

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
Third Sunday after Epiphany

January 24, 2021 10:30 am

WE GATHER AS A FAITH COMMUNITY

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

THE MESSAGE; INTRODUCTION TO JONAH

One reason that the Jonah story is so enduringly important for nurturing the life of faith in us is that Jonah is not a hero too high and mighty for us to identify with –he doesn't do anything great. Instead of being held up as an ideal to admire, we find Jonah as a companion in our ineptness. Here is someone on our level. Even when Jonah does it right (like preaching, finally, in Nineveh) he does it wrong (by getting angry at God). But the whole time, God is working within and around Jonah's very ineptness and accomplishing his purposes in him.

PRELUDE

Das Wirtshaus

F. SCHUBERT

THOMAS FURLOW, PIANIST

VALERA MESSER, VIOLINIST

LIFE AT ST. ANDREW'S

TO PRAISE THE LIVING GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP

PSALM 62

The God of all creation calls us.

We come, knowing that our deliverance and honor rest in God.

Power and steadfast love belong to God.

We come to sing and pray, celebrating the presence of this mighty, loving God.

HYMN 463

How Firm a Foundation

**How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in God's excellent Word!
What more can be said than to you God hath said,
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?**

**"Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,
for I am Thy God, and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.**

**"When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
for I will be near thee, thy troubles to bless,
and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.**

**"When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,
my grace, all-sufficient, shall be thy supply;
the flame shall not hurt thee, I only design
thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.**

**"The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no never, no never forsake."**

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OPENING PRAYER AND CALL TO CONFESSION

JONAH 3, 1 CORINTHIANS 7

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

JONAH 3

Holy Fountain of Forgiveness, the tale of Jonah reminds us of your never-ending love for all creation. May we be like the people of Nineveh, who were able to acknowledge their sin and open their eyes to your healing presence. Though you stand ready to forgive our sin, we find it easier to bite our tongues, clench our fists, and cling to our hurts and resentments rather than let you open our hearts. We trust you, Holy One; we pour out our hearts to you. Receive the pain that lurks in our humanity, as we offer up what we have hidden from ourselves and from the world—those words and deeds that keep us separated from your love.

(Silence for personal confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

PSALM 62

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God!

PASSING OF THE PEACE

May the peace of Christ, be with you all.

And also, with you.

TO EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING

JONAH 3:1-5, 10

The Word of God for the people of God!

Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

Old Rugged Cross

Bennard

Zoey Henderson, Soprano Soloist

On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross,
The emblem of suff'ring and shame;
And I love that old cross where the dearest and best
For a world of lost sinners was slain.

So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,
Till my trophies at last I lay down;
I will cling to the old rugged cross,
And exchange it some day for a crown.

To the old rugged cross I will ever be true;
Its shame and reproach gladly bear;
Then He'll call me some day to my home far away,
Where His glory forever I'll share.

So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,
Till my trophies at last I lay down;
I will cling to the old rugged cross,
And exchange it some day for a crown.

GOSPEL READING

MARK 1:14-20

God always blesses the reading and hearing of The Word!

Thanks be to God!

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SERMON

... A Second Time...

JULIE ODLE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

JOHN 17:20-23
PASTORAL SEARCH PRAYER GUIDE

God, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

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.**

CALL TO OFFERING

MARK 1

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

JONAH 3, MARK 1

HYMN 410

God Is Calling through the Whisper

**God is calling through the whisper of the Spirit's deepest sighs,
through the thrill of sudden beauties that can catch us by surprise.
Flash of lightning, crash of thunder; hush of stillness, rush of wonder:
God is calling—can you hear? God is calling—can you hear?**

**God is calling through the voices of our neighbors' urgent prayers,
through their longing for redemption and for rescue from despair.
Place of hurt or face of needing; strident cry or silent pleading:
God is calling—can you hear? God is calling—can you hear?**

**God is calling through the music of sublime and human arts,
through the hymns of earth and angels, and the carols of our hearts.
Lift of joy and gift of singing; days and nights our praises bringing:
God is calling—and we hear! God is calling—and we hear!**

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

THE CHARGE AND THE BLESSING

JONAH 3, PSALM 62

As we go out to meet a changing world, remember this:
God alone is our rock and our salvation;
the risen Christ is calling each of us to share the good news of the kingdom of God.
The kingdom of God is near, and we are on the way. Amen.

BENEDICTION

More Like You

**More like you, Jesus, more like you.
Fill my heart with your desire to make me more like you.
More like you, Jesus, more like you.
Touch my lips with holy fire and make me more like you.**

POSTLUDE

Erstarrung

F. SCHUBERT
THOMAS FURLOW, PIANIST
MARTHA GIARRATANO, CELLIST

THOSE LEADING IN WORSHIP TODAY:

SOUND MARK CHAMPION
ACOLYTE LAUREN PEMBER
LITURGIST SHELLEY PLUNKETT
ELDER JULIE ODLE

LIVE STREAM JOHN BUEHRLE
MUSIC DIRECTOR LEVI DUNCAN
ORGANIST THOMAS FURLOW

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.

SESSION MEMBERS are praying for you and the church.

THANKS to each of you for following our safety guidelines below. All Glory to God!

- 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.
- 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!**
- Instructions will be given for the Offering at the appropriate time.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN will start their bible study this Tuesday, January 26, 2021. It will be held from 10am to 12pm in the Parlor.

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING will be on Sunday, February 7, 2021 and will be different this year. Since the pandemic is still here, the youth of St. Andrews will only be collecting non-perishable items for the Food Bank. There is a huge demand at this time to help feed the hungry. Let's pull together as ONE and fill our barrels. They are at the office and Gladys Street entrances. If you would like to make a monetary donation please put Souper Bowl in the memo and leave in Melissa's box.

HOSPITAL TODAY EMAIL is now being handled by Martha Giarratano. She can be reached at either mgjar2@hotmail.com or (409) 347-0940 between 8 am and 9:30 pm. If she does not answer, please leave a message and she will get back to you as soon as she can.

PRAISES & PRAYER LIST

Members: Family of Frances Floyed, Nancy Landolt, Betty Garza, Jean Stemmons, Dalton Abel, Ruth Jurik, Kay Sutton, Chris & Olivia Thompson, Bill Roe, Susanne Nichols, Wallace Bryan, Bill McIlrath, Bob Fisher, Rev. Wayne Rhodes, Mackia & Katrina, Mary Collier, Elmer Long, Dean Lovejoy, Gary Sitton, Thomas Fisher and Bryan Rao.

Friends and Family: Family of Lum Edwards III, Family of Pat Pate Griffith, Bill Taylor, Royce Nelson, George Brown, Phil Storms, Grace & Jeff Richey and Baby Isaiah, Buzz Bailey, Tiffany, Newt Cole, Glenn Helterbran, Lucie K., Shauntaryle & Zach, Erin Lenhart, Mary Kennedy, Diane P., Billie & Brett Taylor, Katie B., Jean & Ron Williamson, 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, January 24, 2021

10:30 AM Worship
 Julie Odle, Elder

Monday, January 25, 2021

6:15 PM There's A Solution/AA
 6:30 PM La Hacienda

Tuesday, January 26, 2021

9:30 AM Staff Mtg
 10:00 AM PW Bible Study

Friday, January 29, 2021

~ OFFICE CLOSED ~
 6:15 PM There's A Solution/AA
 6:30 PM Cub Scout Pack 221
 Pinewood Derby

Saturday, January 30, 2021

8:30 PM Cub Scout Pack 221
 Pinewood Derby

Sunday, January 31, 2021

10:30 AM Worship
 Rev. John Alexander

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