



St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church

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WELCOME TO ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN

We are grateful you've chosen to worship with us today! St. Andrew's is a place where all kinds of people come together for a common journey – one of seeking, discovering, and sharing God's love in Jesus Christ. No matter where you are on your spiritual journey we would be privileged to walk with you along the way. Whether you need a safe place to ask questions, find encouragement, learn about mission opportunities, or you need to find some solace in your busy week – we are here, and we look forward to meeting you.

St. Andrew's is a community where you will be encouraged to know and follow Jesus more deeply. Our stated mission is encouraging each other daily to follow Jesus and love the world. We seek to represent Christ to the world in an authentic, non-judgmental way, so that others may know the depth of His grace and come to know Him as Savior and Lord. As a part of our witness, as a church centered near Rice University and the Medical Center, we are also a community that takes God and science seriously. We have numerous science and faith programs each year. Each of these programs is designed to help us as the church to engage our world in this important ongoing dialogue between science and faith.

We also value community and the blessing of being part of a church family. We support each other. We lean on each other. We live life together here at St. Andrew's: From worship, to weekly discipleship HomeGroups, to serving our community, to spending time together socially, St. Andrew's is a church that seeks to engage the whole person in an exciting process of merging faith and everyday living.

If you're looking for a church home, I realize it can take time to discern which church God is calling you to join and I encourage you to take that process seriously. If there's any way I can be of help in that process, or in any other way, please don't hesitate to email me. I would love to get together over a cup of coffee and talk about the kind of community St. Andrew's has become for me and my family and answer any questions you may have.

I look forward to meeting you soon!
Jeff Smith, *Pastor*

WORSHIP AT ST. ANDREW'S

Gathering for corporate worship is an integral part of our faith journey and a meaningful expression of our love for God. Knowing that different worship styles resonate with people's hearts in numerous ways, we purposely strive for a combined approach to worship. A combined style celebrates the strengths of each style rather than blending them into something less impactful. With that in mind, we craft each service with elements of both traditional and contemporary including music, various styles of prayer, and the use of videos.

On the first Sunday of the month, when we celebrate Communion, worship tends to be more traditional with our Chancel Choir while still including at least one contemporary element. Second and fourth Sundays are usually led by our worship team who loves to include well-known hymns in addition to new and powerful contemporary music. The third Sunday of the month is usually led by the St. Andrew's Strings sharing music from all musical genres and partnering with other music groups at St. Andrew's. Our prayer is that there is something in every worship service that inspires you and draws you closer to God.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

As a courtesy to other worshipers, please silence all electronics during the worship service.

PRELUDE

Largo by Dvorak

WELCOME

MOMENT FOR MINISTRY

GRATITUDE

Doxology - Hallelujah

WORSHIP AS A CHILD

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 18:21-35 NIV

PRAYERS

Ministry Partners
Presbyterian Children Home and Services
Jeremy and Sara Boucher with Kids Alive International

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.**

PRAYER SONG

Seek Ye First

SERMON

Forgiveness

OFFERTORY

Amazing Grace

CLOSING

Goodness of God

POSTLUDE

La Rejouissance by Handel

Leading in Worship: Preaching
Lay Reader
Worship Leaders

Jim Gill
Sara Brinkmann
Mandy Kung, Byron Williams, Vasti Adkins,
Paul McCarroll, St. Andrew's Strings,
Chancel Choir
Donna Vierling

Flowers:

The flowers are given to the glory of God by Patricia and Tim Evans on their first anniversary as a married couple. Thank you Lord for strengthening our love and bond every day.

Looking for ways to connect with others?

Consider joining a Home Group! We have been encouraging people to join a HomeGroup as a way to grow deeper in faith and in relationships within the church.

If you would like more information, please contact Amy Smith at amy@sahouston.com.



Checking In

We would love to know who is joining us today. Please check-in, whether you're in person or online, with our SA app. You can also use the QR Code here.

On Facebook or Youtube you can also check in by going to the comment section and clicking on the link provided.



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Losses Along the Way: The Role of Grief in our Spiritual Journey

Dr. Virgil Fry, friend of Sue McLeod and Jim Gill's, will lead a Bereavement Retreat on Saturday, November 4th from 9am-2:30pm with lunch included. Dr. Fry is currently a Director at the Institute for Spirituality and Health. Dr. Fry has ministered for many years as a chaplain at M.D. Anderson and has authored two books on grief.

When we met with Dr. Fry to plan this retreat, he emphasized that losses include loss of health, loss of a job, a divorce or loss of a loved one. Please consider coming to this important offering and invite others to come as well. RSVP to Jim Gill at jim@sahouston.com if planning to attend.

FINANCES

	09/10/23	End of August
Budgeted Contributions	\$25,418.27	\$889,639.45
Contributions Received	\$53,480.50	\$792,121.38
Difference	\$28,062.23	\$(97,518.07)

Giving

Gifts to the Operating Budget provide the resources needed to carry out our various ministry activities, pay our staff, and maintain our building. In addition, St. Andrew's takes missions very seriously. We "tithe" approximately 10% of our operating budget to support our external ministry partners both here in Houston and throughout the world. Such contributions also, either directly or indirectly, support the work of our branch ministries, such as the Children's Place Day School, Building Blocks, and the School of Fine Arts (SOFA).

Personal Bank "Bill" Payment option through your personal bank's online banking website. St. Andrew's prefers for members who give regularly set up a recurring (e.g., weekly, monthly, quarterly) payment. This allows us to have a consistent source of funds even during the lean holiday and summer months when many of our members are out of town. With such recurring contributions, you may change the amount of the payment or cancel it altogether at any time.

ShelbyNext secure, online giving: one-time or recurring payments (use the QR code to the right).

Checks or cash may be placed in the offering plate, delivered to the church office, or mailed to:

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church,
c/o Maria S. Ibarra, Fin. Gifts Admin Asst.
5308 Buffalo Speedway
Houston, TX 77005



GIVING

LAST COFFEE HOUSE Calendar



Nov 2

Alejandro Escovedo

**Doors open at 7pm, 30 minutes
prior to the show**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Today

- 10am **Worship**
- 11am **Rutgers Street Grill • Family Center**

This Week

- Monday** **Session • 6:45pm • Room 214**
- Tuesday** **Children's Choir Rehearsal with Ms. Vasti • 6:30pm • Choir Room**
- Connecting Threads Needlepointing • 6:30pm • Room 214**
- Thursday** **Sewing Ministry • 10-2:30pm • Room 213**
- Saturday** **Prayer Ministry Morning of Prayer • 9:00-10:00am • Gathering Area**
Please join us to pray for our church, our community, and other requests!

Coming Soon

- September 29** **Middle School Fun Night • 6:00pm**
- October 1** **Stewardship Sunday**
- Children's Place New School Groundbreaking • 11:30am**
- October 8** **Dedication Sunday and birthday celebration for Pastor Jeff's 60th birthday**
- October 21** **Families of Young Children's Social at McCleskey's**
- October 22** **Reformation Sunday/Kirking of the Tartans**
- October 29** **Halloween Celebration in the Woods by Youth Life Flight Senior Leaders**
- November 4** **Grief Retreat**
- November 5** **All Saints Day Observed**
Seafarer Boxes
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Opportunities for Prayer

As we strive to be a community of believers who lift one another to the Lord in prayer, we invite you to participate by receiving the prayer list on a weekly basis by email or regular mail so that you may know the current needs of our fellowship. We would like to begin a prayer chain to convey time sensitive needs to those who wish to pray for them as we are made aware of the need. The prayer chain requests would be by email or by phone for those who do not use email. If you would like to receive the prayer list, participate in the prayer chain or if you have needs that you would like to be included in our weekly prayer list. Please feel free to contact:

Cynthia (Cindy) Chmielewski
Email: chmielewski1912@gmail.com
Mobile: 281-691-3856

Sunday, October 22nd: Reformation Sunday and Kirking of the Tartans

We plan to celebrate Reformation Sunday and our Scottish Presbyterian history during our 10am worship service. We will have Scottish hymns, liturgy and a blessing of the tartans. Do you have a Scottish clan that we can bless during the service? If so, contact Amy Smith at amy@sahouston.com. Save the date for this celebratory service and lunch following the service.

“And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests.”

Ephesians 6:18

St. Andrew's is a praying community.

Below are ways to ask for prayer or join in prayer for all things.

Requesting Prayer:

Please complete a prayer request card (available in the pews and at the entrances) and hand to an usher during the Gratitude song or place it in the offering plate. We have a dedicated person who prays during our worship service for God to be glorified and for the needs people submit on these prayer cards. And if you would like to become an intercessor or be added to our longer term public prayer list, please email Amy Smith at amy@sahouston.com.

We encourage you to pray for the immediate needs of our congregation:

Diane Arrington, Pat Bowers, Judy and Harry Bristol, Margaret Caddy, Allison Callaway, Cindy Chmielewski, Emma Curry, Kelli Drenner, Zia Duffy, Natasha Erskine, Laurie Fitzpatrick, Grant Fraser, Stephen Gelbaugh, Meghan Handyside, Renee Hayter, Susie Holman, Ken Kern, Jill Kinkel, Natalie Kinkel, Mike Staley.

The ACTS Prayer Group is praying for these members this week:

Doris and William Sing
Liz Singleton and Mark Coady, LJ, David and Grace
Lorraine Singleton
Eileen and Scott Singleton
Brenton Smith

Please let Cynthia Chmielewski (chmielewski1912@gmail.com) know any specific requests that you have when it is “your” week!

Golden Members:

Bondu Anderson, Carolyn Blakley, Sidair Boeker, Ruth and Walter Bohannon, Pat Bowers, Judy and Harry Bristol, Jan and Dan Butterwick, Margaret Caddy, Carolyn Caldwell, Florine Carr, Janet and Ed Christensen, Forrest Clark, Nancy Donaldson, Carolyn Draper, Dorothy Falkenberg, George Ferry, Ann Gaston, Maria Geddes, Ann and Percy Gentle, John Grubb, Susie Holman, Mary Lou Horsley, Mona Johnson, Charlene and Ken Kern, Jerry Ann Kilcoyne, Alice Loveless, Peggy McCall, Dorothy McIntosh, Sue McLeod, Ann and Phil Migliore, Ziilah Oden, Dinah Orum, Pat Perry, Nora and Florante Quiocho, Suzanne Reese, Kay Russell, Dee and Joe Savoy, Hanna Schwarze, Betty and Jim Smith, Barbara and Mike Staley, Jamie Strauss, Ann Wallin, Eugenia and Klaus Weissenberger, Georgia and Connie White, Helen and Dick Wolf, Patsy Yeager.

WHO WE ARE

***We are a welcoming community of broken people,
learning to be loved by Jesus so we can love like Jesus.***

We are a welcoming community of broken people - God knows we are imperfect, flawed, broken people with no part of our lives untouched by the consequences of sinful attitudes and actions opposed to God's will for us. We gather together knowing that by ourselves no one is right with God, not even one (Romans 3:23). We also know that God created us good and in God's image, which is ultimately restored to wholeness through his Son, and God accepts us as right with God through what Jesus has done for us. So we have no basis for pride or pretence, and every reason to be humble and authentic before one another, because we are all received and become whole only by God's grace (Ephesians 2:8, Galatians 2:20-21).

learning to be loved by Jesus - In following Jesus, we learn to receive continually God's forgiveness and grace through him. We cannot truly live apart from the renewing, identity changing power of his Spirit filling us to overflowing (John 4:14, 7:37-38). Apart from Jesus we can do nothing (John 15:5). All those practices that put us in a place to be renewed in our relationship with God as God's adopted, beloved children, to receive God's love directly and through others in community remind us of who we truly are. Being God's people comes before doing God's work. We cannot give or live out what we are not regularly receiving.

so that we can love like Jesus. - This is the mark of being followers or disciples of Jesus, that we love with the same tenderness, compassion, "toughness" and intensity with which Jesus loved his disciples and the world (John 15:12-13). We give our lives away to love, serve, and restore people and systems in the world to God. We extend the reach of God's just and gracious rule in the lives of people as we notice and join in what the Spirit is doing to make "your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven" (Matthew 6:10).

Opportunities to Serve at St. Andrew's

A great way to get involved at St. Andrew's is to join a ministry team. The following page has a list of elders and the ministry teams they lead. You can email the elder using the address listed under each ministry to find ways you can get involved. Here are a few ideas:

- **Worship** team is always looking for ushers to serve on Sundays or for special services during the week.
 - **Missions** oversees the ministry partners we support and organizes our annual Navidad Market.
 - **Outreach** hosts our First Fridays, Coffee House Live and other opportunities to reach out to our community.
 - **Church Family** hosts Rutgers Street Grill, Easter Brunch and other events to care for our congregation.
 - **Spiritual Formation** oversees Adult Discipleships, Small Groups and Retreats.
 - **Youth and Children's Ministries** provide a loving space for kids to learn about God. From reading to toddlers in the nursery to chaperoning youth weekly activities or retreats, we have many opportunities for you to impact young lives.
 - **Educational Outreach** volunteer in SOFA, Building Blocks or Children's Place.
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LEADERS IN OUR CHURCH

SESSION

SESSION LEADERSHIP 2023

January 1, 2023

MINISTRY	Active Elders	Team Lead
WORSHIP worship@sahouston.com	Ginny Martin Carrie King	Carrie King
FACILITIES facilities@sahouston.com	James Lambuth	James Lambuth
RESOURCES resources@sahouston.com	David Lucke	Mark Mallett
MISSIONS missions@sahouston.com	Steve Norris Mark Wendt	Steve Norris Mark Wendt
OUTREACH outreach@sahouston.com	Kristy Juzswik Peggy McCall Philip McDaniel	Philip McDaniel
CHURCH FAMILY churchfamily@sahouston.com	John Bremer Lynette McGlamery	John Bremer
SPIRITUAL FORMATION spiritualformation@sahouston.com	Christy Craig Karl Ecklund William Orme	Karl Ecklund
YOUTH youth@sahouston.com	Sarah Cleary Jennifer Whitfield	Sarah Cleary
CHILDREN children@sahouston.com	Katy Butterwick Brandon Walker	Katy Butterwick
CONGREGATIONAL NOMINATING COMMITTEE nominating@sahouston.com	Carrie King Lynette McGlamery	Lynette McGlamery

Clerk – Aletha Evert, session@sahouston.com
Treasurer – Mark Mallett

Assistant Clerk – Katy Butterwick
Assistant Treasurer – David Lucke

TRUSTEES -- [2021] Florante Quiocho, Bruce Williams [2022] John Fitzgerald, Jan Kelly
[2023] Florine Carr, Brian Duffy

CLERGY AND STAFF

Jeff Smith, *Executive Pastor*
Jim Gill, *Parish Associate*

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Amy Smith, *Director of Family Ministries*
Brenton Smith, *Children's Ministries Coordinator*

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Mandy Kung, *Interim Director of Music*
Byron Williams, *Assistant Director of Music*

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Kelly Lewis, *Exec. Dir. of Ed. Outreach and Church Life*
Mandy Kung, *Director of SOFA (School of Fine Arts)*
Claire Mello, *Director of Children's Place*
Rachel Gowen, *Director of Building Blocks*

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CONTACT US



Join the church
Amy Smith
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Fund the altar flowers
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Plan a Wedding
Joanne Anders
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Announce a birth or adoption
Prepare for Baptism
Kelly Lewis
kelly@sahouston.com

Make a donation • sahouston.com/giving
Planned giving • Maria Ibarra, maria@sahouston.com
Add a name to the prayer list • Joanne Anders, joanne@sahouston.com
Notify us of a death or illness • Amy Smith, amy@sahouston.com
Request a bulletin announcement • Kelly Lewis, kelly@sahouston.com
Request an announcement for the weekly email • info@sahouston.com
Update contact information in our database • Maria Ibarra, maria@sahouston.com



children's place

GROUNDBREAKING
CEREMONY

OCTOBER 1, 2023

JOIN US FOR WORSHIP AT 10:00AM
AND THEN AT 11:30AM AS WE BREAK
GROUND ON THE
NEW SCHOOL BUILDING

A PICNIC LUNCH WITH GRILLED
HAMBURGERS AND CHICKEN IS
PROVIDED FOR ALL



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