

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
COMMUNION SUNDAY
2nd Sunday of Advent

December 6, 2020 10:30 am

WE GATHER AS A FAITH COMMUNITY

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

WE AWAIT YOUR COMING
CHRISTINE SINE

Lord Jesus Christ, we await your coming,
We wait filled with hope, knowing your light will shine in the darkness.
We wait anticipating your peace, believing that one day it will fill our world.
We wait with joy, bubbling us in expectation of your birth.
We wait embracing your love, may we reach out to share it with our neighbors.
Lord, we wait, come soon and fill us with your life.

PRELUDE

LIFE AT ST. ANDREW'S

ADVENT WREATH

THE CANDLE OF JOY
John & Suzy Buehrle
Cache

TO PRAISE THE LIVING GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP

PSALM 85

Let us hear what God will speak, for the Holy One speaks peace to the people,
to the faithful, and to all who turn to God in their hearts.

Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet.

Righteousness and peace will embrace.

Faithfulness will spring up from the ground,
and righteousness will look down from the sky.

The Holy One will give what is good, and we will bring our praise and song.

Let us worship God with all our hearts this second Sunday of Advent.

HYMN 93

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates; behold the King of glory waits;
the King of kings is drawing near; the Savior of the world is here.

Fling wide the portals of your heart; make it a temple, set apart
from earthly use for heaven's employ, adorned with prayer and love and joy.

Redeemer, come! I open wide my heart to thee; here, Lord, abide.
Let me thy inner presence feel; thy grace and love in me reveal.

OPENING PRAYER

ISAIAH 40, PSALM 85, 2 PETER 3

CALL TO CONFESSION

ISAIAH 40, PSALM 85

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of love and kindness, you have promised to renew our lives,
to be with us in a new heaven and new earth—
a realm where steadfast love and faithfulness embrace forever.

We are afraid of your promised coming.

We cling to rules we understand: the rules of privilege and power.

We are afraid of a world of true justice and peace,
afraid that you will change the way things have always been.

As we wait for you to live among us,

we confess our unwillingness to see that you have always been here.

(Silence for personal confession)

*Please join in
reading aloud
those parts of the
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ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God!

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

JOHN 14:27

May the peace of Christ, be with you.

And also, with you.

TO EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

PSALM READING

PSALM 85:8-13

The Word of God for the people of God!

Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

The First Noel

STEMPIEN/TURNER

Austin Dykes, Trumpet Soloist

GOSPEL READING

MARK 1:18

God always blesses the reading and hearing of The Word!

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Peace In The Waiting

JULIE ODLE

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (APOSTLE'S CREED)

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead,
and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you!

And also with you!

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

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**Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

... Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND SHARING THE CUP

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER THE LORD'S SUPPER

HYMN 105

People Look East

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.

CALL TO COMMITMENT AND OFFERING

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

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

THE CHARGE AND THE BLESSING

BENEDICTION HYMN

Love Has Come

Love has come and never will leave us!
Love is life everlasting and free.
Love is Jesus within and among us.
Love is the peace our hearts are seeking.
Love! Love! Love is the gift of Christmas.
Love! Love! Praise to you, God on high!

POSTLUDE

WELCOME! God's house is a house of hospitality where all are welcome and visitors are a blessing from the Lord. Please return often. We are a church that ministers to the world in many ways, calling all to faith in Jesus Christ as Lord, and freely sharing his love and forgiveness. We pray for the life and needs of all visitors. Please join us again next Sunday!

THOSE LEADING IN WORSHIP TODAY:

SOUND MARK CHAMPION
LITURGIST BRUCE PARTAIN
PASTOR JULIE ODLE, CRE

LIVE STREAM JOHN BUEHRLE
MUSIC DIRECTOR LEVI DUNCAN
ORGANIST THOMAS FURLOW

JUNE 14TH WAS OUR FIRST SUNDAY BACK - LIVE: It has been such a blessing to be in worship as church family and friends. Thanks to each of you for following our safety guidelines below. God is our audience! All Glory to God!

- Masks are required on entering, exiting, and moving about in the sanctuary. When seated, masks are optional.
- The congregation is to remain seated during the service even during the singing.
- All songs are printed in the bulletin. A music score is available upon request.
- Passing of the Peace: stand or sit in place and wave **SILENTLY**, yet **ENTHUSIASTICALLY!**
- Instruction will be given for the Offering at the appropriate time.

COMMUNION PROCESS TODAY: Communion is served from rolling carts, each manned by masked and gloved servers. On the cart are pre-filled juice cups, pieces of bread, and plates. The server will put the juice cup or cups on the plate and using tongs, place the right amount of bread on the plate. The server will give out the plate or hold it as needed. The recipient may leave the plate and cup on the pew seat and in cup holders or just hand them back to the server who places it on the bottom tray of the cart (Note: Gluten free bread is available from each cart). The carts are rolled down the two side aisles of the Nave and the center aisle. The carts and servers from the side aisles will proceed to the Nursery side and the Gladys Street side of the sanctuary to complete the serving.

ADVENT SEASON IS HERE! Advent Adventures Lesson Packets are available in the Sanctuary. For an emailed set, please text 409-656-8744 with your email address.

POINSETTIA time is here. Remember or honor someone you love by ordering one. They are \$15 each and order forms can be found in the office or on the Sanctuary tables. Send all payments to the church office and remember to specify that it is for Poinsettias. The deadline to order will be Sunday, December 13, 2020.

TAG (THURSDAY ACTIVITY GROUP) has made contributions to worthy local missions for the past several Decembers. As the need is high this year, they will be giving to Nutrition and Services for Seniors. They provide Meals on Wheels to those in need and it seems appropriate to support this mission.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE will be a family candlelight service. It will be held on Thursday, December 24 at 5:30 pm in the Sanctuary. We hope you will join us for this joyful event.

SESSION MEMBERS are praying for you and the church.

PRAISES & PRAYER LIST

Members: Kay Sutton, Family of Eloise Evans, Bill Roe, Ralph Lunsford, Wallace Bryan, Dorothy Schwarzlose, Bill McIlrath, Bob Fisher, Baby JD Dillard, Rev. Wayne Rhodes, Mac'kia & Katrina, Mary Collier, Elmer Long, Dean Lovejoy, Gary Sitton, Thomas Fisher and Bryan Rao.

Friends and Family: Family of Shirley Spears, Maryann Sweeney, Family of Pat Bell, Barbara Hornbuckle, Tiffany, Newt Cole, Mary Jane Buttrell, Family of Zach Ross, Glenn Helterbran, Family of Jordan Burton, Family of Pam Smith, Mary Weitzel, Diane Goetschius, Lucie K., Family of Marie Broussard, Shauntaryle & Zach, Erin Lenhart, Mary Kennedy, Eric, Diane P., Billie & Brett Taylor, Terri Arrington, Katie B., Jean & Ron Williamson, Sam Moore, Jim Darchuk, Courtney Glover, Mike & Ellie Cole, Weston Sitton, Gary Graham, Janie Verderame, Rachel Lawrence, Eric Booker, 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, December 6, 2020

10:30 AM Worship
Julie Odle, CRE
11:45 AM Worship Team Mtg

Monday, December 7, 2020

6:00 PM Pastor Search Team Mtg.
6:15 PM There's A Solution/AA
6:30 PM La Hacienda Alumni

Tuesday, December 8, 2020

9:30 AM Staff Meeting
5:00 PM Finance Team Mtg

Thursday, December 10, 2020

6:30 PM Cub Scout Pack 221

Friday, December 11, 2020

~ OFFICE CLOSED ~
6:15 PM There's A Solution/AA

Saturday, December 12, 2020

8:30 AM SETX Food Bank

Sunday, December 13, 2020

10:30 AM Worship
Rev. John Alexander

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Associate for Youth & Their Families.....TBA

Director of Music Ministry.....Levi Duncan
Organist/Pianist.....Thomas Furlow
Office Administrator.....Melissa Hoyt