

# ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



## Desert Longing

### Psalm 63:1-8

## CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

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

† Worshipers are asked to stand in body or spirit.

March 5, 2025

Ash Wednesday

7:00PM

**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.*)

Heavenly Father, as we devote these forty days to You, shape us by Your Holy Spirit into the image of Jesus. Amen.

**PRELUDE**

*I Gave My Life for Thee*

KENOSIS

**LIFE AT ST. ANDREW'S**

† **CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: The Lenten journey is a process, a commitment, a labor of love.

**Many: We must be prepared for resurrection.**

One: With ashes we are marked to remind us of our mortality,

**Many: To remind us of our desperate need of God's eternal life.**

One: With dust we are sealed into the ground from which we came.

**Many: But from that same ground, that empty tomb, comes new life.**

*All: But not yet.*

One: We must wait in prayer,

**Many: We must wait in penitence.**

*All: We must wait in patience.*

One: Resurrection is coming, but not yet.

**Many: First comes the journey to which Christ calls us.**

*All: Come, let us begin this Lenten journey with repentant hearts.*

† **HYMN 281**

*Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

CWM RHONDDA

Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah, Pilgrim through this barren land;

I am weak, but Thou are mighty; Hold me with Thy powerful hand;

Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,

Feed me till I want no more, Feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain, Whence the healing stream doth flow;  
Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through;  
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,  
Be Thou still my strength and shield, Be Thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, Bid my anxious fears subside;  
Death of death, and hell's destruction, Land me safe on Canaan's side;  
Songs of praises, songs of praises  
I will ever give to Thee, I will ever give to Thee.

† INVITATION TO CONFESSION

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we confess that we have grown complacent in our response to You. You set before us a rich feast of blessing, but we are drawn to lesser things that cannot satisfy. You call us to attend to urgent needs in the world, but we indulge our own desires. Our ways are not Your ways; our thoughts do not ascend to Your thoughts. Forgive us when we fall short of Your claim upon our lives. Disturb our complacency and quicken our desire for a more fruitful life. Be patient, we pray, as we amend who we are in the hope of becoming who You intend us to be.

† 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.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 63:1-8

Pew Bible p. 494  
Large Print p. 835

SERMON

Desert Longing

† HYMN STF 2132

*Come, Ye Disconsolate*

CONSOLATOR

Come, ye disconsolate, where'er ye languish,  
Come to the mercy seat, fervently kneel.  
Here bring your wounded hearts, here tell your anguish;  
Earth has no sorrow that heaven cannot heal.

Joy of the desolate, Light of the straying,  
Hope of the penitent, fadeless and pure!  
Here speaks the Comforter, tenderly saying,  
"Earth has no sorrow that heaven cannot cure."

Here see the Bread of Life; see waters flowing  
Forth from the throne of God, pure from above.  
Come to the feast of love; come, ever knowing  
Earth has no sorrow but heaven can remove .

A LITANY FOR ASH WEDNESDAY

One: By the power of Your Spirit at work in us,

**Many: We are aware of our sinfulness and our shortcomings.**

One: On this night, we begin a journey of repentance,

**Many: A journey of renewal and healing.**

One: Remembering our baptism, the watermark of the cross upon us,

**Many: We also receive this ashen cross, another sign,**

*All: That in life and in death, we belong to You.*

ANTHEM

*Kyrie*  
Kyrie eleison,  
Christe eleison.  
God have mercy,  
Christ have mercy.

ROUSE

IMPOSITION OF ASHES AND THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

**The Imposition of Ashes**

*Please come forward by the center aisle, beginning with those nearest the front.*

*Those who desire to receive ashes can proceed to the pastor,  
who will be standing in the aisle in front of the chancel steps.*

**The Receiving of the Elements**

*The elements will be distributed by elders on either side of the chancel steps.*

*After receiving the bread and cup, return to your seat by the side aisles.*

*The communion bread tonight is free of gluten, nut, dairy, and soy.*

† HYMN INSERT

*The Lord's Prayer*  
Our Father, which 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, Amen.

MALOTTE

† BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Change My Heart, O God*

Arr. Mark Hayes

We thank Mason Hendrix (oboe) for sharing his gift of music with us in worship tonight.

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 0-4. Children's activity bulletins and **LARGE PRINT BULLETINS**, Bibles, and hymnals are available on the sanctuary tables.

**LENTEN DEVOTIONALS** for children and adults are available on the sanctuary tables.

**EASTER FLOWERS** are a beautiful way to honor or remember loved ones this Easter. Each plant is \$15.00, and you can pay for them in person or online. Orders and payments are due by Thursday, April 10, 2025. The flowers will be available for you to take home after the service on April 20.

**DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME** begins on March 9! Don't forget to turn your clocks an hour forward on Saturday night.

The **NEW MEMBERS' CLASS** will be on Sunday, March 16, at 12:00PM in the Parlor. This class is a great way learn more about our beliefs, history, and traditions. Attending does not commit you to joining. Lunch is provided. Please RSVP to the Church Office by Thursday, March 13.

## St. Andrew's Prayer List

**MEMBERS:** Bobbie Wied, Jerry Phillips, Bob Fisher, Susanne Nichols, Linda Sparkman, Beth Ann Mistrot, Barbara and Dalton Abel

**FRIENDS AND FAMILY:** Gary Cone, 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

## St. Andrew's Calendar

### Thursday, March 6, 2025

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

### Friday, March 7, 2025

7:00AM Men's Breakfast

### Saturday, March 8, 2025

8:30AM SETX Food Bank

### Sunday, March 9, 2025

9:15AM Sunday School  
10:30AM Worship  
11:45PM Choir Rehearsal  
3:00PM Boy Scouts  
4:30PM Youth Group  
6:00PM Sunday Small Group

### Monday, March 10, 2025

12:00PM Rainbow Room  
5:30PM Strings After School  
6:00PM GT Square Dance

### Tuesday, March 11, 2025

5:30PM Strings After School  
5:30PM Finance & Property  
6:30PM Tuesday Group

### Wednesday, March 12, 2025

5:30PM AA Meeting  
5:30PM Handbell Rehearsal  
5:30PM Worship Team

### Thursday, March 13, 2025

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

### 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, Accompanist

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