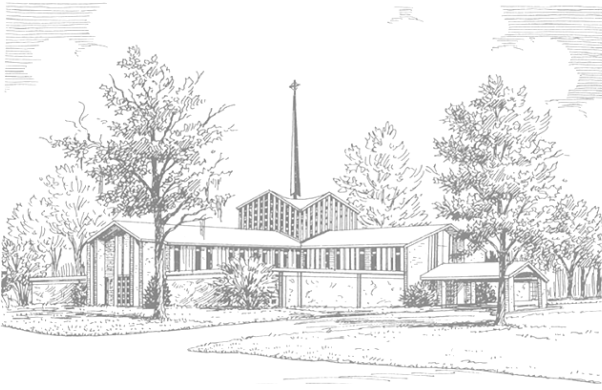


ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



December 5, 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.

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

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

† Worshipers are asked to stand in body or spirit.

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

Almighty God, grant us the wisdom that comes from waiting, and teach us the patience that leads to godliness as our Savior draws near. Amen.

PRELUDE

LIFE AT ST. ANDREW'S

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Katrina & Ka'Maurrie Strong

ADVENT SONG

1. Kin - dle this flame of hope. May it burn bright and true.
Light-ing the way that is of God, the jour - ney we pur - sue.

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TRENTHAM
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† **CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: May the Lord make His holy face to shine upon us in this time of Advent worship.

All: With preparation and in expectation, let us worship the Lord.

People, look east. The time is near Of the crowning of the year.
 Make your house fair as you are able, Trim the hearth and set the table.
 People, look east and sing today: Love the guest is on the way.

Furrows, be glad. Though earth is bare, One more seed is planted there:
 Give up your strength the seed to nourish, That in course the flower may flourish.
 People, look east and sing today: Love the rose is on the way.

Birds, though you long have ceased to build, Guard the nest that must be filled.
 Even the hour when wings are frozen God for fledging time has chosen.
 People, look east and sing today: Love the bird is on the way.

Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim One more light the bowl shall brim,
 Shining beyond the frosty weather, Bright as sun and moon together.
 People, look east and sing today: Love the star is on the way.

Angels, announce with shouts of mirth Christ who brings new life to earth.
 Set every peak and valley humming With the word, the Lord is coming.
 People, look east and sing today: Love the Lord is on the way.

† INVITATION TO CONFESSION

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty and Loving God, we pray for forgiveness this day. For choosing power over service, forgive us. For seeking glory rather than humility, forgive us. For pushing ourselves to the front, when our presence is needed on the sidelines, forgive us. Help us know where we are needed and how best to serve You and Your people. Guide us to Your side, that we might be Your hands of healing and compassion for a world in need.

† ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
Glory be to God!

† PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you all!
And also with you.

TIME FOR CHILDREN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

PSALM READING

Psalm 32

This is the Word of God for the people of God!
Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

FOTHERGILL

**Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand.
 Ponder nothing earthly minded, for with blessing in His hand
 Christ our God to earth descending comes, our homage to demand.**

King of kings, yet born of Mary, as of old on earth He stood,
 Lord of heaven now incarnate in the body and the blood,
 He will give to all the faithful His own self for heav'nly food.

Rank on rank the host of heaven streams before Him on the way,
 As the Light of light descending from the realms of endless day
 Comes, that pow'rs of hell may vanish, as the shadows pass away.

**At His feet the six-winged seraph, cherubim with sleepless eye,
 Veil their faces to the Presence, as with ceaseless voice they cry,
 "Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia, Lord Most High!"**

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Genesis 3:1-15

Pew Bible NT Pg. 2-3

SERMON

Forbidden Tree

Rev. Tara R. Thompson

For the bread which You have broken, For the wine which You have poured,
For the words, which You have spoken, Now we give You thanks, O Lord.

By this promise that You love us, By Your gift of peace restored,
By Your call to heaven above us, Hallow all our lives, O Lord.

With the saints who now adore You, Seated at the heavenly board,
May the church still waiting for You, Keep love's tie unbroken, Lord.

In Your service, Lord, defend us; In our hearts keep watch and ward;
In the world to which You send us, Let Your kingdom come, O Lord.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

[GIVE ONLINE](#)

† 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

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

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.

† HYMN 309

Of the Father's Love Begotten

DIVINUM MYSTERIUM

Of the Father's love begotten, Ere the worlds began to be,
He is Alpha and Omega, He the source, the ending He,
Of the things that are, that have been, And that future years shall see, Evermore and evermore!

O ye heights of heaven adore Him; Angel hosts, His praises sing;
Powers, dominions, bow before Him, And extol our God and King;
Let no tongue on earth be silent, Every voice in concert ring, Evermore and evermore!

Christ, to Thee with God the Father, And, O Holy Ghost, to Thee,
Hymn and chant and high thanksgiving And unending praises be:
Honor, glory, and dominion, And eternal victory, Evermore and evermore! Amen.

† BENEDICTION

† SENDING SONG

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

O come, Thou wisdom from on high, who orderest all things mightily;
To us the path of knowledge show and teach us in her ways to go.

POSTLUDE

The Session believes the best approach to assuring everyone's continued well-being is to encourage face masks on entering, exiting, and moving about. When seated face masks are optional so long as physical distancing is practiced. ***Thanks to each of you for your cooperation.***

The following are our current safety guidelines for group gatherings.

- During the Passing of the Peace, remain in place and greet those around you.
- Kitchen: 6 to 8 people at a time. Masks and gloves to be worn. Disinfect all surfaces before leaving. Use disposable cups, plates, and utensils.
- Fellowship Hall: Maximum 12 tables with 6 chairs. Servers to wear gloves. Stage area 3 tables with 6 chairs if needed. Overflow in the breezeway areas.
- Parlor: Maximum 4 tables with 6 chairs.
- Outside food and drink: No buffet or family style. Individual servings or served by gloved volunteers.
- Overall: Hand sanitizer must be provided for all gatherings.

Please use the **C O N N E C T** cards in the pews to communicate with us about areas of interest, prayer requests, and volunteer opportunities. If you are a **VISITOR**, please include your address, telephone number, email address and other information that will help us to get to know you better. Completed cards can be placed in the offering baskets.

Advent **DEVOTIONALS** are now available on the sanctuary tables. No matter who, there's one for you!

There will be a **NEW MEMBER'S CLASS TODAY** at 11:45am in the Parlor. Lunch will be served.

Celebrate National Gingerbread House day by coming to our December **FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON** on December 12 immediately following worship.

Please join the Golden Triangle Hand Bell Ensemble in the return of their **CHRISTMAS CONCERT**, "We All Need A Little Christmas." They will be performing at 7:00pm on December 12 in the Sanctuary.

There will be a **HAPPY BIRTHDAY JESUS** party and dinner on December 19 at 5pm in the fellowship hall for children, youth and families.

We offer **SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES** for all ages at 9:15am.

Discovery Class for adults meets in the Library. They are studying *Seeing Gray: Where Faith & Politics Meet*.

Pew Sisters is for adult women. They meet in room 2 and are studying *While We Wait*.

Fellowship Class is for adults. They meet in room 3 and are studying *Incarnation: Rediscovering the Significance of Christmas*.

Grace & Men's Class is for adults. They meet in the Study and are studying *The Present Word*.

Youth Class is for 6th-12th grades. They meet in the Youth Center and are studying *Echo the Story*.

Children's Class is for PreK-5th grades. They meet in Journey Room 304 and are studying *Dig In: Bible in One Year*.

MONDAY MORNING GROUP is studying the Book of Acts. Join us tomorrow at 10am in the Parlor.



Members: Joyce Head, Sara Hope Burnside, Julie Odle, Betty Haisten, Susie Champion, Susie Feagin, Esmee Foster, Ruth Jurik, Bill McIlrath, Murray Anderson, Kay Sutton, Barbara & Dalton Abel, Bob Fisher, Mackia & Katrina.

Friends and Family: Mary Ellen Myers, Family of Jim Smylie, Chris Leblanc, Logan Hoy, Jack Tarp, Sterling Smith, Melony Roffler, Darrell Lowe, Della & Mark Phillips, Karen Butler, Gary Dry, George Brown, Erin Lenhart, Mary Kennedy, Billie & Brett Taylor, Rev. Wayne Rhodes, Janie Verderame, Rachel Lawrence, Jill Botkin, Cindy Woodland.

St. Andrew's Calendar

Sunday, Dec 5, 2021

9:15AM Sunday School
10:30AM Worship
11:45AM Choir Rehearsal
11:45AM Deacon's Meeting
11:45AM New Member's Class
5:00PM Youth Group

Monday, Dec 6, 2021

10:00AM Monday Morning Group
5:00PM La Hacienda Alumni
5:30PM Strings After School
6:30PM There's A Solution/AA

Tuesday, Dec 7, 2021

10:00AM PW Coordinating Team
1:30PM Fellowship Team
5:00PM Property Team
5:15PM Christian Education Team
5:30PM Strings After School
5:30PM Golden Triangle Hand Bell Ensemble Rehearsal
6:00PM Personnel Team
6:30PM Pack 221 Den Meeting

Wednesday, Dec 8, 2021

9:30AM Day School Chapel
5:30PM Handbell Rehearsal
6:30PM Worship Team

Thursday, Dec 9, 2021

8:30AM MOW Cooks
10:00AM MOW Delivers
10:00AM Prayer Team
5:30PM Golden Triangle Hand Bell Ensemble Rehearsal

Friday, Dec 10, 2021

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

Saturday, Dec 11, 2021

8:30AM SETX Food Bank
9:00AM Golden Triangle Hand Bell Ensemble Rehearsal

Sunday, Dec 12, 2021

9:15AM Sunday School
10:30AM Worship
11:45AM Church Luncheon
12:30PM Choir Rehearsal
5:00PM Youth Group
7:00PM Golden Triangle Hand Bell Ensemble Christmas Concert

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8:30AM to 4:30PM