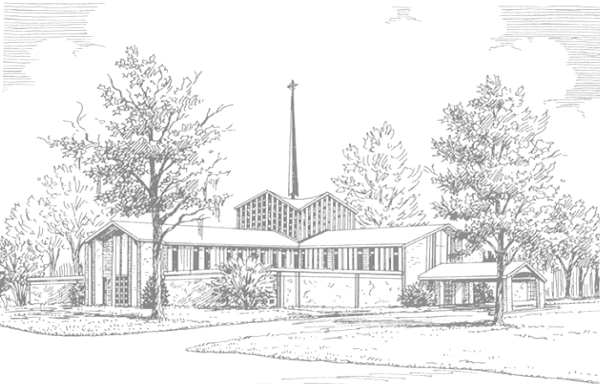


ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



November 28, 2021

10:30AM

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.

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

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

† Worshipers are asked to stand in body or spirit.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION (You are invited to pray this prayer in silence.)

Almighty God, grant us the wisdom that comes from waiting, and teach us the patience that leads to godliness as our Savior draws near. Amen.

PRELUDE

LIFE AT ST. ANDREW'S

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Judy & Jerry Phillips and Katie Hodges

ADVENT SONG

1. Kin - dle this flame of hope. May it burn bright and true.

Light-ing the way that is of God, the jour - ney we pur - sue.

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† **CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: May the Lord make His holy face to shine upon us in this time of Advent worship.

All: With preparation and in expectation, let us worship the Lord.

Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates, Behold, the King of glory waits;
The King of kings is drawing near; The Savior of the world is here!

Fling wide the portals of your heart; Make it a temple, set apart
From earthly use for heaven's employ, Adorned with prayer, and love, and joy.

Redeemer, come! I open wide My heart to Thee; here, Lord, abide.
Let me Thy inner presence feel; Thy grace and love in me reveal.

† INVITATION TO CONFESSION

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, You know everything about me. Every word I speak, every thought I think, every deed I do. You know them all, even before I do. You know me better than I know myself. You know my thoughts, my weaknesses, my motivations, and my sins. And You love me still. Forgive me when I don't believe such love is true or possible; forgive me when I wonder how You could love me. Remove from my mind every thought which keeps me from You. Break down the walls, push aside the pride, and help me to trust anew. Point out the things that displease You, the thoughts and actions I need to change. Show me how to live as You would want me to live.

† ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
Glory be to God!

† PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

TIME FOR CHILDREN

Lynn Burnside

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

PSALM READING

Psalm 139:1-17

This is the Word of God for the people of God!
Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

AUSTIN

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel
That mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

O come, O Wisdom from on high, who ordered all things mightily;
To us the path of knowledge show and cause us in her ways to go.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

O come, O come.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 John 3:1-3

Pew Bible NT Pg. 240

ADVENT REFLECTION

Family Tree

READERS' THEATRE

Christ's Family Tree

Adapted from "Skeletons in the Closet" – Reformed Worship, September 2010

† HYMN 14

Savior of the Nations, Come

KOMM, HEILAND

Savior of the nations, come, Virgin's Son, make here Your home.
Marvel now, O heaven and earth, That the Lord chose such a birth.

From the God-head forth You came, And return unto the same,
Captive leading death and hell, High the song of triumph swell!

You, the chosen Holy One, have o'er sin the victory won,
Boundless shall Your kingdom be; When shall we its glories see?

Brightly does Your manger shine, Glorious is its light divine.
Let not sin o'er cloud this light; Ever be our faith thus bright.

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.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

[GIVE ONLINE](#)

† HYMN 592

Doxology

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 13

Prepare the Way

VEREDEN VAG FOR HERRAN

Prepare the way, O Zion, Your Christ is drawing near!
Let every hill and valley A level way appear.
Greet One who comes in glory, Foretold in sacred story.
Oh blest is Christ that came In God's most holy name.
Christ brings God's rule, O Zion; He comes from heaven above.
His rule is peace and freedom, And justice, truth, and love.
Lift high your praise resounding, For grace and joy abounding.
Oh blest is Christ that came In God's most holy name.
Fling wide your gates, O Zion; Your Savior's rule embrace.
And tidings of salvation Proclaim in every place.
All lands will bow rejoicing, Their adoration voicing.
Oh blest is Christ that came In God's most holy name.

† BENEDICTION

† SENDING SONG

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POSTLUDE

The Session believes the best approach to assuring everyone's continued well-being is to encourage face masks on entering, exiting, and moving about. When seated face masks are optional so long as physical distancing is practiced. ***Thanks to each of you for your cooperation.***

The following are our current safety guidelines for group gatherings.

- During the Passing of the Peace, remain in place and greet those around you.
- Kitchen: 6 to 8 people at a time. Masks and gloves to be worn. Disinfect all surfaces before leaving. Use disposable cups, plates, and utensils.
- Fellowship Hall: Maximum 12 tables with 6 chairs. Servers to wear gloves. Stage area 3 tables with 6 chairs if needed. Overflow in the breezeway areas.
- Parlor: Maximum 4 tables with 6 chairs.
- Outside food and drink: No buffet or family style. Individual servings or served by gloved volunteers.
- Overall: Hand sanitizer must be provided for all gatherings.

Please use the **CONNECT** cards in the pews to communicate with us about areas of interest, prayer requests, and volunteer opportunities. If you are a **VISITOR**, please include your address, telephone number, email address and other information that will help us to get to know you better. Completed cards can be placed in the offering baskets.

Advent **DEVOTIONALS** are now available on the sanctuary tables. No matter who, there's one for you!

The **CHURCH OFFICE** has been closed for the Thanksgiving holiday. It will reopen tomorrow.

There will be a **NEW MEMBER'S CLASS** on Sunday, December 5 at 11:45am in the Parlor. Lunch will be served. Please RSVP to the church office by tomorrow.

Presbyterian Women are gathering their fall **THANK OFFERING**. Thank Offering envelopes are on sanctuary tables and checks can be made to Presbyterian Women with Thank Offering in the memo. Also, their next **BIBLE STUDY** is on Tuesday, November 30. They will be studying the life of Rahab.

Please come join the Golden Triangle Hand Bell Ensemble in the return of their **CHRISTMAS CONCERT**. They will be performing at 7:00pm on December 12 in the Sanctuary.

We offer **SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES** for all ages at 9:15am.

Discovery Class for adults meets in the Library. They are studying *Seeing Gray: Where Faith & Politics Meet*.

Pew Sisters is for adult women. They meet in room 2 and are studying *While We Wait*.

Fellowship Class is for adults. They meet in room 3 and are studying *Incarnation: Rediscovering the Significance of Christmas*.

Grace & Men's Class is for adults. They meet in the Study and are studying *The Present Word*.

Youth Class is for 6th-12th grades. They meet in the Youth Center and are studying *Echo the Story*.

Children's Class is for PreK-5th grades. They meet in Journey Room 304 and are studying *Dig In: Bible in One Year*.

MONDAY MORNING GROUP is studying the Book of Acts. Join us tomorrow at 10am in the Parlor.



Members: Julie Odle, Betty Haisten, Susie Champion, Susie Feagin, Esmee Foster, Ruth Jurik, Bill McIlrath, Murray Anderson, Kay Sutton, Barbara & Dalton Abel, Bob Fisher, Mackia & Katrina.

Friends and Family: Family of Jim Smylie, Family of Clint Stapleton, Logan Hoy, Family of Thomas Nelson, Jack Tapy, Sterling Smith, Melony Roffler, Darrell Lowe, Della & Mark Phillips, Karen Butler, Gary Dry, George Brown, Erin Lenhart, Mary Kennedy, Billie & Brett Taylor, Rev. Wayne Rhodes, Janie Verderame, Rachel Lawrence, Jill Botkin, Cindy Woodland.

St. Andrew's Calendar

Sunday, Nov 28, 2021

9:15AM Sunday School
10:30AM Worship
11:45AM Choir Rehearsal

Monday, Nov 29, 2021

10:00AM Monday Morning Group
5:30PM Strings After School
6:30PM There's A Solution/AA
6:30PM La Hacienda Alumni

Tuesday, Nov 30, 2021

10:00AM PW Bible Study
5:30PM Strings After School

Wednesday, Dec 1, 2021

8:15AM Soup Kitchen @ SOP
5:30PM Handbell Rehearsal
6:30PM Evangelism Team

Thursday, Dec 2, 2021

8:30AM MOW Cooks
10:00AM MOW Delivers
10:00AM Prayer Team
5:30PM Golden Triangle Hand Bell Ensemble

Friday, Dec 3, 2021

OFFICE CLOSED
6:30PM There's A Solution/AA

Sunday, Dec 5, 2021

9:15AM Sunday School
10:30AM Worship
11:45AM Choir Rehearsal
11:45AM Deacon's Meeting
11:45AM New Member's Class
5:00PM Youth Group

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8:30AM to 4:30PM