

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



BE... FAITHFUL

Proverbs 3:1-6
BELIEVE: Lesson 28

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

Please note that all text in **bold** is spoken in unison.
† Worshipers are asked to stand in body or spirit.

March 23, 2025

Third Sunday of Lent

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.*)

Faithful God, open our eyes to see and know You here among us, open our ears to recognize Your voice, and then send us out from here, to live and work in the world as Your faithful disciples. Amen.

PRELUDE

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

ST. COLUMBA

LIFE AT ST. ANDREW'S

† **CALL to WORSHIP**

based on Psalm 89

One: We will sing of the tender mercies of the Lord forever!

Many: Young and old will hear of Your faithfulness.

One: Your unfailing love will last forever.

Many: Your faithfulness is as enduring as the heavens.

One: Happy are those who hear the joyful call to worship,

Many: For they will walk in the light of Your presence.

All: Let's worship God together!

† **HYMN 476**

O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!

LYONS

O Worship the King, all glorious above! O gratefully sing God's power and God's love;
Our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days, Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

O tell of God's might, O sing of God's grace, Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.
The chariots of heaven, the deep thunderclouds form, And bright is God's path on the wings of the storm.

The earth with its store of wonders untold, Almighty, Thy power hath founded of old;
Hath established it fast by a changeless decree, And round it hath cast, like a mantle, the sea.

Thy bountiful care what tongue can recite? It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;

It streams from the hills, it descends to the plain. And sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail. In Thee do we trust, nor find Thee to fail;
Thy mercies, how tender, how firm to the end, Our maker, defender, redeemer, and friend.

† INVITATION TO CONFESSION

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving Lord, during the Lenten season, we face the challenge of surrendering every part of our lives that is not from You, to free ourselves from what clutters our lives and all that distracts us from the simple truth of Your love for us. We confess that we often measure our faithfulness by comparing ourselves to others. Forgive us, God, for failing to recognize Your Spirit's work in others. Forgive us for choosing comfort and convenience over faithfulness.

† 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.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

† HYMN 498

Child of Blessing, Child of Promise

KINGDOM

Child of blessing, child of promise, baptized with the Spirit's sign,
With this water God has sealed you unto love and grace divine.

Child of joy, our dearest treasure, God's you are, from God you came.
Back to God we humbly give you: live as one who bears Christ's name.

TIME FOR CHILDREN

Children are invited to meet at the courtyard doors for Children's Church in Journey Room 304.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Proverbs 3:1-6

Pew Bible p. 543
Large Print p. 934

SERMON

Be... Faithful

ANTHEM

If You Love Me

arr. Lloyd Larson

If you love Me, if you love Me, if you love Me, keep My commandments.
If you love Me, if you love Me, if you love Me, keep My commandments.
Those who love Me, shall have the Spirit of truth; Comforter shall come upon you.

If you love, you'll live forever, too. Live forever, too.
If you love Me, if you love Me, if you love Me, keep My commandments.
My peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you, but not as the world gives, I give to you.
Let not your hearts be troubled, nor let them be afraid. Take the peace I leave with you.

If you love Me, if you love Me, if you love Me, keep My commandments.
If you love Me, if you love Me, if you love Me, keep My commandments,
My commandments, keep My commandments. If you love Me.

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

Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH

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 461

God Is Here!

ABBOT'S LEIGH

God is here! As we Your people meet to offer praise and prayer,
May we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share.
Here, as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts
Wait the coming of the Spirit into open minds and hearts.

Here are the symbols to remind us of our lifelong need of grace;
Here are table, font, and pulpit; Here the cross has central place.
Here in honesty of preaching, here in silence, as in speech,
Here, in newness and renewal, God the Spirit comes to each.

Here our children find a welcome in the Shepherd's flock and fold,
Here as in bread and wine are taken, Christ sustains us as of old.
Here the servants of the Servant seek in worship to explore
What it means in daily living to believe and to adore.

Lord of all, of church and kingdom, in an age of change and doubt
Keep us faithful to the gospel help us work Your purpose out.
Here, in this day's dedication, all we have to give, receive:
We, who cannot live without You, we adore You! We believe!

† BENEDICTION

† SENDING SONG

More Like You

MORE LIKE YOU

More like You, Jesus, more like You. Fill my heart with Your desire to make me more like You.
More like You, Jesus, more like You. Touch my lips with holy fire and make me more like You.

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

POSTLUDE

Allegro pastorale from Concerto No. 1 in E Major, "Spring"

Vivaldi

We thank Jacob Furlow (violin) and Martha Giarratano (cello)
for sharing their gifts of music with us in worship today.

The chancel flowers today were given to the glory of God and
in celebration of Pastor Tara's 4 year anniversary at St. Andrew's.

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.

Join us for a **TEXAS PROUD FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON** TODAY, immediately following the worship service! The menu is a taco bar, chips, dips, and cookies.

The **2024-2025 PW BIBLE STUDY** continues with lessons six and seven on Tuesday, March 25, at 10:00AM in the Parlor. Pastor Tara is leading the study.

We are making **EASTER BASKETS** for the residents of Harmony Care and are seeking candy donations by Monday, April 7. We will assemble the baskets following worship on April 13.

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. They will be available for you to take home after the service on April 20.

St. Andrew's Prayer List

MEMBERS: Doreen Jameson, Mary Pat Linn, Mary Miller, Bobbie Wied, Bob Fisher, Susanne Nichols, Linda Sparkman, Beth Ann Mistrot, Barbara and Dalton Abel

FRIENDS AND FAMILY: Family of Don Linn, Yvonne Williams, Family of David Cobble, Family of Bill Mentz, Laura Verbout, Jennifer Stephenson, Tenisha Humphrey, Jacob Walton, Charlie Monaghan, David Fertitta, Geneva Broussard, Madeline Johnson, Erika Russell, Karen Thompson Butler, Mary Kennedy, Thomas Fisher, Jack Dillard, Erin Lenhart, Janie Niederstadt Verderame

St. Andrew's Calendar

Sunday, March 23, 2025

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

Monday, March 24, 2025

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

Tuesday, March 25, 2025

10:00AM PW Bible Study
5:30PM Strings After School
6:30PM Tuesday Group

Wednesday, March 26, 2025

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

Thursday, March 27, 2025

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

Friday, March 28, 2025

OFFICE CLOSED

Sunday, March 30, 2025

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

CHURCH STAFF

Tara Thompson, Pastor
Thomas Furlow, Music Director
Tori Armstrong, Day School Director
Rachel Stiles, Organist
Joyce Stillwell, Admin Assistant
Katrina Strong, Custodian
Patricia Williamson, Accompanist

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