



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.

GATHERING

Communion by Theodore Dubois

WELCOME

GRATITUDE

#231 Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers

WORSHIP AS A CHILD

SCRIPTURE READINGS

John 15:9-17 NIV

PRAYERS

Ministry Partners
Summer Institute, Allegro

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

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.**

OFFERING

Down in the River to Pray arranged by Eric Nelson

SERMON

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FINANCES

	04/28/2024	End of March
Budgeted Contributions	\$27,892.15	\$362,597.95
Contributions Received	\$35,790.74	\$308,850.24
Difference	\$ 7,898.59	\$ (53,747.71)

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

Moved Lately?

Please let Maria at maria@sahouston.com know if you have a new address. We want to make sure we have the most updated contact information to connect with you.

Thank you!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



Today

10:00 am **Worship** • Sanctuary

Final Lunch and Learn with Dr. Mark Carleton • 11:00am • Margaritas and Marriage
Does your marriage feel more like a flat soda than a festive margarita? Join us for “Margaritas and Marriage,” a talk exploring the refreshing blend of faith and practical tools for a fulfilling Christian marriage. We’ll delve into John and Julie Gottman’s Eight Dates for building connection, and mention Sue Johnson’s powerful Hold Me Tight approach to fostering emotional intimacy. Discover how God’s design for marriage can bring the zest back into your relationship, leaving you feeling stronger and more connected than ever before. (And, yes, festive margaritas will be served...)

SOFA Recitals • 3:00pm & 5:00pm • Sanctuary

Coming Soon

April 30 **Children’s Choir Rehearsal** • 6:00pm • Choir Room

May 9 **Wild Men’s Burger Bash** • 6:00pm • Family Center • Wild men, fathers, sons, brothers, cousins, and friends, join us for a night of fun and fellowship. Burgers, hot dogs and grilled chicken sandwiches will be served.

May 12 **Confirmands & Third Grade Bibles** • Come support our newest members at St. Andrew’s and encourage our 3rd Graders to explore their new Bibles. There will be a light reception to follow for everyone!

May 19 **Youth Sunday** • Our youth will lead the entire service on May 19th. You will be blessed by their stories of faith and their worship leadership!

Women’s Events

- **Presbyterian Women’s Circle** meets the second Thursday every month at 1:30 pm in room 214. All are invited.
- **Sewing Ministry** meets twice a month on Wednesdays and Thursdays - check weekly email and bulletin for dates



UPCOMING EVENTS

RESCHEDULED

Con Amore, a Voice Recital Presented by Olivia Gonzales Saturday, May 11, at 3pm in the St. Andrew's Sanctuary

Olivia will perform works by Verdi, Debussy, and Amy Beach among others. Olivia is a vocal performance major at Rice University studying with Ana María Martínez. This summer she has been accepted to study abroad in Lucca, Italy with the Accademia Vocale Lorenzo Malfatti. Olivia has had a very exciting year with St. Andrew's as a section leader in the Chancel Choir as well as the interim director of the Children's Choir.

Please join the Music Ministry in supporting Olivia in this exciting experience. We are so proud of Olivia's accomplishments and cannot wait to hear about her summer singing in Italy.



**Save the Date
Wild Men's
Burger Bash
May 9**

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

"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:

Pat Bowers, Harry Bristol, Allison Calloway, Cindy Chmielewski, Forrest Clark, Zia Duffy, Natasha Erskine, Laurie Fitzpatrick, Jeanne Forristal, Grant Fraser, Stephen Gelbaugh, Mary Lou Horsley, Meghan Handyside, Jill Kinkel, Natalie Kinkel, Peggy McCall, Mike Staley.

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

Deborah Lokey

Audrey and Eric Lokker, Ryan and Bridget

Elizabeth and Jason Love, Jay and Tait

Katherine and David Lucke, Ellie and Kay

Barbara Lytle

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, Janiece Ferguson, George Ferry, Ann Gaston, Maria Geddes, Ann Gentle, John Grubb, Mary Lou Horsley, Mona Johnson, Charlene and Ken Kern, Jerry Ann Kilcoyne, Peggy McCall, Dorothy McIntosh, Sue McLeod, Clyde McMeans, Ann and Phil Migliore, Zillah Oden, Dinah Orum, Pat Perry, Nora and Florante Quiocho, Suzanne Reese, Kay Russell, Dee and Joe Savoy, Hanna Schwarze, Betty Smith, Barbara and Mike Staley, Jamie Strauss, Ann Wallin, Eugenia and Klaus Weissenberger, Georgia and Connie White, 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 Life** hosts Rutgers Street Grill, Easter Brunch and other events to care for our congregation.
- **Spiritual Formation** oversees Adult Discipleships, Small Groups and Retreats.
- **Family 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 Outreaches** volunteer in SOFA, Building Blocks or Children's Place.



LEADERS IN OUR CHURCH

SESSION LEADERSHIP 2024

January 1, 2024

MINISTRY	Active Elders	Team Lead
WORSHIP worship@sahouston.com	Ginny Martin Carrie King	Carrie King
FACILITIES facilities@sahouston.com	James Lambuth Ron Stern Winston Reid	James Lambuth
RESOURCES resources@sahouston.com	Natasha Erskine David Lucke	Mark Mallett
MISSIONS missions@sahouston.com	Bryan Gowen Mark Wendt	Mark Wendt
OUTREACH outreach@sahouston.com	Beverly Brownfield Kristy Juzswik	Kristy Juzswik
CHURCH LIFE churchfamily@sahouston.com	John Bremer MaryAnn McGlamery	John Bremer
SPIRITUAL FORMATION spiritualformation@sahouston	Elaine Ecklund William Orme	William Orme
FAMILY MINISTRIES youth@sahouston.com children@sahouston.com	Katy Butterwick Sarah Cleary Tami Mallett Brandon Walker	Katy Butterwick
CONGREGATIONAL NOMINATING COMMITTEE nominating@sahouston.com	Beverly Brownfield Carrie King	Carrie King

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

Assistant Clerk – Katy Butterwick
Assistant Treasurer – David Lucke

TRUSTEES -- [2022] John Fitzgerald, Jan Kelly [2023] Florine Carr, Brian Duffy
[2024] Rick Bott, Joyce Ramsey-Coleman

CLERGY AND STAFF

Jeff Smith, *Executive Pastor*
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Join the church

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Fund the altar flowers

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Plan a Wedding

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Announce a birth or adoption

Prepare for Baptism
Kelly Lewis
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Make a donation • sahouston.com/giving

Planned giving • Maria Ibarra, maria@sahouston.com

Add a name to the prayer list • Amy Smith, amy@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



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