

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Three Trials Mark 14:43-72

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

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

† Worshipers are asked to stand in body or spirit.

March 8, 2026

3rd 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.*)

God, my Maker, keep my heart soft and supple, make my faith strong and firm. Renew me, re-form me, re-create me into the image of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

PRELUDE

He Will Hold Me Fast

by Matt Merker

LIFE AT ST. ANDREW'S

† **CALL TO WORSHIP**

based on 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

One: The message of the cross sounds foolish to the world;

Many: But to us it is the power of God!

One: The foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom,

Many: And the weakness of God is stronger than our strength.

All: In spirit and truth, let us worship God.

† **HYMN 471, vv. 1,2,6,7**

O Praise the Gracious Power

CHRISTPRAISE RAY

O praise the gracious power That tumbles walls of fear,
And gathers in one house of faith All strangers far and near:

Refrain: We praise You, Christ! Your cross has made us one!

O praise persistent truth That opens fisted minds,
And eases from their anxious clutch The prejudice that blinds:

O praise the power, the truth, The love, the word, the tide.
Yet more than these, O praise their source, Praise Christ the crucified:

O praise the living Christ With faith's bright songful voice!
Announce the Gospel to the world And with these words rejoice:

† INVITATION TO CONFESSION

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, You know who we are. You know everything we have done. We thirst for things that will never satisfy us. We commit ourselves to things that will never last. We worship things that will never bring salvation. Still, You offer us the gift of eternal life. Forgive us, Lord. Forgive us for thinking everything depends on our efforts and power, for You are the God who made us, led us out of slavery, and has brought us into the community of faith. Help us to depend on You alone and to rest in Your peace.

† 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

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

ANTHEM

When We Are Tempted to Deny Your Son

by Zebulon M. Highben

When we are tempted to deny Your Son, Because we fear the anger of the world,
And we are few who bear the insults hurled, Your will, O God, be done.

When we are tempted to betray Your Son, Because He leads us in a harder way,
And makes demands we do not want to pay, Your will, O God, be done.

Lord Jesus, think on me, and purge away my sin.

When we forget the cross that held Your Son, And would avoid the burden of this life,
The cry for justice and an end to strife, Your will, O God, be done.

When doubt obscures the victory of Your Son, And faith is weak and all resolve has fled,
Help us to know Him risen from the dead; Your will, O God, be done

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 14:43-72

Pew Bible p. 874-875
Large Print p. 1550-1552

SERMON

Three Trials

† HYMN 80

Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley

LONESOME VALLEY

Jesus walked this lonesome valley, He had to walk it by Himself;
O, nobody else could walk it for Him, He had to walk it by Himself.

We must walk this lonesome valley, We have to walk it by ourselves;
O, nobody else can walk it for us, We have to walk it by ourselves.

You must go and stand your trial, You have to stand it by yourself,
O, nobody else can stand it for you, You have to stand it by yourself.

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

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† 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 93

Ah, Holy Jesus

HERZLIEBSTER JESU

Ah, holy Jesus, how have You offended,
That mortal judgement has on You descended?
By foes derided, by Your own rejected, O most afflicted!

Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon You?
It is my treason, Lord, that has undone You.
'Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied You; I crucified You.

For me, dear Jesus, was Your incarnation,
Your mortal sorrow, and Your life's oblation,
Your death of anguish and Your bitter passion, For my salvation.

Therefore, dear Jesus, since I cannot pay You,
I do adore You, and will ever praise You,
Think on Your pity and Your love unswerving, Not my deserving.

† BENEDICTION

† SENDING SONG

An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare
No end there is! We depart in peace,
He loves beyond the uttermost;
In every room in our Father's house,
Christ will be there, as Lord and Host.

O WALY WALY

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

POSTLUDE

Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!

HYFRYDOL

The chancel flowers today were given to the glory of God and
in loving memory of George Fulton, Jr. by his sister, Peg Towers.

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.

We are collecting individually wrapped snacks and candy for **HARMONY CARE EASTER BASKETS**. Bins are located in the Church Office area and Sanctuary entrance by the Nursery.

Join us for a **TEX-MEX CHURCH LUNCHEON** on Sunday, March 15, 2026. The menu is a taco bar, chips, dips, wedding cookies and ginger cookies.

Join us at the **COMMUNITY LENTEN SERVICE** at 5:00PM on Sunday, March 22, 2026 hosted by First Christian Church. An offering will be collected for Some Other Place. Light refreshments to follow. Nursery will be available.

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, March 26, 2026.* They will be available for you to take home after the service on April 5.

St. Andrew's Prayer List

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

FRIENDS AND FAMILY: Jay Carson, Roy Philp, David Fertitta, George Busceme, Charlie and Judy Monaghan, Bruce Williams, Jean and Ron Williamson, Pat Davenport, 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

St. Andrew's Calendar

Sunday, March 8, 2026

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

Monday, March 9, 2026

12:00PM Rainbow Room
5:30PM Strings After School
6:00PM GT Square Dancers

Tuesday, March 10, 2026

5:30PM Strings After School
5:30PM Finance & Property
6:30PM Tuesday Group

Wednesday, March 11, 2026

5:30PM AA Group Meeting
5:30PM Handbell Rehearsal
6:30AM Worship Team

Thursday, March 12, 2026

8:30AM MOW Cooks
10:00AM MOW Delivers
6:00PM AA Group Meeting

Saturday, March 14, 2026

8:30AM SETX Food Bank

Sunday, March 15, 2026

9:15AM Sunday School
10:30AM Worship
11:45AM Tex-Mex Lunch
12:00PM Choir Rehearsal
12:15PM Deacons Meeting
3:00PM Boy Scouts

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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