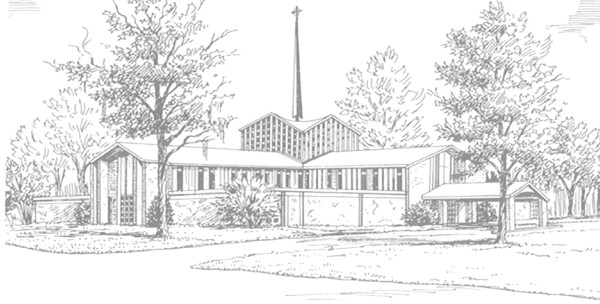


ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
7th Sunday of Easter

May 24, 2020 10:30 a.m.
Live Stream Only

WE GATHER AS A FAITH COMMUNITY

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Memorial Day or Decoration Day is a federal holiday in the United States for remembering the people who died while serving in the country's armed forces. The holiday, which is currently observed every year on the last Monday of May, will be held on May 25, 2020. It marks the unofficial start of the summer vacation season, while Labor Day marks its end. Our church has a tradition of observing the memorial to the fallen heroes at the conclusion of our service.

CALL TO WORSHIP

From the rising of the sun till its setting in the west,

God's holy name be praised!

In the vision of the old and the dreaming of the young,

God's holy name be praised!

Let all that has life and breath praise the Lord!

Amen! Let us worship God!

HYMN 39

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

**Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee.
Thou changest not; thy compassions they fail not.
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.**

**Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.**

**Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow:
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Living God, we confess that our faith is sometimes weak.
Our love for others can feel forced.
Our prayers are often timid, and our gratitude, unconvincing.
We can gaze toward heaven, yet feel far from you.
Merciful Jesus, draw us near in mercy and please forgive us.
Make us new in you, fill us with your resurrection power.
We ask this in the holy name of Jesus, our Savior and Redeemer.**

(Silence for personal confession)

*Please join in
reading aloud
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ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven, and we are made anew.
Thanks be to God!

PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

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.

TO EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD

CHANCEL CHAT

~ take time with your children ~

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

THE GOSPEL READING

ACTS 1:1-5
NRSV

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

EPISTLE READING

ACTS 1:6-11
NRSV

God always blesses the reading and hearing of The Word!
Thanks be to God!

SERMON

The Ascension Revisited

MARGARET DESMOND

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PASTORAL PRAYER GUIDE

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

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
 Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia, alleluia!
 Praise God in Jesus, fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit One.
 Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

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We come before God, not to glorify war,
**but to honor and celebrate those
 who walked into the chaos and evil that is war:**
 those who were civilians and those who were military;
**those who braved the censure of society
 and those who gave of themselves for that society;**
 those who survived and those who did not;
those who were friends and those who were enemies.
 None who have waded through evil, death and sorrow
 are untouched in body, mind or spirit;
 they are beloved of God.

**We all were affected and changed by wars
 and all are in need of reflection, renewal, comfort and healing.**
 Come, let us bring our sorrow for war to the throne of our most high God!
 Let the redeemed of the Lord say so!

OFFERING PRAYER

MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE

SFC Mark Champion, (USA Retired)

HYMN 8

Eternal Father, Strong to Save
 Sung to the Tune *Eternal Father, Strong to Save*

Eternal Father, guard our dead,
 For whom their comrades bow their heads.
 Receive them now, their labors cease,
 And grant them thine eternal peace.
 O hear us as we lift our prayer,
 For promised rest and loving care.

Missing in war who disappeared,
 And yet have not been ever cleared,
 Whose names are still upon our charts.
 And loved ones feeling troubled hearts,
 We pray, O God that word may come
 To ease each heart from sorrow worn.

O Christ, who gave His life for me,
 And gives new life now unto me;
 I thank you for this life so free,
 And for the peace that lives in me.
 O Jesus now, I give to You,
 All that I have in praise is due.

CHORAL BENEDICTION

*BLESSING

THE SESSION HAS AGREED to continue with the suspension of worship service and office hours for the next three weeks. Sunday June 14 is the TENTATIVE date for the return of in-person worship services. Continue to keep up with your church family using the Hospital Today emails. You may call Melissa H. (409-656-8313) or Julie Odle if you need anything. God's blessings!

PRAYER TIME is listed two times a day on the calendar below. It is at 7 pm in hopes that your entire family will sit down together for a time of prayer. If you are alone in your home call a friend and pray with them. Then on Monday - Saturday the prayer time is listed at 9 am. Take time to lift a prayer! Start reading a chapter in the Bible, begin going through your Church Directory praying for one another, or even try journaling—possibly a “Thanks” journal. Stay close to God and one another through prayer!

ZOOM TIME for those who are able join, us for a time of Fellowship! We meet by ZOOM on Tuesday's at 1:30 pm and Thursday's at 7:00 pm. It is a time of reconnecting with one another. Watch your emails.

FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS applications are available. It is late May and we are just starting the process for St. Andrews Foundation scholarships for next fall. We apologize for the tardiness, but the coronavirus has slowed down everything. The **Anderson** scholarship is for first-semester freshmen and the **Drennan** scholarship is for students who have completed 24 credit hours by June 1, 2020. Applications are available on the St. Andrew's website (saintandy.org/about/st-andrews-foundation) with the *deadline* for applications moved to **June 10, 2020**. If you have any questions, please contact Martha Pate at mpate@gt.rr.com or text her at (409) 718-1150.

PRAISES & PRAYER LIST

Members: The Family of Ron Neiderstadt, The Family of Jerry Edmiston, Joyce Head, Lenore Holliman, Murray Anderson, Bill Roe, Nancy Landolt, Cody Thompson, Gary Sitton, Thomas Fisher, Kay Sutton, Bill McIlrath, Laura, Juanell Jones, Keith Davis, Rev. Wayne Rhodes, Sandy & Dave Darchuk, Dean Lovejoy, Darla, and Bryan Rao.

Friends and Family: Mitch Stowe, The Family of Lawrence Walton, Sarah, Mary, Harley, Rachel, Early Ward, Stephanie Shawn, Eric, Booker, The Family of Edward Stedman, The Family of Randy Flatau, The Family of Mary Ann Kerth (Debra Adams' – mother), Evelyn, The Family of Warren Langston, Bonette McBride, Baby Gracie Weible (Yezak), Bob Higgins, Baby Madeline Johnson (Caywood), Ella San Miguel, Evan Johnson, Debbie Neef, Danielle, Brian, Beverly & Larry Theriot, Eva Love Sherbondy, Jill Botkin, Montel Thibodeaux, Bryan Adams, Phil Storms, Jerry Esterline, Shawn Kennedy & Lorry, Tenesha H., Bill McKeon, Cheryl Bryan, Kim Lawrence, Mary, Liam, Tammy, Jeannie Leonard, Jennifer Patton, Mac'kia, Ellie Cole, Carol Hendrickson, Cindy Woodland, Carl Keith, Betty & Chris, Cheryl, Bob Janecek, Sherrie, and Canyon Cassidy.

St. Andrew's Calendar

Sunday, May 24, 2020
 10:30 AM Worship - LIVE STREAM ONLY
 7:00 PM Prayer Time

Monday, May 25, 2020
 9:00 AM Prayer Time
 7:00 PM Prayer Time

Tuesday, May 26, 2020
 9:00 AM Prayer Time
 1:30 PM ZOOM - Time
 7:00 PM Prayer Time
 6:00 PM Session Meeting

Wednesday, May 27, 2020
 9:00 AM Prayer Time
 7:00 PM Prayer Time

Thursday, May 28, 2020
 9:00 AM Prayer Time
 7:00 PM ZOOM - Time
 7:00 PM Prayer Time

Friday, May 29, 2020
 9:00 AM Prayer Time
 7:00 PM Prayer Time

Saturday, May 30, 2020
 9:00 AM Prayer Time
 7:00 PM Prayer Time

Sunday, May 31, 2020
 10:30 AM Worship - LIVE STREAM ONLY
 7:00 PM Prayer Time

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Organist/Pianist.....Thomas Furlow
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