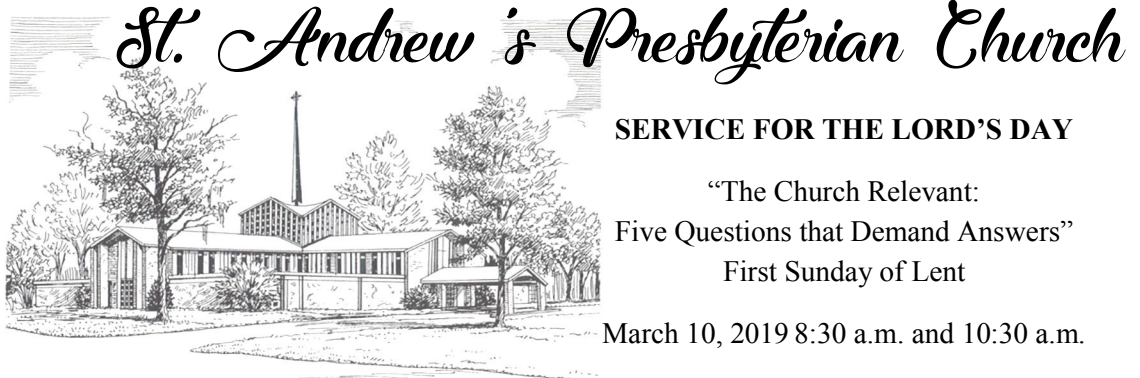


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## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

“The Church Relevant:  
Five Questions that Demand Answers”  
First Sunday of Lent

March 10, 2019 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

### WE GATHER AS A FAITH COMMUNITY

#### PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE (10:30)

Jerome Wells

LIFE AT ST. ANDREW'S

#### TO PRAISE THE LIVING GOD

INTROIT

“Blessed Assurance”

Chancel Choir

\*HYMN 165

*The Glory of These Forty Days*

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Jesus began his ministry to the world,  
led by the Spirit into the wilderness.

**As we begin our Lenten journey,  
let us be led by the Spirit,  
even into the uncomfortable places.**

In those forty days, and in that place,  
Jesus was faced with hunger, doubt, and temptation.

**As we seek to follow Jesus, we would be led,  
even into the uncomfortable choices.**

Jesus left the wilderness, faithful and obedient to God,  
rejoicing in the One in whom he trusted.

**As we continue on our path to faithfulness,  
we will be led by our Christ,  
rejoicing in the Lord our God.**

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

##### \*UNISON PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS

**We meet you here, God of faithfulness, our hands and lives full of all our foolish ways. We impose hard words on those who need to hear hope and grace in their lives. We dismiss the heavy stuff in our faith, like making right choices, loving mercy, and acting from our faith.**

**So now we bring our hearts to you, Generous God, setting them down before you in hopes that you will mend them. As you hear our faltering words, we pray you would answer us with your forgiving love. And as you forgive us, may we go forth to be generous with our lives towards others, even as the one who is Lord of all, Jesus Christ, has been so generous to us.**

*Silence is kept*

When this symbol  
(\* ) precedes an  
element of the  
service, those who  
are able please  
stand.

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

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

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Emmett Powers

The peace of Christ, be with you all.

**And also, with you.**

TO EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD

CHANCEL CHAT WITH THE CHILDREN

Julie Odle

\*HYMN 70

*What Does the Lord Require of You?*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

READING FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Pew Bible, OT 180

The Word of God for the people of God!

**Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM

*"O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High"* by Lloyd Larson Chancel Choir

READING FROM THE GOSPEL

Emmett Powers

Matthew 23: 1, 23

Pew Bible, NT 25

SERMON

*"The Church Relevant: "What Does Society  
Lack When the Church Neglects the Heavy Stuff?"*

Emmett Powers

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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 COMMITMENT AND OFFERING

OFFERTORY

\*DOXOLOGY 607

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"*

OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;**

**Praise Christ, all people here below;**

**Praise Holy Spirit ever more;**

**Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SENT INTO THE WORLD TO GLORIFY GOD IN OUR DAILY LIVES

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

\*CHORAL BENEDICTION (10:30) *“The Lord Lift You Up”*

Chancel Choir

POSTLUDE

Jerome Wells

PASTOR’S SERMON OUTLINE FOR THE DAY

**The Church Relevant: “What Does Society Miss When the Church Neglects the Heavy Stuff?”**

First in the Series, Text: Matthew 23:23 (Context Matthew 23)

Introduction:

Society now wants from the church relevancy. How do we know? What can we re-introduce to change our role in society?

- I. What has happened in the church in Europe is an example of what is happening in the United States now.
- II. Where is the U.S. church today? The facts are revealing.
  - A. Protestants no longer make up a majority of U.S. adults.
  - B. Religious switching is a common occurrence in the U.S.
  - C. There is a wide range of racial and ethnic diversity among U.S. religious groups and denominations.
  - D. In a typical week, about one in five Americans share their faith online
  - E. “Mainline Protestantism is in trouble and in substantive decline.
  - F. And, Denominations still matter. However, networks are growing in influence and impact.
  - G. The seminaries are going under for lack of students. What’s next?
- III. Are we thinking that somehow it will get better in time, or maybe worse, but we won’t be around to witness it?
  - A. The threat of unmade choices.
  - B. Jesus’s lesson: While the Pharisees were busy snipping branches from herbs growing in their gardens, Jesus saw the sect’s demise.
  - C. We must be transformed by the heavy stuff of the New Testament: Right Thinking, Compassion and Trust in the new Kingdom

Conclusion

So, what does society miss when the church neglects the heavy stuff? It will succumb to its human propensity to lift the easier choices that have long-term cultural implications. The most important thing we can do is to regain our audience as we return to relevance in society.

*Want to be an active member here? The only pre-requisite to join this church is that you have professed faith in Christ. You can transfer your membership from another Christian church. You can also be baptized if you haven’t been. If you have not attended your previous church in a long time, you can join us by sharing your faith journey. Active membership means that your faith is in Christ, and that you have joined us in work and worship. Ask the Pastor or other congregational leaders for more information.*

*A Meet and Greet of the Staff will follow in the parlor through the door to the left of the pulpit.*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**LITURGIST:** Suzy Buehrle

**THE LIFESHARE BLOOD DRIVE** is scheduled for March 20 from 4:00 to 7:00 in the fellowship hall.

**THE 49TH ANNUAL INTERFAITH LENTEN PREACHING** series will take place March 24-26. This year the Preaching Series will take place at St. Stephen’s Episcopal church. Each evening a nursery will be provided and there will be Godly Play for K – 5<sup>th</sup> grade beginning at 6:30 pm. Youth activities are scheduled at 6:30 on Sun., 24<sup>th</sup> ONLY. The preaching series will start at 7:00 pm with a reception to follow. **The women’s luncheon will be March 25 at 11:30 am. The tickets are \$10 and are available now in our church office.** The men’s breakfast will be held on March 26th at 7:00 am. Please see the office for more details.

**YOUTH YARD MISSION** is scheduled for March 23. Please contact Judy Phillips or Becky Thompson for more information.

**TAG (THURSDAY ACTIVITY GROUP)** meets March 14th at 12 noon in the Parlor. Baked potatoes (Irish) will be served, with all the trimmings. Andy Griffith will entertain us with “Party Girls” and “Barney’s Sidecar.” Call Ann Latiolais, 409-892-3096 for lunch reservations. **The TAG trip to the Bush Library has been postponed. A new date will be determined later.**

**SERMON SERIES FOR LENT- THE CHURCH RELEVANT:** *Five Questions that Demand Answers.* The series seeks biblical answers for some of the most pressing questions about the relevancy of the church now.

**CHURCH LUNCHEON:** Next Sunday, March 17th, we will have a church luncheon at 11:45 am. This will be our 2nd Annual Pastor’s Meal. All are welcome!

**BLUE OUT:** On March 24 wear something blue (shirt, flower, hat, etc.) and join the Blue Out for those volunteer teams who stand in the GAP (Give, Act, Pray) for disaster survivors by supporting Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.

**ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING** is the church saying, “We’ll be there when you need us.” Since 1949, Presbyterians have joined with millions of other Christians through One Great Hour of Sharing to share God’s love with people experiencing need. More details to come.

**PRAISES & PRAYER LIST**

**MEMBERS:** Mike Markum and Tammy and the whole Family, Bob Fisher, Lum Edwards, Edith Bedell, Howard Caywood, Mary Collier, Bob Finch, Bill McIlrath, Joan & Dana Burnett, Amanda Burnett, Juanell Jones, Joe Giarratano, Susie Champion, Barbara & Dalton Abel, Sandy & Dave Darchuk, Joyce & Gary Sitton, Dean Lovejoy, Jan Neiderstadt, Susan Meitzen, & Bryan Rao

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**CALENDAR**

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| <p><b><u>Sunday, March 10, 2019</u></b><br/>                 8:30 AM Worship<br/>                 9:15 AM Sunday School &amp; Small Groups<br/>                 10:30 AM Worship<br/>                 11:45 PM Meet &amp; Greet Pastor &amp; Staff<br/>                 12:30 PM Worship Team Meeting<br/>                 5:00 PM Friends of Lois<br/>                 Women Only AI-Anon</p> <p><b><u>Monday, March 11, 2019</u></b><br/>                 10:00 AM Bible Study<br/>                 11:00 AM Foundation Board Meeting<br/>                 5:30 PM Evangelism Team Meeting<br/>                 6:30 PM Financial Peace University<br/>                 6:30 PM La Hacienda Alumni &amp; Friends</p> | <p><b><u>Tuesday, March 12, 2019</u></b><br/>                 6:00 AM Men’s Bible Study<br/>                 9:30 AM Staff Meeting<br/>                 5:00 PM Finance Team Meeting<br/>                 6:30 PM Boy Scouts Troop 221</p> <p><b><u>Wednesday, March 13, 2019</u></b><br/>                 9:30 AM Knit Wits<br/>                 6:00 PM SAPC Handbell Rehearsal<br/>                 7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal</p> <p><b><u>Thursday, March 14, 2019</u></b><br/>                 8:30 AM Meals on Wheels Prep<br/>                 9:30 AM Prayer Team<br/>                 10:00 AM Meals on Wheels Delivery<br/>                 12:00 PM TAG<br/>                 6:30 PM Scottish Society</p> | <p><b><u>Friday, March 15, 2019</u></b><br/> <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b><br/>                 8:30 AM Cracker Barrel Breakfast</p> <p><b><u>Sunday, March 17, 2019</u></b><br/>                 8:30 AM Worship<br/>                 9:15 AM Sunday School &amp; Small Groups<br/>                 10:30 AM Worship<br/>                 11:45 PM Church Luncheon<br/>                 12:30 PM Deacons Meeting<br/>                 5:00 PM Friends of Lois<br/>                 Women Only AI-Anon</p> |
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