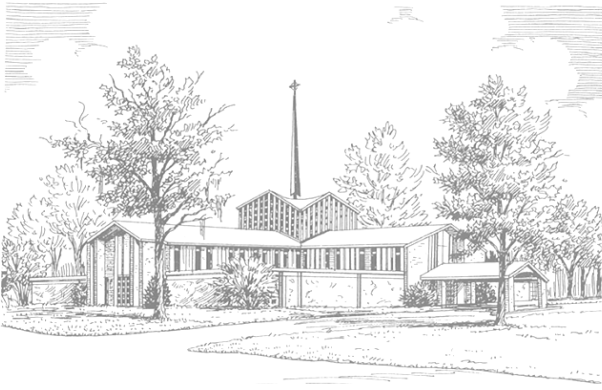


ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



January 2, 2022

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.)

O Living God of past and future, we praise You for this present moment. Fill us with Your joy and empower us with Your Holy Spirit, that our strength may be renewed to sing a new song of Your glory in a world which longs for Your justice and peace. Amen.

PRELUDE

LIFE AT ST. ANDREW'S

† CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of His hands.

Many: Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they reveal knowledge.

One: They use no words; no sound is heard from them.

Many: Yet their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world.

ALL: Let us add our voices to this heavenly song; let us worship the Lord!

Based on Psalm 19

† HYMN 63

As with Gladness Men of Old

DIX

As with gladness men of old did the guiding star behold;
As with joy they hailed its light, leading onward, beaming bright;
So, most gracious Lord, may we evermore be led by Thee.

As with joyful steps they sped to Thy lowly manger bed,
There to bend the knee before Him whom heaven and earth adore;
So may we with willing feet ever seek Thy mercy seat.

As they offered gifts most rare at that manger rude and bare;
So may we with holy joy, pure, and free from sin's alloy,
All our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to Thee, our heavenly King.

Holy Jesus, every day keep us in the narrow way;
And, when earthly things are past, bring our ransomed souls at last
Where they need no star to guide, where no clouds Thy glory hide.

† INVITATION TO CONFESSION

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Father in Heaven, we come before You to confess that we have turned the page in our calendar, but still haven't fully turned our hearts to You. We confess that we too often seek fulfillment in human potential rather than in the peace, instruction, and new life You offer us. We confess that we would rather chart our own course than submit to Your loving design. Gracious God, our guide, who once used a star to lead people to Christ, we confess our poor sense of direction. We fail to follow the signs You provide. Forgive our waywardness, O God. Help us to remember that true life is found only in You. Give us courage to follow the radical path of Jesus in this new year. Let us be lights that reflect Your love and truth to our friends and neighbors so that they may know that the power of sin has been broken. Let this be the year we seek Your glory more than our own.

† ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
Alleluia! Amen!

† 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 72:1-2, 10-14

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

ANTHEM

For Unto Us a Child Is Born

HANDEL & LAMB

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 2:1-12

Pew Bible NT Pg. 2

SERMON

Star Power

† HYMN 44

O Little Town of Bethlehem

ST. LOUIS

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light;
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary; and gathered all above,
While mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wondering love.
O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth!
And praises sing to God the King, and peace to all on earth.

How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is given!
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of His heaven.
No ear may hear His coming, but in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive Him, still The dear Christ enters in.

O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin and enter in, be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!

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 53

What Child Is This

GREENSLEEVES

What Child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, while shepherds watch are keeping?

Chorus:

This, this is Christ, the King, Whom shepherds guard and angels sing:
Haste, haste to bring Him laud, the Babe, the Son of Mary!

Why lies He in such mean estate, where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here the silent Word is pleading. [Chorus]

So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh; come, one and all, to own Him.
The King of kings salvation brings; let loving hearts enthrone Him. [Chorus]

† BENEDICTION

† SENDING SONG

Shine, Jesus, Shine

KENDRICK

Shine, Jesus, shine, Fill this land with the Father's glory,
Blaze, Spirit, blaze, Set our hearts on fire;
Flow, river, flow, Flood the nations with Your grace and mercy,
Send forth Your Word, Lord, and let there be light.

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. The middle transept is open seating, yet the north and south transepts are still roped to allow for physical distancing if preferred. During the Passing of the Peace, remain in place and greet those around you. ***Thanks to each of you for your cooperation.***

- 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.

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

Discovery Class for adults meets in the Library. They are studying *While We Wait*.

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 will resume class on January 9 by studying *“Jesus: The God Who Knows Your Name”*

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

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 Romans. Join us tomorrow at 10am in the Parlor.



Members: Tammy Markum, Bobbie Wied, 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: Paul Harborth, Gordon Pate, Mary Ellen Myers, Chris Leblanc, Jack Tarpy, Sterling Smith, Jerry Linn, Bernice Plunkett, Carol Vasil, Thomas Fisher, June Helterbran, 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, Jan 2, 2021

9:15AM Sunday School
10:30AM Worship
3:00PM Boy Scouts Troop 221
5:00PM Youth Group

Monday, Jan 3, 2021

OFFICE CLOSED
10:00AM Monday Morning Group
6:30PM There’s A Solution/AA
6:30PM La Hacienda Alumni

Tuesday, Jan 4, 2021

10:00AM PW Coordinating Team
1:30PM Fellowship Team
5:00PM Property Team
5:30PM Strings After School
6:30PM CE Team
6:30PM Pack 221 Den Meeting

Wednesday, Jan 5, 2021

8:15AM Soup Kitchen at SOP
9:30AM Dayschool Chapel
6:30PM Evangelism Team

Thursday, Jan 6, 2021

8:30AM MOW Cooks
10:00AM MOW Delivers
10:00AM Prayer Team

Friday, Jan 7, 2021

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

Saturday, Jan 8, 2021

8:30AM SETX Food Bank

Sunday, Jan 9, 2021

9:15AM Sunday School
10:30AM Worship
11:45AM Choir Rehearsal
3:00PM Boy Scouts Troop 221
5:00PM Youth Group

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Accompanist/Pianist.....Rachel Clark
8:30AM to 4:30PM