

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Embracing Resurrection

Land of the Living

Psalm 116

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

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

† Worshipers are asked to stand in body or spirit.

May 4, 2025

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.*)

Holy God, may our singing, praying, listening, and proclaiming be a testimony to the power of Your love to make us a new creation as a community of faith. We pray in the name of the risen Christ. Amen.

PRELUDE

You Are My King

by Billy James Foote

LIFE AT ST. ANDREW'S

† **CALL TO WORSHIP**

based on Acts 4

One: We gather in the name of the risen Lord.

Many: Christ is risen! Alleluia!

One: We gather as sisters and brothers of the resurrected Jesus.

Many: Christ is risen! Alleluia!

One: We gather to share our faith and to worship God.

Many: Christ is risen! Alleluia!

One: We gather to proclaim the Good News of new life!

Many: Christ is risen! Alleluia!

All: God's eternal world has begun! Alleluia!

† **HYMN 108**

Christ Is Alive!

TRURO

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing. The cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring. Love, drowned in death, shall never die.

Christ is alive! No longer bound to distant years in Palestine,
But saving, healing, here and now, and touching every place and time.

Not throned afar, remotely high, untouched, unmoved by human pains,
But daily, in the midst of life, our Savior in the Godhead reigns.

In every insult, rift, and war, where color, scorn, or wealth divide,
Christ suffers still, yet loves the more, and lives where even hope has died.

† INVITATION TO CONFESSION

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we confess that we do not know how to seek You. We do not sense Your presence. We do not trust that our hardships can be transformed by Your Spirit. Forgive us. Let us laugh with joy because Your grace has made peace among us. Send us out with this Good News so that others may also receive Your blessing; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

† 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

Hallelujah! Thine the Glory

arr. Mary McDonald

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah, amen! Hallelujah!
Thine the glory. Hallelujah, amen. Hallelujah!
Thine the glory. Revive us, revive us, revive us again.

We praise Thee, oh God! For the Son of Thy love,
For Jesus who died and is now gone above.
We praise Thee, oh God! For Thy Spirit of light,
Who has shown us our Savior, and scattered our night.

All glory and praise, to the Lamb that was slain,
Who has borne all our sins, and has cleansed every stain.
Revive us again; fill each heart with Thy love;
May each soul be rekindled with fire from above.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 116

Pew Bible p. 526
Large Print p. 896-897

SERMON

Land of the Living

† HYMN STF 2002

I Will Call Upon the Lord

I WILL CALL

I will call upon the Lord who is worthy to be praised.
So shall I be saved from my enemies.
I will call upon the Lord.

Chorus: The Lord liveth, and blessed be the Rock;
And let the God of my salvation be exalted.
The Lord liveth, and blessed be the Rock;
And let the God of my salvation be exalted.

† 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

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.

† HYMN INSERT

It Is Well with My Soul

VILLE DU HAVRE

When peace like a river attendeth my way, when sorrows like sea billows roll.
Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.

Refrain:

It is well with my soul; it is well, it is well with my soul.

Tho' Satan should buffet, tho' trials should come, let this blest assurance control.
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate, and has shed His own blood for my soul.

My sin oh, the bliss of this glorious tho't: my sin, not in part, but the whole,
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more, praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

And, Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight, the clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
The trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend, "Even so," it is well with my soul.

† BENEDICTION

† SENDING SONG

Because He Lives

RESURRECTION

Because He lives I can face tomorrow; Because He lives all fear is gone;
Because I know He holds the future, And life is worth the living
Just because He lives.

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

POSTLUDE

Flow

by Cameron Montgomery

We thank Cameron Montgomery for sharing his gift of music with us in worship today.

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

Join us for a Golden Triangle Handbell Ensemble **MOTHER'S DAY CONCERT** at 3PM on May 11, 2025.

You're invited to a **PIANO RECITAL** May 17 at 7PM, featuring husband and wife group, Duo Korusa. Reception with light refreshments to follow.

St. Andy's is attending an **ASTROS GAME!** Join us on May 31 for the Astros v. Rays. Tickets are \$48. This includes a \$15 voucher for drinks and food. Please RSVP to the church office.

The St. Andrew's Day School is **NOW REGISTERING** students for the summer term and the 25-26 school year!

CHANCEL FLOWERS can be given for the chancel in memory or honor of loved ones. A standard arrangement is \$80. If you would like to sponsor the chancel flowers, email the church office or use our flower calendar outside the main office.

St. Andrew's Prayer List

MEMBERS: Linda Sparkman, John Alexander, Maryann Sweeney, Bob Fisher, Susanne Nichol, Beth Ann Mistrot, Barbara Abel, Dalton Abel

FRIENDS AND FAMILY: Pamela Humphrey, Charlie Monaghan, David Fertitta, Tenisha Humphrey, Jacob Walton, 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, May 4, 2025

9:15AM Sunday School
10:30AM Worship
11:45AM Choir Rehearsal
1:30PM Worship Meeting
3:00PM Boy Scouts
4:30PM Youth Group

Monday, May 5, 2025

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

Tuesday, May 6, 2025

10:00AM PW Coordinating
5:30PM Fellowship Meeting
6:30PM CE Team
6:30PM GTHE Rehearsal

Wednesday, May 7, 2025

8:15AM SOP
9:30AM Day School Chapel
5:30PM AA Group Meeting

Thursday, May 8, 2025

8:30AM MOW Cooks
10:00AM MOW Delivers
5:00PM Nominating Committee
6:00PM GTHE Rehearsal

Friday, May 9, 2025

OFFICE CLOSED

Saturday, May 10, 2025

8:30AM SETX Food Bank

Sunday, May 11, 2025

9:15AM Sunday School
10:30AM Worship
12:00PM Choir Rehearsal
3:00PM Boy Scouts
3:00PM GTHE Concert
4:30PM Youth Group
6:00PM Sunday Group

CHURCH STAFF

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

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