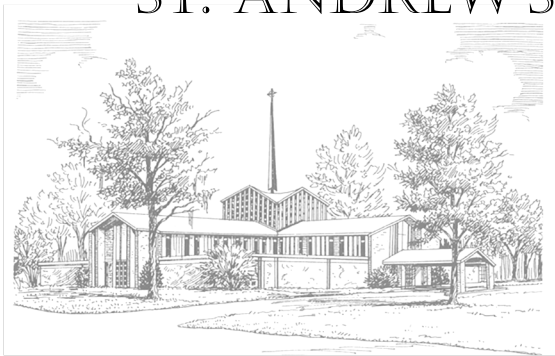


ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP 4th Sunday of Easter



April 25, 2021

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.

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

WE GATHER AS A FAITH COMMUNITY

PRAYER OF PREPARATION (You are invited to pray this prayer in silence.)

My dearest Lord. Be Thou a bright flame before me. Be Thou a guiding star above me. Be Thou a smooth path beneath me. Be Thou a kindly shepherd behind me. Today and evermore. Amen.

~ St. Columba (c. 521-597)

PRELUDE

LIFE AT ST. ANDREW'S

TO PRAISE THE LIVING GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We gather together to worship God, the Shepherd of our souls.

People: The One who has created us and sustains us;

Leader: The One who redeems us;

People: Who walks beside us in good times and bad.

Leader: The One who calls us to follow.

All: This is our God! Let us worship Him together!

HYMN 387

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

BRADBURY

Savior, like a shepherd lead us, Much we need Thy tender care;
In Thy pleasant pastures feed us, For our use Thy folds prepare:
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Thou hast bought us, Thine we are;
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Thou hast bought us, Thine we are.

Thou hast promised to receive us, Poor and sinful though we be;
Thou hast mercy to relieve us, Grace to cleanse, and power to free:
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Early let us turn to Thee;
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Early let us turn to Thee.

Early let us seek Thy favor; Early let us do Thy will;
Blessed Lord and only Savior, With Thy love our bosoms fill:
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Thou hast loved us, love us still;
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INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty and loving God, we confess that our greatest need is for a Shepherd. And the lesson we have yet to learn is how to be Your sheep. We wander from You: following our own ways, ignoring Your voice, distrusting Your provisions. Forgive us and refresh us once again by Your quiet waters of mercy. Shepherd us in our loving and in our living, that others may see in us the fruit of Your goodness and mercy.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

In Jesus Christ we are sought, we are found, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God!

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you all!

And also with you.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

PSALM READING

PSALM 23

Pew Bible OT Pg. 501

This is the Word of God for the people of God!

Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

In Christ Alone

TOWNEND & GETTY

Chancel Choir

In Christ alone my hope is found. He is my light, my strength, my song.
This cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease.
My comforter my all in all, here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless Babe!
This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones He came to save.
'Til on that cross, as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied;
For every sin on Him was laid. Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain.
Then bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me.
For I am His and He is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the power of Christ in me.
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from His hand.
'Tis He returns or calls me home, here in the power of Christ I stand.

TIME FOR CHILDREN

GOSPEL READING

JOHN 10:11-18

Pew Bible NT Pg. 103

SERMON

Counting Sheep

Rev. Tara R. Thompson

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 (offering baskets are located at sanctuary entrances)

HYMN 592

Doxology

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 540

God Be with You Till We Meet Again

RANDOLPH

God be with you till we meet again; Loving counsels guide, uphold you,
With a Shepherd's care enfold you:
God be with you till we meet again.

God be with you till we meet again; Unseen wings protecting hide you,
Daily manna still provide you:
God be with you till we meet again.

God be with you till we meet again; When life's perils thick confound you,
Put unfailing arms around you:
God be with you till we meet again.

God be with you till we meet again; Keep love's banner floating o'er you,
Smite death's threatening wave before you:
God be with you till we meet again.

GO OUT INTO THE WORLD TO GLORIFY GOD IN OUR DAILY LIVES

BENEDICTION

SENDING SONG

To God Be the Glory

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear His voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
And give Him the glory, great things He hath done!

POSTLUDE

The Session voted to continue with our current safety guidelines at this time. **THANKS** to each of you for your cooperation.

- Masks are required on entering, exiting, and moving about. When seated, masks are optional.
- The congregation is to remain seated during the service, even during the singing.
- During the Passing of the Peace, stand or sit in place and wave silently, yet **ENTHUSIASTICALLY!**
- The kitchen remains closed except for Meals on Wheels.

CHILDREN'S BULLETINS are available at the sanctuary entrance tables.

THE INSTALLATION SERVICE for Rev. Tara R. Thompson is today at 3:30pm in the sanctuary. Reception to follow.

KINDNESS KITS are placed throughout the church campus. Please feel free to pick one up.

PW BIBLE STUDY is on April 27 at 10AM in the Parlor. Please come join us.

A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be on May 2 immediately after the Worship Service.

HOSPITAL TODAY EMAIL is now handled by Martha Giarratano. Please email mgiar2@hotmail.com or call/text (409) 347-0940 between 8:30 am and 9:30 pm with your request. If she does not answer, please leave a message and she will get back to you as soon as she can.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED to occasionally assist in Sunday school the hour before church service. If you enjoy helping children learn, please prayerfully consider this ministry and contact Karen Spivey at (409) 656-8744.

PRAISES & PRAYER LIST

Members: Glenda Buckley, Ralph Lunsford, Family of Bill Roe, Tammy Markum, Murray Anderson, Kay Sutton, Dalton Abel, Ruth Jurik, Bill McIlrath, Bob Fisher, Rev. Wayne Rhodes, Mackia & Katrina, Mary Collier, Dean Lovejoy, Gary Sitton, Thomas Fisher and Bryan Rao.

Friends and Family: Karen Butler, Laura, Lunsford, Susan and Isabelle Odle, Cheryl Bryan, Malim Sue Spivey, Gary Dry, Bill Taylor, George Brown, Buzz Bailey, Tiffany, Glenn Helterbran, Lucie K., Shauntaryle & Zach, Erin Lenhart, Mary Kennedy, Diane P., Billie & Brett Taylor, Katie B., Jean Williamson, Bob Vasil, Bob Higgins, Courtney Glover, Weston Sitton, Janie Verderame, Rachel Lawrence, Evan Johnson, Jill Botkin, Phil Storms, Shawn Kennedy & Lorry, Bill McKeon, Cheryl Bryan, Jennifer Patton, Cindy Woodland, Bob Janecek and Canyon Cassidy.

St. Andrew's Calendar

Sunday, April 25 2021

10:30AM Worship
12:00PM Choir Rehearsal
3:30PM Installation Service

Monday, April 26, 2021

6:30PM There's A Solution/AA
6:30PM La Hacienda

Tuesday, April 27, 2021

10:00AM Staff Mtg
10:00AM PW Bible Study

Wednesday, April 28, 2021

9:30AM Day School Chapel

Thursday, April 29, 2021

8:30AM MOW Cooks
10:00AM MOW Delivers
10:00AM Prayer Team
4:30PM Foundation Meeting

Friday, April 30, 2021

~ OFFICE CLOSED ~
6:30PM There's A Solution/AA

Sunday, May 2, 2021

10:30AM Worship
12:00PM Congregational Meeting
12:00PM Choir Rehearsal



Day School Director.....Deanna Weitzel
Director of Music Ministry.....Levi Duncan
Organist/Pianist.....Thomas Furlow
8:30AM to 4:30PM

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