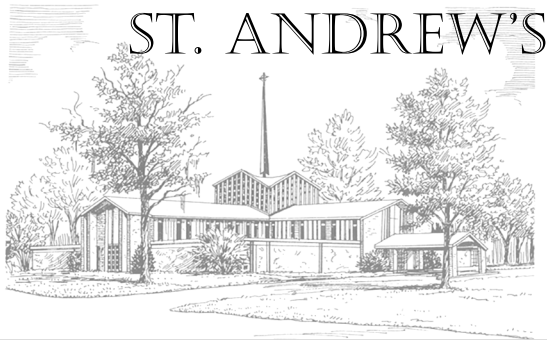


ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP
Fifth Sunday of Lent
March 21, 2021 10:30 am

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.

*Please note all text in **bold** is spoken in unison.*

WE GATHER AS A FAITH COMMUNITY

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

God of love and mercy, open our hearts to Your presence as we worship You this day. Whether our prayers are filled with celebration or with loud cries and tears, remind us that You are the source of our eternal salvation. Give us strength to respond faithfully to Your transforming love, that the joy of Your salvation might shine in and through us all. Wipe away our wrongdoing, clean our hearts, and make us more perfect. For it is in Your perfect love that we are drawn more fully into Your image. In the name of the glorified Christ, we pray. Amen.

PRELUDE

LIFE AT ST. ANDREW'S

TO PRAISE THE LIVING GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Have mercy on Your people, O God.

People: Wash us. Cleanse us. Make us more perfect in Your love.

Leader: Open the skies and pour down Your grace upon Your people.

People: Open our hearts to hear Your voice. Let the thunder of Your presence awaken us!

Leader: Have mercy on Your people, O God.

All: Restore within us the joy of Your salvation. Draw us nearer to Jesus, our Christ!

HYMN 79

Kind Maker of the World

Kind Maker of the world, O hear The fervent prayer, with many a tear
Poured forth by all the penitent Who keep this holy fast of Lent!

Each heart is manifest to Thee; Thou knowest our infirmity;
Now we repent and seek Thy face; Grant unto us Thy pardoning grace.

Spare us, O Lord, who now confess Our sins and all our wickedness,
And, for the glory of Thy Name, Our weakened souls to health reclaim.

Give us the discipline that springs From abstinence in outward things
With inward fasting, so that we In heart and soul may dwell with Thee.

OPENING PRAYER

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of steadfast love and mercy, we have shielded our eyes from the evil and injustice in the world. We have turned away from Your forgiveness and Your compassion, and from Your wisdom and Your guidance. We have allowed our voices to be silent. Cleanse us. Purify us. Remind us that we still have much to learn, and that You continue to teach us. Fill us with Your Holy Spirit, that our faith in You might be renewed. In humble confidence, we pray.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Thanks be to God for this good news!
Good News indeed! Amen!

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

TO EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

PSALM READING

The Word of God for the people of God!
Thanks be to God!

PSALM 51:1-12

ANTHEM

The Weeping Tree
Chancel Choir

Martin

Upon the wind there comes a call, a whisper soft and low,
Alone some cry that fills the night and echoes through the soul.
It stirs the seekers' tender heart. It bids them come and see,
To kneel in shadows cast by grace, to touch the weeping tree.

Against the sky the timbers rise, a silhouette of grace,
A rugged throne for heaven's own, the sinner's hiding place.
Its burdened arms reach out to all; they draw the world to see,
The price of love is paid in blood upon the weeping tree.

O come to the place where promise lives and rest where hope begins,
Where crimson leaves adorn the ground, a gift from graceful winds.
O come and walk the winding path that leads to Calvary,
Come lay your burdens down and rest beneath the weeping tree.

GOSPEL READING

JOHN 12:20-36

SERMON

The Power of Sacrifice

REV. TARA R. THOMPSON

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, the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING (offering baskets are located at sanctuary entrances)

DOXOLOGY 592

**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

HYMN 388

O Jesus, I Have Promised

O Jesus, I have promised To serve Thee to the end;
Be Thou forever near me, My Master and my Friend;
I shall not fear the battle If Thou art by my side,
Nor wander from the pathway If Thou wilt be my guide.

O let me feel Thee near me! The world is ever near:
I see the sights that dazzle, The tempting sounds I hear.
My foes are ever near me, Around me and within;
But, Jesus, draw Thou nearer And shield my soul from sin.

O let me hear Thee speaking In accents clear and still,
Above the storms of passion, The murmurs of self-will;
O speak to reassure me, To hasten or control;
O speak, and make me listen, Thou guardian of my soul.

O Jesus, Thou hast promised To all who follow Thee
That where Thou art in glory There shall Thy servant be;
And, Jesus, I have promised To serve Thee to the end;
O give me grace to follow, My Master and my Friend.

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

BENEDICTION

SENDING SONG

What Wondrous Love Is This

**What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul?
What wondrous love is this, O my soul?
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul?**

POSTLUDE

The Session voted to continue with our current safety guidelines at this time. **THANKS** to each of you for your cooperation.

- 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.
- During the Passing of the Peace, stand or sit in place and wave silently, yet **ENTHUSIASTICALLY!**
- The kitchen remains closed except for Meals on Wheels.

THE NURSERY is now open without reservations. Thank you for sharing your children with us.

HOSPITAL TODAY EMAIL is now handled by Martha Giarratano. Please email mgiar2@hotmail.com or call/text (409) 347-0940 between 8:30 am and 9:30 pm with your request. If she does not answer, please leave a message and she will get back to you as soon as she can.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING: Received during the Lent season, gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing supports efforts to relieve hunger, promote development, and assist in areas of disaster through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.

LENTEN INTERFAITH PREACHING SERIES will be at Trinity UMC tonight at 6pm. Trinity is keeping safety in mind as there will **not** be Women's, Men's or Youth events.

PW BIBLE STUDY is this Tuesday, March 23 in the Parlor. It's not too late to join!

EASTER LILIES: It's time to order Easter Lilies. If you want to honor someone or their memory, order a lily now. Payments can be taken in the office or put in Katina Aucoin's box. Order forms can be found in the media holders at Gladys and 23rd Street entrances or in the office. The deadline to order is this Thursday, March 25, 2021. Dedications will be in the bulletin on Easter Sunday.

CONFIRMATION will be next Sunday, March 28th during worship service. Please come and encourage our younger brothers and sisters as they affirm their commitment and belief in Christ.

LIFESHARE will be here doing a Blood Drive on Wednesday, March 31, 2021 from 4 pm - 7pm in the Fellowship Hall. The blood bank is in desperate need of donations. Please make plans to give if you are able.

PRAISES & PRAYER LIST

Members: Tammy Markum, Family of Jim Bonds, Jean Stemmons, Murray Anderson, Family of Elmer Long, Kay Sutton, Chris & Olivia Thompson and baby Sawyer, Dalton Abel, Ruth Jurik, Bill Roe, Bill McIlrath, Bob Fisher, Rev. Wayne Rhodes, Mackia & Katrina, Mary Collier, Dean Lovejoy, Gary Sitton, Thomas Fisher and Bryan Rao.

Friends and Family: Brenda Allen, Cheryl Bryan, Malim Sue Spivey, Gary Dry, Bill Taylor, George Brown, Buzz Bailey, Tiffany, Newt Cole, Glenn Helterbran, Lucie K., Shauntaryle & Zach, Erin Lenhart, Mary Kennedy, Diane P., Billie & Brett Taylor, Katie B., Jean Williamson, Bob Vasil, Bob Higgins, 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, March 21, 2021

- 10:30 AM Worship
- 12:00 PM Choir Rehearsal
- 6:00 PM LIPS Service at Trinity United Methodist

Monday, March 22, 2021

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

Tuesday, March 23, 2021

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

Wednesday, March 24, 2021

- 5:30 PM Board of Trustees Mtg
- 6:00 PM Webelos Den Mtg

Thursday, March 25, 2021

- 8:30 AM MOW Cooks
- 10:00 AM MOW Delivers
- 10:00 AM Prayer Team
- 6:30 PM Cubs Pack 221 Mtg

Friday, March 26, 2021

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

Sunday, March 28, 2021

- 10:30 AM Worship - Confirmation
- 12:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

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