to sing!), consider joining the St. Andrew's Handbell Choir in 2025. Led by Martha Giarratano, rehearsals are on Wednesdays from 5:30PM-6:30PM. The bell choir blesses the congregation in worship several times a year, especially in the Lenten and Advent seasons. Musical experience is not a requirement, but it is certainly a plus. If you have questions or would like to learn more, contact Martha Giarratano or the Church Office.

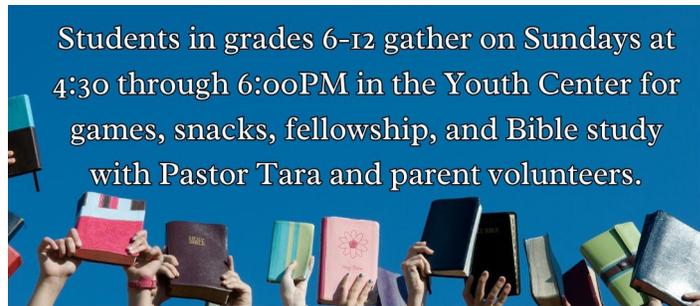
Presbyterian Women Birthday Offering

We will collect the Presbyterian Women Birthday Offering on **Sunday, March 16**. This is one of Presbyterian Women's two offerings. Received in the spring each year, it gives women a tangible way to celebrate the blessings in their lives. This offering celebrates the anniversary of the PW's founding by funding up to five projects each year. Supporting the Birthday Offering is a wonderful way to put faith into action by helping organizations and projects that make a significant impact in communities.

To learn more about this year's grant recipients, visit presbyterianwomen.org. To donate, make your check payable to Presbyterian Women, memo: Birthday Offering, and look for the PW envelopes in your bulletins.

YOUTH GROUP

Students in grades 6-12 gather on Sundays at 4:30 through 6:00PM in the Youth Center for games, snacks, fellowship, and Bible study with Pastor Tara and parent volunteers.



EASTER FLOWERS

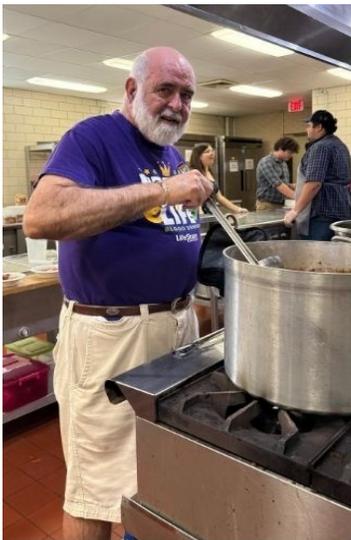
We will adorn the sanctuary on Easter with assorted spring flowers. Flowers are \$15 each. If you want to honor someone or their memory with a flower, order forms will be available starting Monday, March 3 in the Church Office and on the church website. The deadline to order is **April 10**.



St. Andrew's



St. Andrew's community truly embraced the spirit of giving during the Souper Bowl of Caring lunch, an inspiring event aimed at combating hunger across the nation. With generous hearts and a collective effort, we raised \$121 and gathered 88 essential food items, all of which were donated to the Food Pantry at Some Other Place. This initiative not only provided much needed support to those in need but also fostered a sense of community and shared purpose. The Souper Bowl of Caring stands as a testament to the power of collective action, proving that when people come together, they can make a significant impact in the fight against hunger.



St. Andrew's



THANK YOU!

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church

\$121 and 88 items

Thanks to your efforts this year, more dollars have been raised, more lives have been changed, and the nation has seen the impact of people working together to help those in need. Thank you for working to transform the time around the Super Bowl into the nation's largest celebration of giving and serving.

 **TACKLE HUNGER**

Alison Reese
Alison Reese
Executive Director
Tackle Hunger: Home of the Souper Bowl of Caring

February 9, 2025



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Don't forget to spring forward on
Saturday, March 8.



New Member Class

Sunday, March 16 at 12:00PM

This class is a great way to learn more about our beliefs, history, and traditions. Attending does not commit you to joining. Lunch will be provided. Please RSVP to the church office by Thursday, March 13, so that we have enough lunch for everyone!

