

ST. ANDY'S REVIEW

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UPCOMING SERMONS

MARCH 1

24 Hours That Changed the World: The Weight of the World

Mark 14:17-42

MARCH 8

24 Hours That Changed the World: Three Trials

Mark 14:43-72

MARCH 15

24 Hours That Changed the World: What Will You Do With Jesus?

Mark 15:1-15

MARCH 22

24 Hours That Changed the World: The Danger of Mockery

Mark 15:15-24

MARCH 29

24 Hours That Changed the World: The Darkest Hour

Mark 15:25-41



Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to Him, and He will direct your paths.

Proverbs 3:5-6

It has been five years since we began our ministry journey together. Five years since I told a friend I was not moving to Texas and five years since Jesus convinced me otherwise. It seems fitting to reflect on what we have achieved together in these first five years. Spoiler alert: it has been a lot!

In this time, we have said goodbye to forty-two saints who entered the Church Triumphant, welcomed thirty-seven new members, baptized thirteen young people, and celebrated the confirmation of fifteen youth. We have seen an increase in the number of folks who contribute to the life of the church through their giving, worship, and service. We have revived former ministries, such as the men's breakfast, and forged new ones, such as the monthly book club. We have seen growth in our children, youth, and PW ministries; new joy in our delicious, themed lunches; enthusiastic embrace of mission partnerships; and numerous facility improvements. We have been absolutely spoiled with excellent and heartfelt music in worship.

You took a chance on a Yankee, and I took a chance on Texas, and look what God has accomplished with us, for us, and through us! I still don't like gumbo, chicken spaghetti, or crawfish, and you still don't like the Steelers or snow, but I can say with confidence and sincerity that God knew we needed each other. May we continue to put our trust in Him and the plans He has for us, working together to **experience the love of Jesus and the joy of community.**

-Pastor Tara

APRIL NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:
Please call or email the office with newsletter submissions on or before **March 19, 2026.**

March birthdays

- Mar. 2 Hunter Bradford
- Mar. 2 Matthew Hoch
- Mar. 3 Julie Glenn
- Mar. 4 Martha Giarrantano
- Mar. 4 Valera Messer
- Mar. 7 Matilda Hickman
- Mar. 7 Joyce Stillwell
- Mar. 9 Diane Shaver
- Mar. 12 Cameron Montgomery
- Mar. 16 Marilyn Bell
- Mar. 16 Sandra LaBorde
- Mar. 17 Marie Hoch
- Mar. 17 Bill Yoes
- Mar. 18 Paula Nichols
- Mar. 26 Julie Munro



In Our Prayers

In the Congregation

Audrey Parigi, Family of George Fulton, Sandra LaBorde, John Pember, Bob Fisher, Pat Richard, Bobbie Wied, Suzy Buehrle, Barbara and Dalton Abel

Friends and Family

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

Become a part of our team!

We're Hiring!

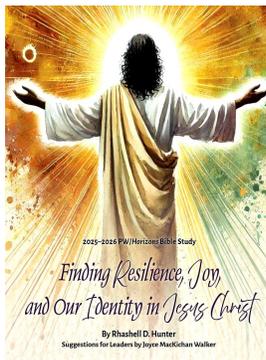
Part-time Administrative Assistant

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church continues to seek 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. Help spread the word!

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>.

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 **March 24**, with lesson six entitled *Finding Our Joy in Christ: "I Will Say It Again, Rejoice"* based on the passage from Philippians 4:1-23.



The Presbyterian Women of the Presbytery of New Covenant invite you to their Spring Gathering on April 11, held at First Presbyterian Church Navasota (302 Nolan Street, Navasota, TX 77868). Worship leaders Rev. Janell Blair and Rev. Jeannie Corbitt Cardona will lead. The theme this year is Finding Joy in Jesus, Others, and Yourself! If interested, contact Maryann Sweeney.



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

March 1	Jesus Washes the Disciples' Feet	John 13:1-15
March 8	The Last Supper	Luke 22:7-34
March 15	The Garden of Gethsemane	Mark 14:26-42
March 22	Arrest and Peter's Denial	Mark 14:43-72
March 29	Good Friday	Mark 15:1-41

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.

YOUTH SCHEDULE



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

MARCH 1

Confirmation Class, 11:30AM – 4:30PM

24 Hours That Changed the World
Lesson 2: The Garden of Gethsemane

MARCH 8

24 Hours That Changed the World
Lessons 3 & 4: Condemned by the Righteous
Jesus, Barabbas, and Pilate

MARCH 15

No Youth Group

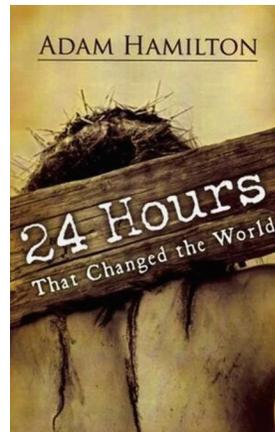
MARCH 22

24 Hours That Changed the World
Lesson 5: The Torture & Humiliation of the King

MARCH 29

24 Hours That Changed the World
Lesson 6: The Crucifixion

ADULT CLASSES



The churchwide Lenten study, *24 Hours That Changed the World* continues. Join a discussion group, on Sunday morning at 9:15AM or on Tuesday evening at 6:30PM.

Bible Discovery: This group is for men and women of all ages. Meetings take place on Sunday mornings at 9:15AM in the library. Led by Bruce Partain and Harry Watts.

Pew Sisters: Pew Sisters is a group for women of all ages, and meets at 9:15AM on Sunday mornings in Room 2. Led by Charlotte Schwarzlose.

Fellowship: This group is for men and women of all ages. Meetings take place on Sunday mornings at 9:15AM in Room 3. Led by Jan Pember.

Tuesday Group: This group is for men and women of all ages and meets at 6:30PM on Tuesday evenings in the study. Led by Howard Nichols and Karen Spivey.

One Great HOUR OF SHARING

We will collect the **PCUSA One Great Hour of Sharing** offering on **Sunday, March 29**. Each gift to OGHS supports efforts to relieve hunger through the Presbyterian Hunger Program, promote development through the Presbyterian Committee on the Self-Development of People, and assist in areas of disaster through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. Each program works in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need.

FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

The St. Andrew's Foundation administers two scholarship funds for church members, the Virginia Anderson Scholarship Fund and the Drennan Scholarship Fund.

The Virginia Anderson Scholarship Fund was established as a memorial gift from Murray Anderson to honor his wife, Virginia. This fund provides scholarships to qualified students for their freshman (or first) semester of college or trade school.

The Drennan Scholarship Fund was established by a bequest to St. Andrew's from W. B. "Pappy" Drennan. The purpose of this fund is to provide scholarships to qualified students after they have completed their freshman year (at least 24 semester credit hours) and may also be used for post-graduate studies.

Detailed information, guidelines, requirements and applications are available on the St. Andrew's website under the menu choice: About - Foundation Scholarships.

The deadline to apply is April 12, 2026.

SECURITY PROCEDURES

St. Andrew's is pleased to announce the successful completion of our security grant project. This \$145,000 grant has enabled us to enhance the security of our building by replacing the exterior doors and locks. Consequently, please be aware that existing keys are no longer valid. We request that you return your old key and obtain a new key fob. Should you lose your key fob, please contact the office immediately. A fee of \$50 will be charged for any replacement key fobs. To ensure the safety and security of our staff and members, please refrain from propping open any doors. St. Andrew's extends its sincere appreciation to Becky Ford for her effort and leadership in helping to secure this grant.

FOUNDATION LUNCHEON



PROTECTING WHAT MATTERS

Date: March 29, 2026

Time: 11:45AM

Location: Fellowship Hall

The St. Andrew's Foundation cordially invites you to a complimentary luncheon featuring legal expert Jennifer Nichols.

Join us for an informative session on estate planning and charitable giving, followed by Q&A.

What kind of legacy will you leave?

March 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:15AM Sunday School 10:30AM Worship 11:30AM Confirmation Class 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 6:30PM Tuesday Group	4 8:15AM Soup Kitchen 9:30AM Day School Chapel 4:00PM Blood Drive 4:30PM Mission-Evangelism 5:30PM AA Group	5 8:30AM MOW Cooks 10:00AM MOW Delivers 1:00PM Book Club 5:30PM AA Group 6:00PM GTHE Rehearsal	6 7:00AM Men's Breakfast	7
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February was **SOUPER BOWL OF CARING** for St. Andrew's to benefit Some Other Place. Your donations of shelf-stable goods helped feed homeless individuals, homebound seniors, and others who do not have access to regular meals. St. Andrew's was able to give the following items to SOP. **Thank you for your generosity!**

Canned goods	72
Bottles/jars	10
Beans/rice	4
Mac n cheese/potatoes	15
Pasta	7
Soft packaged food, sauce/soup	9
Snacks/candy	4
Misc. (oatmeal, cake mix, etc.)	2
Cash Donations	\$125



GIVE BLOOD, SAVE A LIFE

St. Andrew's LifeShare Blood Drive
 Wednesday, March 4 from 4:00PM-7:30PM
 in the Fellowship Hall

SPRING
Forward

Sunday, March 8

Daylight Savings time begins Sunday, March 8 at 2:00AM. Don't forget to set your clock forward one hour Saturday night!

UPCOMING EVENTS

BOOK CLUB

MARCH 5 • 1:00 • PARLOR

We will discuss our memoir selections.

First Friday Men's Breakfast

March 6 at 7AM
in the Parlor

Join us for food, fellowship & prayer!

TEX MEX LUNCHEON

March 15 after worship

On the menu: taco bar, chips and dips, wedding cookies, and ginger cookies.

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.



**Community
Lenten Service
at First Christian
March 22, 2026
Worship at 5pm**

A multi church choir will lead the music and a missional offering will be collected for Some Other Place.
Reception with light refreshments to follow.
Nursery will be available.

BOY SCOUT LIFE PROJECT

Boy Scout Life projects should demonstrate leadership and benefit a religious institution, school, or community. St. Andrew's extends its gratitude to Andrew Allen for selecting us to fulfill his requirement. We are thankful that Andrew and his troop painted one of the remaining church offices that had yet to be updated. We appreciate their completion of the project, and the results are excellent.



BAPTISMS AT ST. ANDY'S

Hayes Schwarzlose, Hank Schwarzlose, and Heidi Schwarzlose, children of Charles and Haley Schwarzlose, were baptized on February 22, 2026, with Rev. Tara R. Thompson officiating.



HARMONY CARE EASTER BASKET DONATIONS

We are collecting individually wrapped snacks & candies for 55 EASTER BASKETS to be delivered to residents the week of Easter.



EGG HUNT

March 29 after lunch

Children and Youth are invited to participate in a traditional egg hunt.

ST. ANDREW'S DAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION



Great news! Registration for the 2026 Summer Semester has begun! We've expanded our schedule to include Mondays and added two pickup times, 12:30 and 2:30. In previous years we offered Tuesday–Thursday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., but this summer families will have more flexibility with the updated options.

Registration for the Fall 2026-2027 semester has also kicked off, and we're excited to get the new school year rolling. Families can take advantage of our Early Bird registration fee of \$225 now through March 23—a perfect chance to secure your spot and save.

The day school provides a supportive and nurturing environment for children twelve months to four years old. For more information, check the St. Andrew's website, or call 409-892-8246.

VBS COMING SOON: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



When: June 16, June 17, June 18

Time: 9:15 a.m. to Noon

Theme: Snowball Mountain Challenge—Find Your Strength in God

In just a few short months, our church will be filled with kids seeking fun and adventure at our Vacation Bible School! They will worship God through songs and prayer, crafts, and the discovery of life-changing Bible truths in fun and memorable ways.

To have the best adventure possible, we need volunteers who can give time, energy, and love to the kids who will attend. So let us share a few ideas on how you might make this program a success. Please check out the following list, and then pray about where God might use you:

Teachers: Use easy-to-follow curriculum and prepare a session for each day as you lead children in one of the following areas:

Music, crafts and missions, games, snacks, storytelling

Group Leaders: Shepherd a group of children through each day's activities...and there's no preparation!

Administration and Preparation: Help with behind-the-scenes tasks to ensure a smooth week.

Registration/check-in, decorating, photographer

Whatever your gifts, abilities, and time commitment, we've got a spot for you!

We believe that God will use this program to reach many children with the message of His love, so please prayerfully consider your role in our church's VBS. Feel free to contact Pastor Tara by e-mail, phone, or in person if you have any questions.

MARDI GRAS LUNCHEON

The Mardi Gras luncheon at St. Andrew's was a resounding success! Attendees thoroughly enjoyed the red beans and rice, the southern classic maque choux, cornbread, and the festive king cake. We extend our sincere gratitude to the volunteers who assisted in preparing and serving this delightful meal.



SAVE THE DATES: HOLY WEEK AT ST. ANDREW'S

PASSION SUNDAY

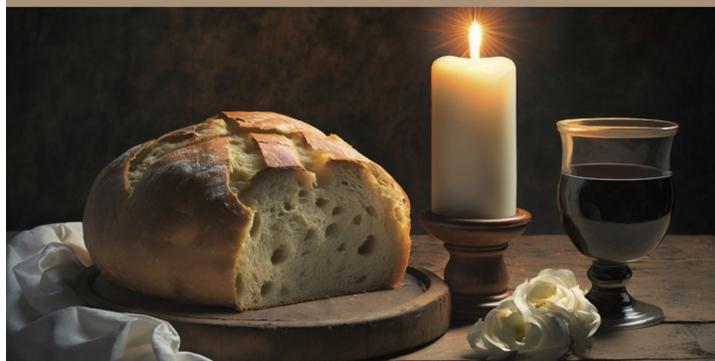
March 29 at 10:30AM

Join us as we remember Christ's suffering on the cross. Our worship will serve as a time for us to reflect on our lives in light of Christ's ultimate sacrifice with special music and a message from Mark 15:25-41.

*"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*

MAUNDY THURSDAY APRIL 2 AT 7:00PM

Join us for communion, special music, and prayer reflections focused on Jesus' final hours.



I will sing of the LORD'S great Love forever; with my mouth I will make your faithfulness known through all generations. - Psalm 89:1

St. Andy's Easter Brunch Potluck

9:30AM on Easter Sunday, April 5
in the Fellowship Hall



A-M: bring something sweet
N-Z: bring something savory

Easter Sunday

APRIL 5 AT 10:30AM

Join us in celebrating Christ's Resurrection with special music (including a full choir, brass ensemble, timpani, and organ) and a special time for children.

"I have seen the Lord!"
John 20:18



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Presbyterian Church

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Flowers for Easter Sunday

We will adorn the sanctuary with assorted spring flowers. Flowers are \$15 each.

If you want to honor someone or their memory with a flower, please complete the form below.

_____ In honor of

_____ In memory of

Given by

Bring payments to the church office or place in the offering baskets with this form. The deadline is **Thursday, March 26, 2026.**

Dedications will be listed in the bulletin on Easter Sunday, April 5, 2026.