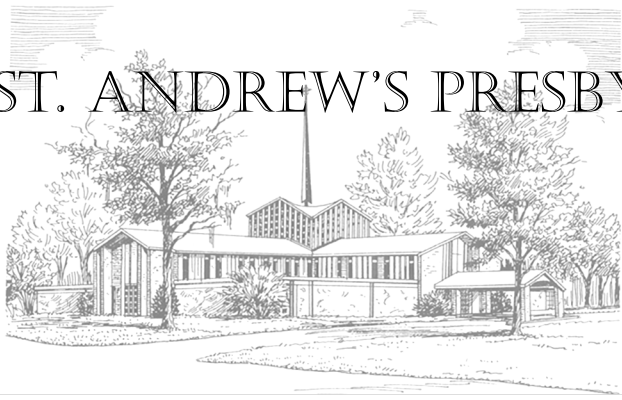


ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
COMMUNION SUNDAY

1st Sunday of Advent

November 29, 2019

10:30 a.m.

WE GATHER AS A FAITH COMMUNITY

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Advent is a time of expectation and hope. "Advent" means "arrival" or "coming," and it prompts us to pause each day in December and remember why Jesus came at Christmas. St. Andrew's remembers Jesus' birth through Advent wreaths and candles every Sunday through Christmas Eve. The Advent season not only symbolizes the waiting for Christ's birth but also for his final return.

PRELUDE

LIFE AT ST. ANDREW'S

ADVENT WREATH

THE CANDLE OF HOPE
CHARLES & CYINTA KIRK
CASSEY & KADENCE WILCOX

TO PRAISE THE LIVING GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP

The heavens are trembling with anticipation,

And we wait for Jesus.

The nights are long and the days are short,

And we wait for Jesus.

Our redemption is drawing near,

And we wait for Jesus.

Let us hope in God and worship as people ready to see the salvation of our God!

Let us worship God with all our hearts this 1st Sunday of Advent!

HYMN 82

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Come, thou long expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in thee.
Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth Thou art;
dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.

Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a king,
born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.

By thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all sufficient merit raise us to thy glorious throne.

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PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Redeeming God, we confess that waiting is difficult for us.
We want to be comfortable in this festive season,
but the pandemic keeps us anxious and unhappy.
We complain about our own troubles
and close our eyes to the suffering of others,
Forgive us for ignoring truths we do not want to see.
Forgive us for seeking our own comfort at the cost of others.
Give us eyes to perceive the great need within our community.
Give us eyes to see the deep need within our own lives.
Turn our hearts to you again and again.**

(Silence for personal confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.
**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.
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

EPISTLE READING

1 CORINTHIANS 1:3-9

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

ANTHEM

Breath of Heaven
Sarah Scott, Soprano Soloist

AMY GRANT

I have traveled many moonless nights, cold and weary with a babe inside.
And I wonder what I've done, Holy Father, You have come,
And chosen me now to carry Your Son.

I am waiting in a silent prayer. I am frightened by the load I bear.
In a world as cold as stone, must I walk this path alone?
Be with me now, be with me now.

Chorus: Breath of Heaven, hold me together, Be forever near me, breath of Heaven.
Breath of Heaven, lighten my darkness, Pour over me Your holiness for You are holy.
Breath of Heaven.

Do you wonder as you watch my face, if a wiser one should have had my place?
But I offer all I am, for the mercy of Your plan.
Help me be strong, help me be, help me.

Chorus

GOSPEL READING

MARK 13:24-37

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

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

CALL TO COMMITMENT AND OFFERING

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

HYMN 88

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

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, thou Dayspring, come and cheer our spirits by thin advent here;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadows put to flight.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

O come, Desire of nations, bind all peoples in one heart and mind;
bid envy, strife and discord cease; fill the whole world with heaven's peace.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

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

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

THE CHARGE AND BLESSING

BENEDICTION

Love Has Come

Love has come and never will leave us!
Love is life everlasting and free.
Love is Jesus within and among us.
Love is the peace our hearts are seeking.
Love! Love! Love is the gift of Christmas.
Love! Love! Praise to you, God on high!

POSTLUDE

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. Please join us again next Sunday!

THOSE LEADING IN WORSHIP TODAY:

<i>SOUND</i>	MARK CHAMPION	<i>LIVE STREAM</i>	JOHN BUEHRLE
<i>LITURGIST</i>	SHELLEY PLUNKETT	<i>MUSIC DIRECTOR</i>	LEVI DUNCAN
<i>PASTOR</i>	JULIE ODLE, CRE	<i>ORGANIST</i>	THOMAS FURLOW

JUNE 14TH WAS OUR FIRST SUNDAY BACK - LIVE: It has been such a blessing to be in worship as church family and friends. Thanks to each of you for following our safety guidelines below. God is our audience! All Glory to God!

- Masks are required on entering, exiting, and moving about in the sanctuary. 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!**
- Instruction will be given for the Offering at the appropriate time.

POINSETTIA time is here. Remember or honor someone you love by ordering one. They are \$15 each and order forms can be found in the office or on the Sanctuary tables. Send all payments to the church office and remember to specify that it is for Poinsettias. The deadline to order will be Sunday, December 13, 2020.

TAG (THURSDAY ACTIVITY GROUP) has made contributions to worthy local missions for the past several Decembers. As the need is high this year, they will be giving to Nutrition and Services for Seniors. They provide Meals on Wheels to those in need and it seems appropriate to support this mission.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE will be a family candlelight service. It will be held on Thursday, December 24 at 5:30 pm in the Sanctuary. We hope you will join us for this joyful event.

SESSION MEMBERS are praying for you and the church.

PRAISES & PRAYER LIST

Members: Kay Sutton, Family of Eloise Evans, Bill Roe, Ralph Lunsford, Wallace Bryan, Dorothy Schwarzlose, 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 Bell, Barbara Hornbuckle, Tiffany, Newt Cole, Mary Jane Buttrell, Family of Zach Ross, Glenn Helterbran, Family of Jordan Burton, Family of Pam Smith, Mary Weitzel, Diane Goetschius, Lucie K., Family of Marie Broussard, Shauntaryle & Zach, Erin Lenhart, Mary Kennedy, Eric, Diane P., Billie & Brett Taylor, Terri Arrington, Katie B., Jean & Ron Williamson, Sam Moore, Jim Darchuk, Courtney Glover, Mike & Ellie Cole, 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, November 29, 2020

10:30 AM Worship
Julie Odle, CRE

Monday, November 30, 2020

5:30 PM Pastor Search Team Mtg.
6:15 PM There's A Solution/AA
6:30 PM La Hacienda Alumni

Tuesday, December 1, 2020

9:30 AM Staff Meeting

Wednesday, December 2, 2020

8:15 AM Soup Kitchen (SOP)
6:00 PM Webelos Den Mtg

Friday, December 4, 2020

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

Sunday, December 6, 2020

10:30 AM Worship
Julie Odle, CRE

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Day School Director.....Deanna Weitzel
Associate for Youth & Their Families.....TBA

Director of Music Ministry.....Levi Duncan
Organist/Pianist.....Thomas Furlow
Office Administrator.....Melissa Hoyt