



ST. ANDY'S REVIEW

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UPCOMING SERMONS

FEBRUARY 1

**New Year, Same God:
God of Blessing**
Numbers 6:22-27

FEBRUARY 8

**New Year, Same God:
God of Guidance**
Psalm 121

FEBRUARY 15

**New Year, Same God:
God of Freedom**
Psalm 40:1-13

FEBRUARY 18 (7:00PM)

Ash Wednesday
A Broken Heart
Psalm 51:1-12

FEBRUARY 22

**24 Hours That Changed
the World: Supper
of the Lamb**
Mark 14:12-26



Just as Jesus spent 40 days in the wilderness, Lent invites us to pause in our daily routines to reconnect with God. Lent offers a sacred, intentional pause to shift focus toward spiritual renewal and deeper intimacy with God before Easter. This season encourages reflection, repentance, and intentional fasting to make room for God's presence.

As we begin the season of Lent, we are invited to set aside the distractions of our daily lives and focus on the core of the Gospel: the profound, sacrificial love of Jesus Christ. While Lent is often seen as a time for personal sacrifice, it is, more importantly, an invitation to walk alongside our Savior during the final hours of His earthly life.

Consider the weight of that final day. We see Jesus in the upper room washing feet, and in the Garden of Gethsemane wrestling with the weight of the sins He was about to bear. We witness betrayal and denial by friends, unjust trials, and brutality by the authorities of the day, along with the exhaustion of the journey to Calvary. By focusing on these moments, we do not simply observe history; we confront the reality of our need for a Savior.

Our churchwide Lenten study, **24 Hours That Changed the World**, will guide us in meditating on the final hours of Jesus' life. It will be a journey leading us to the foot of the cross so that we may be renewed at the empty tomb on Easter Sunday.

"But He was pierced for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on Him, and by His wounds we are healed." – Isaiah 53:5

-Pastor Tara

MARCH NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:

Please call or email the office with newsletter submissions on or before **February 12, 2026**.

February birthdays

Feb. 3 Sandra Morgan
 Feb. 4 Thomas Furlow
 Feb. 6 Bruce Partain
 Feb. 8 Emily Allen
 Feb. 8 Aurora Montano
 Feb. 11 Keith Wied
 Feb. 12 Jessica Meitzen
 Feb. 14 Janet Pember
 Feb. 23 Kiara Collins
 Feb. 23 Maryann Sweeney
 Feb. 26 Kathie Platt
 Feb. 27 Tori Armstrong
 Feb. 27 Nolan Collins
 Feb. 27 Geren Raumaker



In Our Prayers

In the Congregation

Leisa Stokes, John Pember, Bob Fisher, Pat Richard, Bobbie Weid, Suzy Buehrle, Barbara and Dalton Abel

Friends and Family

Family of Bill Bardwell, Jim Towers, Jean Williamson, Ron Williamson, Bruce Williams, David Fertitta, George Busceme, Charlie Monaghan, Judy Monaghan, Pat Davenport, Pamela Humphrey, Haywood Walker, Janet Dexter, Alison Berry Low, Tenisha Humphrey, Jacob Walton, Madeline Johnson, Erika Russell, Mary Kennedy, Jack Dillard, Erin Lenhart, Janie N. Verderame

2025 Year-End Statements

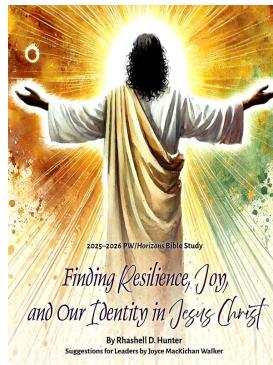
Year-end statements have been mailed for your 2025 contributions.

If you have any questions, please direct them to finance@saintandy.org

Be on the lookout for yours!



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN



Join us for Bible study on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 10:00 AM in the Parlor. We are studying *Finding Resilience, Joy, and Our Identity in Jesus Christ*. Pastor Tara will continue the study on **February 24**, with lesson five entitled *The Gift of the Woman Who Was Poor* based on the passage from Mark 12:41-44.



Become a part of our team!

We're Hiring!

Part-time Administrative Assistant

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church is seeking a part-time Administrative Assistant for Monday through Thursday, 11:30AM - 4:30PM. This position is a good fit for anyone with strong organizational and office skills seeking an enriching part-time opportunity!

Applicants must have a minimum of a high school diploma or equivalent and must be 18 years of age or older. Hourly pay starts at \$15 but depends on experience and qualifications. If you would like to apply, please send your resume to our personnel team at church@saintandy.org. To read the full job description, please visit:

<https://saintandy.org/events-media/job-postings>.



LITTLE FLOCK

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



DO NOT BE AFRAID, LITTLE FLOCK, FOR YOUR FATHER HAS BEEN PLEASED TO GIVE YOU THE KINGDOM. LUKE 12:32

February 1
February 8
February 15
February 22

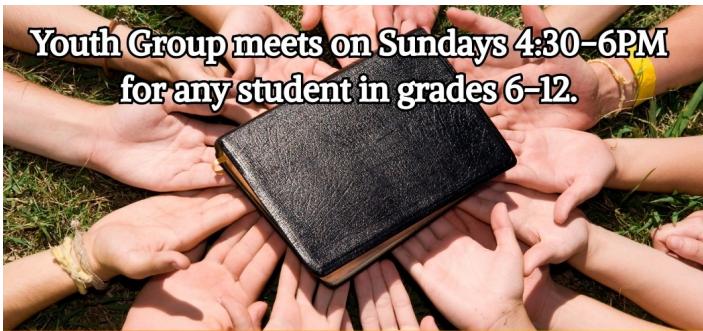
Jesus Received Worship from a Woman
 Jesus Helps Thomas with Doubts
 God Send Christians the Holy Spirit
 The Triumphal Entry

Matthew 26:6-13
 John 20:24-29
 Acts 2:1-13
 Mark 11:1-11

Following the Time for Children in worship, children in Pre-K through 5th meet volunteers at the sanctuary doors to go to the classroom for a child-friendly worship service. This time includes music, Bible teaching, and other activities. Parents pick up their children from this classroom at the end of worship.

The goal of Children's Church is to teach our children about worship while also helping them grow in their understanding of Scripture. Our curriculum is *Dig In: The Bible in One Year*.

YOUTH SCHEDULE



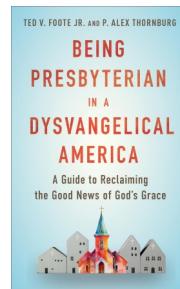
FEBRUARY 1
 Continuing the study write, rewrite.
 Lost in the Story – 2 Kings 17:9-17

FEBRUARY 8
 Confirmation Class, 11:30AM – 4:30PM
 Rewriting the Script – Exodus 13:17-22

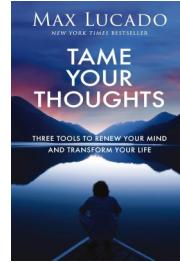
FEBRUARY 15
 No Youth Group

FEBRUARY 22
 24 Hours That Changed the World
 Lesson 1: The Last Supper
 Mark 14:12-26

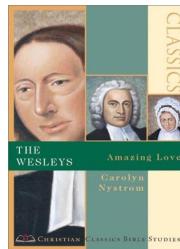
ADULT CLASSES



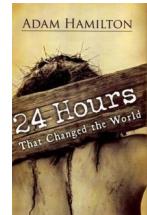
Bible Discovery: This group is for men and women of all ages. Meetings take place on Sunday mornings at 9:15AM in the library. We are studying *Being Presbyterian in a Dysvangelical America* by Rev. Ted Foote and P. Alex Thornburg.



Pew Sisters: Pew Sisters is a group for women of all ages, and meets at 9:15AM on Sunday mornings in Room 2. We are studying *Tame Your Thoughts* by Max Lucado.



Fellowship: This group is for men and women of all ages. Meetings take place on Sunday mornings at 9:15AM in Room 3. We are studying *The Wesleys: Amazing Love* by Carolyn Nystrom.



Beginning February 22, all groups will commence with the church-wide Lenten study, **24 Hours That Changed the World.**

2026 Session Teams

Clerk of Session

Elizabeth Petit

Treasurer

Bruce Burnside

Christian Education

Brian Armstrong
Becky Ford

Finance & Property

Jeff Newman
Elizabeth Petit

Worship

Paige Neyland
Leslie Pember

Operations & Personnel

Becky Ford

Fellowship

Susan Meitzen
Will Nichols
Barbara Warren

Mission & Evangelism

Mike Dove
Susan Reese
Maryann Sweeney

Ordination & Installation of New Officers

The ordination and installation of new deacons and elders, and well as the commissioning of new board members at St. Andrew's on Sunday, January 4, 2026, was a demonstration of God's faithfulness in calling women and men to leadership in the life of the church. Their yes to service embodies the spirit of dedication and commitment that is vital to the church's mission. Their willingness to serve in these roles strengthens the fabric of the church and also extends a positive impact in the broader community. The church and its members express heartfelt appreciation for their dedication and look forward to the continued growth and support they will provide through their leadership.

LifeShare BLOOD CENTER

GIVE BLOOD, SAVE A LIFE!

St. Andrew's is hosting a blood drive in the Fellowship Hall on **Wednesday, March 4, from 4:00PM-7:30PM**. Donating only takes a few minutes and can make a life-saving difference—including for those who have suffered traumatic accidents, are receiving cancer treatment, or have had complications from surgery.



**CHURCH OFFICE IS
CLOSED ON FEBRUARY 16
IN OBSERVANCE OF
PRESIDENTS DAY**



February 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:15AM Sunday School 10:30AM Worship 11:45AM Choir Rehearsal 1:30PM Worship Staff 3:00PM Boy Scouts 4:30PM Youth Group	2 5:00PM Day School Board 5:30PM Strings After School 6:00PM Golden Triangle Square Dancers	3 10:00AM PW Coordinating 11:30AM Staff Meeting 5:30PM Fellowship 5:30PM Strings After School 6:30PM Christian Ed	4 8:15AM Soup Kitchen 9:30AM Day School Chapel 4:30PM Mission-Evangelism 5:30PM AA Group 5:30PM Handbell Rehearsal 5:30PM Worship Team	5 8:30AM MOW Cooks 10:00AM MOW Delivers 1:00PM Book Club 4:30PM SAPC Foundation 5:30PM AA Group	6 7:00AM Men's Breakfast	7 11:00PM HOW Center Annual Fundraiser
8 9:15AM Sunday School 10:30AM Worship 11:30AM Confirmation Class 11:45AM Choir Rehearsal 3:00PM Boy Scouts 4:30PM Youth Group	9 12:00PM Rainbow Room 5:30PM Strings After School 6:00PM Golden Triangle Square Dancers	10 5:30PM Finance & Property 5:30PM Strings After School	11 9:30AM Day School Chapel 5:30PM AA Group 5:30PM Handbell Rehearsal	12 8:30AM MOW Cooks 10:00AM MOW Delivers 5:30PM AA Group	13	14 8:30AM SETX Food Bank
15 9:15AM Sunday School 10:30AM Worship 11:30AM Annual Meeting 11:45AM Mardi Gras Lunch 11:45AM Choir Rehearsal 12:15PM Deacons Meeting 3:00PM Boy Scouts	16 5:30PM Strings After School 6:00PM Golden Triangle Square Dancers	17 5:30PM Strings After School 6:30PM Session Meeting	18 9:30AM Day School Chapel 5:30PM AA Group 5:30PM Handbell Rehearsal 5:30PM Board of Trustees 7:00PM Ash Wednesday Service	19 8:30AM MOW Cooks 10:00AM MOW Delivers 5:30PM AA Group 6:00PM GTHE Rehearsal	20	21
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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

ASH WEDNESDAY

Join us for a special worship service on **Wednesday, February 18, at 7:00pm** as we begin our Lenten journey together.

Marking the beginning of Lent, 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).



LENTEN DEVOTIONALS

Lenten devotionals for children and youth will be available on the sanctuary tables beginning February 15. These resources provide daily reflections and activities for the Lenten season.



St. Andrew's will collect donations of non-perishable goods for Some Other Place. These donations help feed homeless individuals, homebound seniors, and others who don't have access to regular meals. Starting **February 1**, non-perishable items can be dropped off in the bins at the Church Office and Gladys Foyer. Please be generous!

UPCOMING EVENTS

BOOK CLUB

FEBRUARY 5 • 1:00 • PARLOR

We will discuss our reader's choice selections.



First Friday Men's Breakfast

**February 6 at 7AM
in the Parlor**

**Join us for food,
fellowship & prayer!**



PW BIRTHDAY OFFERING

We will collect the Presbyterian Women Birthday Offering on **March 1** this year. This is one of Presbyterian Women's two offerings. Annually, during the spring, this offering provides women with a meaningful opportunity to acknowledge the blessings in their lives. It commemorates the anniversary of the PW's founding by supporting up to five projects each year. Contributing to the Birthday Offering is a commendable way to translate faith into action, assisting organizations and projects that create substantial positive change within our 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.

ST. ANDY'S PRAYER LIST

The St. Andy's Prays email goes out once a week on Wednesday at 1:00PM. Contact the church office via phone or email, or using the Connect Card in your pews, to add prayer requests. Prayer requests will be automatically removed after two weeks if there are no updates. This does not apply to long-term prayer requests.

Due to the confidential nature of these emails, they are sent to church members only. If you are a member and not receiving this weekly update but would like to be included, please contact us by emailing church@saintandy.org.

CHOIR SINGERS NEEDED



Chancel Choir is back in full swing, and all are welcome. Now is a great time to join! They meet on Sundays at 9AM and then again from 11:45AM-12:30PM. If you have any questions, please contact the church office or Thomas Furlow.

ST. ANDY'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 2026. 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 or the church office.

CHANCEL FLOWERS



Fresh flowers can be given for the chancel in worship on Sunday mornings 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 the flower calendar outside the main office.

Save the Date

Community Lenten Service at First Christian

March 22, 2026

Worship at 5pm

More information to come!



Spaghetti Luncheon

The St. Andrew's Youth Group was awesome! They worked so well together and put on a super fellowship lunch. The spaghetti and meatballs were amazing, along with the salad, garlic bread, and cookies. Everyone had a great time laughing and working as a team.





Spaghetti Luncheon





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St. Andrew's Annual Meeting

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Monday-Thursday
8:30AM-4:30PM



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The Session has called for a congregational meeting on Sunday, February 15, 2026 immediately following the worship service. The purpose is to conduct the annual meeting. We will receive the 2026 budget and an update on the ministries of the church.