



ST. ANDY'S REVIEW

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UPCOMING SERMONS

JANUARY 4

**Ordination & Installation
of Church Officers**

New Year, Same God:

God of Support

Exodus 14:8-13

JANUARY 11

New Year, Same God:

God of New Life

Matthew 3:13-17

JANUARY 18

New Year, Same God:

God of Faithfulness

Psalms 40:1-13

JANUARY 25

New Year, Same God:

God of Ministry

Matthew 4:12-23

Julie Odle Preaching

FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:

Please call or email the office with
newsletter submissions on or
before

January 15, 2026



New Year, Same God

At the start of a new year, we are flooded with the mantra "New Year, New Me." We are urged to reinvent ourselves, set bold resolutions, and leave behind our old habits. We promise to improve our diet, exercise routines, or lifestyle, but in reality, most things stay the same. For many of us, the pressure to "be new" can feel more like a burden than a blessing, especially when we realize that a new date on the calendar does not automatically change our circumstances or our hearts.

Hebrews 13:8 reminds us that "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever." Instead of trying to create a "new you" through your own effort, let's start the new year by appreciating our steadfast God, who does not change and whose promises are sure.

The real hope for this season is not found in a "new us," but in our unchanging God. We will explore this truth with our sermon series, **New Year, Same God**. We may not know what 2026 will bring—whether it will be a year of breakthrough or a season of waiting—but we know the One who holds the year in His hands.

As we step into 2026, find comfort in this: the calendar may have changed, but God has not. He is our firm foundation, our solid rock, and our faithful guide for every day to come.

-Pastor Tara

January birthdays

Jan. 1 Meghan Cobb
 Jan. 2 Emily Gillean
 Jan. 5 Cyinta Kirk
 Jan. 5 Bobbie Wied
 Jan. 7 Glenda Buckley
 Jan. 8 Susanne Nichols
 Jan. 9 Billy Singletary
 Jan. 10 Casey Clark
 Jan. 12 Stan Ruth
 Jan. 13 Ava Postlewait
 Jan. 15 Brenda Jackson
 Jan. 17 Maida Ducote
 Jan. 17 Kay McIlrath
 Jan. 19 Janet Myers
 Jan. 21 Billy Waugh
 Jan. 25 Aaron Allen
 Jan. 25 Sally Nichols
 Jan. 27 Kay Long
 Jan. 27 Jimmy Singletary
 Jan. 27 Georgia Wright
 Jan. 28 Callie Johnson
 Jan. 31 Julie Odle

In Our Prayers

In the Congregation

Howard Caywood, John Pember, Ron Everett, Bob Fisher, James Wright, Pat Richard, Bobbie Weid, Suzy Buehrle, Barbara and Dalton Abel

Friends and Family

Family of Bev Patton, 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

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

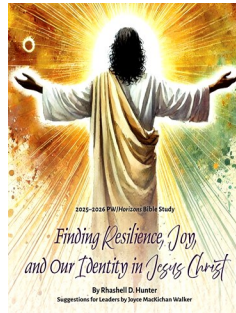
The new deacons and elders of St. Andrew's will be ordained and installed during worship on **Sunday, January 4**. Also, we will commission the new church officers on this date. We are grateful for these servants who lead by example and are willing to do so much for our church family and our community.



Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.

1 Peter 4:10

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 **January 27**, with lesson five entitled *The Prodigal Child, the Eldest Child, and the Devoted Parent* based on the passage from Luke 15:11-32.

YEAR-END STATEMENTS

The church will mail final contribution statements for 2025 by the end of January. If you have any questions, please direct them to finance@saintandy.org.

Be on the lookout!

THE WINTER CONCERT



On December 14th, the Golden Triangle Handbells were amazing! They filled the evening with such beautiful music, making the holiday season even brighter. We all left feeling peaceful and grateful - it was the perfect holiday treat! They were very appreciative of St. Andrew's for letting them use our facility, utilities, and equipment.



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

January 4

Jesus Answers Nicodemus' Tough Questions

John 3:1-21

January 11

Jesus Sends Out Twelve Disciples

Matthew 10

January 18

Jesus Answers a Rich Man's Questions

Matthew 19:16-30

January 25

Jesus Talks to the Pharisees

Matthew 22:32-40;

Matthew 23:1-36

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



Youth Group meets on Sunday 4:30-6PM
for any student in grades 6-12.

write. rewrite.

We all enjoy great stories—whether they're on the big screen, small screen, in a book, or elsewhere. However, we might be completely unaware of one simple truth: that our lives are also a story. The decisions we make each day shape the plot. The things we do, believe, and trust determine what is being written. For many of us, the story we are creating could be so much more if we allowed God to write, or even rewrite, our story. It's the story we long for—the one our hearts truly desire.

Lesson Schedule

January 4

A Bigger Story - Ecclesiastes 3:1-11

January 11

Lost in the Story - 2 Kings 17:9-17

January 18

No Youth, Youth and Families serving and cleaning up for the Spaghetti Lunch

January 25

Rewriting the Script - Exodus 13:17-22

Spaghetti Lunch

January 17

Youth Cooking at 2pm in the church kitchen

January 18

Youth Serving and Cleaning Up

Confirmation Class

January 11

11:30AM - 4:30PM

Introduction and Lessons 1-5

Christmas Luncheon

Our Christmas Luncheon is always so much fun! This year, the menu with chicken enchilada soup and tamales was amazing – such a tasty twist on the usual holiday food, and so warm and spicy. And the chips and dips were the perfect easy appetizer to start things off! We also had a blast celebrating Jesus' birthday with cupcake decorating and fun games!



Christmas Luncheon



DOREEN'S 100TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

On December 7th, we had the pleasure of celebrating a truly remarkable and inspiring life. Reaching the incredible milestone of 100 years is a rare and profoundly beautiful blessing, and our congregation feels deeply honored to be able to celebrate Doreen with heartfelt gratitude, joyous fellowship, and sincere appreciation for all that she has brought into our lives. The best gift of all, according to Doreen, was visiting with her church family, whom she misses.



CHILDREN SINGING DURING WORSHIP

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all the talented children from both the church and the day school for their exceptionally beautiful and moving vocal performances during our December 21st worship service. The entire congregation was deeply touched and truly enjoyed witnessing their wonderful display of musical talent and joyful participation in our service.



DAY SCHOOL NEWS

We want to thank our dedicated day school staff for their outstanding efforts in organizing and hosting a truly successful Christmas program. Their planning and commitment were instrumental in creating a memorable and enjoyable experience. We are appreciative of their hard work and dedication, as we could not have achieved such an organized and successful day school program without their invaluable contributions.



ANGEL TREES

We extend our sincere gratitude to all who contributed gifts to the St. Andrew's Angel Trees. Your generosity and kindness have been instrumental in the initiative's resounding success, ensuring that children from Some Other Place and residents of Harmony Care experience joy and warmth this holiday season. Your thoughtful gifts have made a tangible difference, and we could not have achieved this without your invaluable support. Thank you for embodying the spirit of giving and enriching our community.



CONFIRMATION CLASS

Confirmation is a time for students to explore their faith and dig deeper into the Bible, church history, and Presbyterian traditions, while also growing in community with one another. When a baby is baptized in a Presbyterian Church, the parents and the whole church make vows to lovingly raise that child in the Christian faith. When a child reaches adolescence, they are provided with a period of study and intentional reflection. Confirmation is a purposeful time in which we encourage students to take ownership of their faith in hopes that they might claim Christ as their own.

The 2026 Confirmation Class will have its first class on Sunday, January 11 in the Youth Center. Students will meet monthly with Pastor Tara according to the following class schedule: **January 11, February 8, March 1, April 19, and May 3.** All classes are required and will meet 11:30AM-4:30PM. Pray for our students as they embark on this journey of faith exploration and discipleship!

UPCOMING EVENTS



BOOK CLUB NO MEETING IN JANUARY

We will resume in February



First Friday Men's Breakfast

**January 9 at 7AM
in the Parlor**

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

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.



ST. ANDREW'S LEADERSHIP

The new deacons, elders, and officers of St. Andrew's will be ordained and installed during the celebration of worship on Sunday, January 4, 2026. We are grateful for these servants who lead by example and are willing to do so much for our church family and our community.

DEACONS

Class of 2026

Daniel Dove
Judy Fisher
Martha Giarratano
Greta Ott

Class of 2027

Katie Hodges
Kay McIlrath
Lauren Pember
Diane Ruth

Class of 2028

Becky Newman
Lynn Partain
Leisa Stokes
Jan Waugh

ELDERS

Class of 2026

Brian Armstrong
Leslie Pember
Elizabeth Petit
Susan Reese

Class of 2027

Mike Dove
Becky Ford
Susan Meitzen
Will Nichols

Class of 2028

Jeff Newman
Paige Neyland
Maryann Sweeney
Barbara Warren

TRUSTEES

Class of 2026

Ron Everett
Howard Nichols

Class of 2027

Jordan Reese
Mike Warren

Class of 2028

Bruce Partain
Mike Petit

FOUNDATION

Class of 2026

Bruce Burnside
Brenda Jackson
Martha Pate

Class of 2027

Jennifer Nichols
Mark Russo
Peg Towers

Class of 2028

Tillie Hickman
Steve Odle
Stan Ruth

SESSION TEAMS

CLERK OF SESSION

Elizabeth Petit

TREASURER

Bruce Burnside

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Brian Armstrong
Becky Ford

FELLOWSHIP

Susan Meitzen
Will Nichols
Barbara Warren

FINANCE AND PROPERTY

Jeff Newman
Elizabeth Petit

MISSION AND EVANGELISM

Mike Dove
Susan Reese
Maryann Sweeney

OPERATIONS AND PERSONNEL

Becky Ford

WORSHIP

Leslie Pember
Paige Neyland

Be shepherds of God's flock
that is under your care,
watching over them not because
you must, but because you are
willing, as God wants you to be;

1 Peter 5:2



YOUTH CHRISTMAS PARTY

The annual Youth Christmas party was so much fun! The students exchanged gifts and laughed a lot during the games. Everyone got along really well, and the food was delicious. It was a great time for all. Thanks to all the volunteers who helped make it so awesome!



CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP

The community gathered for a heartwarming celebration of Christ's birth. The church's choir, orchestra, and organ filled the atmosphere with exceptionally beautiful Christmas music, establishing a joyful and reverent ambiance. The service included a reading from the book *How the Grinch Lost Christmas*, which captivated the imaginations of young attendees with its humorous and touching narrative. Furthermore, there was a heartfelt message from Galatians 4:4-7, explaining how Jesus' arrival was God's perfectly planned moment in history and a reflection on the true meaning of Christmas. We extend our gratitude to everyone who contributed to making this service something to remember.



CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP



LESSONS AND CAROLS

We recently held a beautiful worship service to mark the last Sunday of the year, featuring Lessons and Carols, adapted from Betsy Arkema's article, *The Whole Story of Christmas*. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to each and every person who contributed their time, talents, and energy to make this special service such a heartwarming and unforgettable experience for our entire church community.



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FRIENDLY REMINDER

Pastor Tara will never contact you by email or text requesting money or gift cards. If you are uncertain about any correspondence please contact the church office before responding.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

There is always an opportunity to serve at the SETX Food Bank on the second Saturday of each month at 8:30am. When you go, please let them know you are with St. Andrew's.

St. Andrew's also serves at the Soup Kitchen at Some Other Place on the first Wednesday of each month. If you'd like to help, please use the CONNECT card to let us know.

St. Andrew's keeps Kindness Kits readily available for people to handout and minister to the homeless in Beaumont and the surrounding areas. There's always a chance to assemble Kindness Kits.

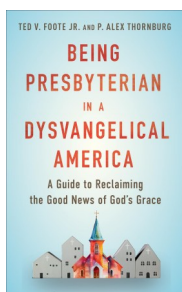


PEW SISTERS

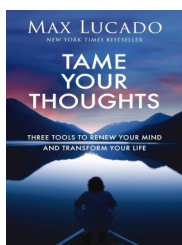
The Pew Sisters recently enjoyed a delightful Christmas Lunch together where they exchanged Christmas mugs as gifts. Thank you, Becky Ford, for honoring the Pew Sisters with the chancel flowers. The Pew Sisters were so touched by your thoughtful gift!



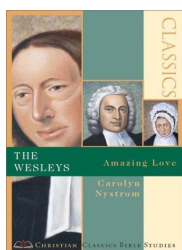
ADULT CLASSES



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 Wesley's: Amazing Love* by Carolyn Nystrom.

ST. ANDY'S PRAYER LIST

The St. Andy's Prays email goes out once a week on Wednesday at 1:00PM. If you are not receiving this weekly update and would like to, let us know by emailing church@saintandy.org.

Contact the church office via phone or email, or using the Connect Card in your pews, to add prayer requests. Short-term requests will be automatically removed after two weeks if there are no updates. This does not apply to long-term prayer requests.

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. 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 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.



MAILCHIMP SIGNUP REMINDER:

Did you know the church sends regular emails? There is the monthly newsletter email, the monthly youth news email, and two weekly emails, St. Andy's Prays and This Week at St. Andy's. St. Andy's Prays email is a weekly prayer list that shares the congregation's prayer concerns and praises. Due to the confidential nature of this list, it is sent only to current church members. The This Week at St. Andy's email contains information about the week's celebration of worship and reminders concerning activities for the week.

If you are not currently receiving these emails, please go to our website to sign up:

<https://saintandy.org/events-media/newsletter>

Click the blue "Subscribe here" button and fill out the form to sign up!



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Spaghetti Luncheon

Join us on January 18 after
worship for our next
fellowship luncheon.
Hosted by our very own
youth group.

On the menu:
Spaghetti and
meatballs, salad,
garlic bread, and
cookies

