

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
2nd Sunday of Christmas
Communion Sunday
January 3, 2021 10:30 am

WE GATHER AS A FAITH COMMUNITY

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Worship begins as the people gather - greeting one another, praying in silence, sharing announcements, or offering music to the glory of God. The act of assembling in Jesus' name bears witness to the Church's identity and mission as Christ's body in the world. To your name, Lord Jesus, help me to bow the knee and all its worshiping, bow the head and all its thinking, bow the will and all its choosing, bow the heart and all its loving. Amen.

PRELUDE

LIFE AT ST. ANDREW'S

TO PRAISE THE LIVING GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP

Arise, shine; for your light has come!

The glory of God has risen upon us.

Tell the good news throughout the earth;

the saving grace of Jesus Christ is for all.

Come and adore the Savior of the nations.

We offer the gifts of our lives to the Lord.

HYMN 141

On This Day Earth Shall Ring

On this day earth shall ring with the song children sing
to the Lord, Christ our King, born on earth to save us; him the Father gave us.

Refrain: Id-e-o-o-o, id-e-o-o-o, id-e-o, gloria in excelsis Deo!

His the doom, ours the mirth; when he came down to earth
Bethlehem saw his birth; ox and ass beside him from the cold would hide him.

Refrain

God's bright star, o'er his head, wise men three to him led;
kneel they low by his bed, lay their gifts before him, praise him and adore him.

Refrain

On this day angels sing; with their song earth shall ring,
praising Christ, heaven's King, born on earth to save us; peace and love he gave us.

Refrain

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of glory, you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world, to reveal your love for all people. We confess that our sin and pride hide the brightness of your light. We turn away from the poor; we ignore cries for justice; we do not strive for peace. In your mercy, cleanse us of our sin, and pour out the gifts of your Spirit, that—forgiven and renewed—we may show forth your glory shining in the face of Jesus Christ.

(Silence for personal confession)

*Please join in reading aloud those parts of the service printed in **bold**.*

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ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The mercy of the Lord is like rain, like showers that water the earth.
By your grace we are forgiven and made clean. Amen!

**In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and renewed.
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

NEW TESTAMENT READING

MATTHEW 2:1-12
NRSV

The Word of God for the people of God!

Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

Do You Hear What I Hear
Sarah Scott, Soprano Soloist

CARRIE UNDERWOOD

Said the night wind to the little lamb, do you see what I see
Way up in the sky little lamb, do you see what I see
A star, a star dancing in the night
With a tail as big as a kite

Said the little lamb to the shepherd boy, do you hear what I hear
Ringing through the sky shepherd boy, do you hear what I hear
A song, a song high above the trees
With a voice as big as the sea

Said the shepherd boy to the mighty king, do you know what I know
In your palace wall mighty king, do you know what I know
A child, a child shivers in the cold
Let us bring him silver and gold

Said the king to the people everywhere, listen to what I say
Pray for peace people everywhere, listen to what I say
The child, the child sleeping in the night
He will bring us goodness and light

GOSPEL READING

JOHN 1:1-18
NRSV

God always blesses the reading and hearing of The Word!

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Star - Gifts - Light

REV. MARGARET DESMOND

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

*Please join in reading aloud those parts of the service printed in **bold**.*

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.**

. . . who forever sing to the glory of your name:

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

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

. . . with thanksgiving we offer our very selves to you to be a living and holy sacrifice, dedicated to your service. **Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

. . . all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever. **Amen.**

. . . We look with hope for his coming. **Come, Lord Jesus.**

. . . Bring the gift of peace on earth. **Come, Holy Spirit.**

. . . one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

. . . these are the gifts of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND SHARING OF THE CUP

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

HYMN 744

Arise, Your Light is Come!

Arise, your light is come! The Spirit's call obey;
show forth the glory of your God, which shines on you today.

Arise, your light is come! Fling wide the prison door;
proclaim the captives' liberty, good tidings to the poor.

Arise, your light is come! All you in sorrow born,
bind up the brokenhearted ones and comfort those who mourn.

Arise, your light is come! The mountains burst in song!
Rise up like eagles on the wing; God's power will make us strong.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

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

THE CHARGE AND BLESSING

BENEDICTION

Angels, from the Realms of Glory

**Angels, from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er all the earth;
you, who sang creation's story, now proclaim Messiah's birth:
come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ, the newborn king!**

POSTLUDE

THOSE LEADING IN WORSHIP TODAY:

SOUND MARK CHAMPION
ACOLYTE LAUREN PEMBER
LITURGIST BRUCE PARTAIN
PASTOR REV. MARGARET DESMOND

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.

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.

OFFICE CLOSURES: The church office closed at 12:00 pm on Thursday, December 31 and will re-open on Tuesday, January 5, 2021.

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.

A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be held on January 17, 2021 at 10:15 am before worship.

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 Dorothy Schwarzlose, Family of Bea Peters, Dalton Abel, Ruth Jurik, Kay Sutton, Family of Eloise Evans, Bill Roe, Ralph Lunsford, Wallace Bryan, 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 Pat Pate Griffith, Bill Taylor, Family of Austin Evans, Family of Diane Goetschius, Barbara Hornbuckle, Tiffany, Newt Cole, Glenn Helterbran, Lucie K., Shauntaryle & Zach, Erin Lenhart, Mary Kennedy, Eric, Diane P., Billie & Brett Taylor, Katie B., Jean & Ron Williamson, Courtney Glover, 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, January 3, 2021

~ COMMUNION SUNDAY ~
10:30 AM Worship
Rev. Margaret Desmond

Monday, January 4, 2021

~ OFFICE CLOSED ~
6:00 PM Pastor Search Team Mtg
6:15 PM There’s A Solution/AA
6:30 PM La Hacienda

Tuesday, January 5, 2021

9:30 AM Staff Mtg

Wednesday, January 6, 2021

6:00 PM Webelos Den Mtg

Friday, January 8, 2021

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

Saturday, January 9, 2021

8:30 AM SETX Food Bank

Sunday, January 10, 2021

10:30 AM Worship

Happy New Year!

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OFFICE HOURS: MONDAY - THURSDAY, 9AM TO 2PM

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Day School Director.....Deanna Weitzel

Director of Music Ministry.....Levi Duncan
Organist/Pianist.....Thomas Furlow