

ST. ANDREW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

FALL GUIDE

Worship, Learn, and Serve with Us



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Monday-Friday, 8:30am-3:30pm

SUNDAY SCHEDULE
9:30am Sunday School
10:45am Worship Service

FROM OUR PASTOR

As we put together the Fall Guide, my reflections on St. Andrew's vision for the future met up with the Fall Festival of Faith topic, "Being Disciples of Jesus in Trying Times." As our polarized nation struggles to define its identity, particularly in relationship to the role Christianity plays in our nation's identity, we are discerning our call as the body of Christ whose context is this polarized nation. We continue to hear groups argue over the role Christianity has played in our nation's history and what role it should continue to play in the future of our nation. How do we live out our calling to be followers of Christ in a nation growing more diverse every year?



As you find different places in St. Andrew's fall programming for you to live out your calling as a disciple of Christ, I hope you will find ways in which you experience God's grace and ways in which you can share God's grace with others, even those who have a very different worldview. We may not solve the disconnect so many people feel, but as we grow in our discipleship, worship and study together, and reach out into our community, we can build bridges of God's grace that connect us and bind us together in ways that defy the polarization we see in the world around us.

Yours in Christ,

Richard

WELCOME TO ST. ANDREW

We proclaim that ALL people are created in the image of God and affirm that each person is a beloved child of God. We welcome all, celebrating our differences while finding unity in Christ. No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

- Worship with us on Sundays at 10:45am. Experience a reformed worship service with chancel choir and organ. Children will even find a place in worship during A Time with Young Disciples and Children's Chapel. Sunday School for all ages is at 9:30am, with a nursery for infants and young children.
- Gather with us mid-week during the Fall semester for Super Wednesday, a time to gather for a meal and activities for all ages.
- Music is at the heart of St. Andrew's life and worship together. Find opportunities to use your musical gifts with our chancel choir, handbell choir, youth and children's choirs.
- Youth and children will find their place in our active youth ministry for middle and high school students or our dynamic children's ministry for elementary and preschool children. Programs for youth and children happen each Sunday and Wednesday.
- You'll find a faith community that cares at St. Andrew. We offer opportunities to care for one another in tangible ways, such as providing meals via Meal Train for the sick and bereaved, serving in a prayer group, or meeting in a care-based environment with Stephen Ministry.
- Serve with us in the community by volunteering with Presbyterian Mission Agency, Kids Against Hunger, Habitat for Humanity, Interfaith Ministries, and the Denton Community Food Center or join us on a mission trip!
- Find important community resources here that share our facility like The Children's Place, a preschool and kindergarten program, and the Treehouse, an elementary after school program.

HOW TO BECOME A MEMBER

Membership at St. Andrew is the first step in what we consider a life-long process of discipleship, and we invite you to join us on this journey. Becoming a member affirms your faith in God and love for God's people. Membership is a commitment to this particular part of God's family, where we nurture growth in faith, worship, and service to others. We hope you find the simplicity of our membership process an engaging introduction to our life together.

There are three steps to becoming a member of St. Andrew:

1. Fill out and turn in a New Member Information Form. You will find the forms on the Visitor Information table in the narthex.
2. Attend the Presbyterian 101 classes mentioned below or come to the parlor after the worship service. The Session, our governing body, formally receives new members at that time. We receive new members in one of the following ways: Letter of Transfer (can be requested by our church office), Reaffirmation of Faith, or Profession of Faith and Baptism.
3. Be welcomed in worship on a future Sunday when we recognize our new members.

PRESBYTERIAN 101

Whether you're new to St. Andrew, new to the Presbyterian Church, or a longtime member who would like to deepen your understanding of our faith and congregation, Presbyterian 101 is for you.

Hosted by the Membership Committee, this three-week class explores the history and theology of the Presbyterian Church, introduces the missions and ministries of St. Andrew, and highlights opportunities to become more involved in the life of our church.

Classes will meet at 9:15 am in the Parlor on September

20, September 27 and October 4. Weekly topics will be announced in The Shield and the Sunday bulletin.

On October 11, everyone is invited to Breakfast with the Session. At this meeting, you'll have an opportunity to meet the Elders and ask questions. If you are ready to become a member of St. Andrew, you will have the opportunity to do so at this meeting.

For more information, please contact the church office. Childcare is provided.



SPECIAL OFFERINGS

Peace and Global Witness Offering *October 4, 2026*

A gift to the Peace and Global Witness Offering enables the church to promote the Peace of Christ by addressing systems of conflict and injustice across the world. Individual congregations are encouraged to utilize up to 25% of this Offering to connect with the global witness of Christ's peace. Mid councils retain an additional 25% for ministries of peace and reconciliation. The remaining 50% is used by the Presbyterian Mission Agency to advocate for peace and justice in cultures of violence, including our own, through collaborative projects of education and Christian witness.

Christmas Joy Offering *December 20, 2026*

The Christmas Joy Offering will be received Sunday, December 20, during worship. From the Presbyterian Mission Agency website: "By giving to the Christmas Joy Offering, you'll be helping families of active and retired church workers and providing opportunities for education. The Christmas Joy Offering is shared equally by the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions and Presbyterian-related racial ethnic schools and colleges." You can give to this offering by picking up an envelope in the pews and placing your donation with "Christmas Joy Offering" written on the memo line. Children may give to the offering by picking up a bank in the Narthex.

Rally Day Breakfast *Sunday, September 13, 10:00am* *Front Lawn*

Join us to celebrate the fall ministry of Sunday School and Super Wednesday at our annual Rally Day celebration on Sunday, September 7! This year we'll join in fellowship on the front lawn to enjoy a pancake breakfast with sausage and fruit on the side. Please register on Realm by noon on Thursday, September 4.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Sunday School in K-5th has Two Classes

Media Room at 9:30 am for all K-5th

K-2nd, Storytelling Room, 9:45am

3rd-5th, Art Room

Children will explore the stories of the Bible in the classroom learning about the love of God through Jesus Christ, and the covenant that God initiated from the very beginning with humanity. The young disciples will begin the morning with The Gathering in the Media Room, which is a model of worship that the students help lead. The Sunday morning hour is an important time of faith formation and relationship building with other disciples of all ages, as teachers and students learn from each other about God's call and claim on our lives, and our grateful response.

PreK: Karen Raabe, Vera Odei, and Laurie Lamonica

K-2nd: Amy Ball and Debby Ishee; Lisa Dorr, Maria Baylock, Kit McCrae, Leslie Culp, and Kim Luevano

3rd-5th: Marissa Glasschroeder, Wendy Cruz, Laurel Fritz, Shannon Konkle, Sara Armstrong; and Anne Lindberg

Nursery

Room 102, 9:00am-Noon

Our nursery for infants and toddlers is located in the Education wing and is fully staffed on Sunday mornings.

Children's Chapel

Sunday Mornings, 10:45am Worship Service

After the Time with Young Disciples, children three years through kindergarten are invited to participate in Children's Chapel. Each week children will learn about stories of the Bible through Godly Play lessons, and they will have the opportunity to respond through play and art. Parents pick their children up from the chapel after the worship service concludes.

Sacraments Workshop and Worship Workshops *September 20 and 27 at 9:30am*

Sacraments Workshop

K-2nd Grade, meet in Children's Chapel

Leaders: Amy and Michael Ball

K- 2nd grade children are invited to attend this hands-on workshop that instructs and encourages children through an exploration of the two sacraments of the Reformed tradition—baptism and the Lord's Supper. The children will explore the sacrament of baptism, including our common covenant family identity and belonging. They will also lead the class in a discussion of the mystery and grace of Christ present in our midst through communion.

Worship Workshop

3rd-5th Grade, meet in Media Room

*Leaders: Marissa Glasschroeder, Laurel Fritz,
Shannon Konkle, and Wendy Cruz*

Students will explore the meaning of the rituals and symbols of worship in the Reformed tradition, including the importance of their participation in worship each Sunday as a part of the worshiping community. They will also practice the ways in which they can be worship leaders and serve in worship.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN DENTON

Community Outreach Committee

This diaconate committee provides opportunities for members of St. Andrew to assist with community needs. The upcoming projects and ministries are:

Give-A-Meal

St. Andrew members help support the needs of those who are experiencing food insecurity with monetary donations. A donation of \$3.00 feeds a person in need for one day. Donations can be made in several ways. To give online, visit standrewdenton.com/give and choose Give-A-Meal from the fund options to the right of your monetary donation. Please write Give-A-Meal on the memo line if paying by check, or on the envelope if using cash. For more information contact coordinator, Anna Hendrix, abhendrix@verizon.net.

American Red Cross Blood Drive

St. Andrew hosts the largest Red Cross Blood Drive in the county every other month. The drive takes place in the Recreation Center from 9:00am - 3:00pm. Members of the community and St. Andrew members may register to donate at redcrossblood.org or through the Red Cross app. Walk-ins are also welcome. If you wish to assist in checking in donors, please contact the coordinator, Teresa Golden, tdg0010@unt.edu.

Diaper Drive

We will be collecting all sizes of disposable diapers, newborn to adult, during the month of September-October for Interfaith Ministries of Denton. Monetary donations will also be accepted online at standrewdenton.com/give through the drop down menu, or by check marked Diaper Drive on the memo line. For further information please contact Anna Hendrix, abhendrix@verizon.net or call 940-368-5504.

Flu Vaccination Clinic

St. Andrew Presbyterian Church will be hosting a free flu vaccination clinic with the support of the Texas Health Resources on Sunday, October 4, 2026 from 9:00am to 11:00am. Members and nonmembers of St. Andrew are welcome to receive the shot so please tell your neighbors and friends about the clinic. Nurses from the Texas Health Resources Faith Community Nursing will be administering the shots to those nine (9) years old and older. Questions? Please contact Glenn Tolle, gtolle1@verizon.net or call 817-925-0588.

Our Daily Bread Outreach

The purpose of this ongoing drive is to collect items of immediate need for the clients of Our Daily Bread. Watch for announcements in The Shield and Sunday Bulletin for specific items that are currently needed. A needs list is also attached to the white collection box in the Narthex where items may be placed. Contact coordinator, Marc Brown, marchb727@gmail.com, with any questions.



Housed in the St. Andrew rec center, the Treehouse After School Program is a mission of the church that provides affordable after school care for students who qualify for free or reduced lunch at four Denton ISD elementary campuses. We are able to serve up to 14 students each day, with children ranging in age from kindergarten through 5th grade.

HOW CAN YOU SERVE?

Snack Volunteers: Our daily snack, which is a very important part of the day, is provided by volunteers from the congregation. Snack volunteers are given a list of suggested snack options and are placed on a rotating schedule. Snack providers are generally scheduled to bring food 1 or 2 times per month. Snacks can be left on the designated shelf in the church office any time before 2:00 on your designated day. If you would like to be a snack volunteer, please contact Linda Heilig at l.heilig@verizon.net.

Reading Buddies: Many of our Treehouse students come to us reading below grade level. Reading Buddies are volunteers who come to Treehouse every Monday from 4:15-4:45 to read with our students. We started this program last year and saw huge success in strengthening students' reading abilities. We also saw the development of beautiful relationships between the students and their Reading Buddy. If you would like to volunteer for this program, contact Stephanie Raesz, Treehouse director, at treehouse@standrewdenton.com.

Treehouse Assistant: We are currently seeking an assistant to the director. This is a staff position that would be ideal for anyone looking to work part-time or supplement their income, and who has a passion for children and service. Hours are from 2:30-5:30 most days, with some days being longer as determined by the DISD calendar. Pay is \$15/hour. Previous childcare experience is preferred but not required. If you or someone you know is interested or has questions, please contact Stephanie Raesz as soon as possible by calling 940-297-9261 or emailing treehouse@standrewdenton.com.

If you have questions about the Treehouse program or ideas for other ways you would like to contribute, please contact Stephanie Raesz, director, at treehouse@standrewdenton.com.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

FOR CHILDREN

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Thank you to our teachers. They will serve in rotation throughout the year.

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Nursery

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FOR YOUTH

Middle School and High School

The Den, 9:30am-10:30am

All youth meet in the Den for Sunday school. We begin with a full youth gathering that includes donuts, then separate into middle and high school classes. We also have a corresponding class for youth parents, as well as any other adults who would like to attend. All classes will be using the Imago Dei curriculum developed by Kirsten Trachsel.

Sunday School Scoop *Sign Up Today!*

Did you know that Children's Ministry puts out a monthly email newsletter with details about everything happening for kids PreK to 5th Grade? Email Lou Korom, lou@standrewdenton.com, to get added to our newsletter, the Sunday School Scoop!

FOR ADULTS

Coffee and Covenant

Karen Jones and Alison McStravick

Library, 9:30am

Please join us for Coffee and Covenant Sunday mornings at 9:30am during the Sunday School hour. We will enjoy fellowship together as we discuss the Bible, ponder theological conversation topics, or sometimes just talk about our lives. Bring a cup and let's talk! We will be studying James, 1st & 2nd Peter and Jude.

Pastors' Class

Richard Culp, Lisa Patterson, Chrissy Stevens and Darhyl Ramsey

Room 206/208, 9:30am

Minor Prophets

We will spend the fall working through the minor prophets: Hosea, Micah, Jonah, Zephaniah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Obadiah, Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi, and Joel.



Parents' Night Out

Parents' Night Out is a program for the young families of St. Andrew. The program has a two-fold purpose: it gives parents an opportunity to spend quality time together without their children and it gives the children an evening of fun, age-appropriate activities with their friends at St. Andrew. The evening runs from 4:00pm to 8:30pm for infants-5yrs old in the Nursery. In the Rec Center, Kindergarten-elementary age will meet 4:00pm to 8:30pm, with pick-up from the Nursery. Registration is required on Realm or email Karen Raabe at karen@standrewdenton.com.

Fall dates: 9/12, 10/10, 11/14, 12/19

**Sacraments Workshop
and Worship Workshops**
September 20 and 27 at 9:30am
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WORSHIP & MUSIC

Serve on Sunday Mornings

Do you feel called to serve the church on Sunday mornings? There are many opportunities to serve during and after the worship service. Here are the places where you can get involved. Find your niche!

Liturgist – Serve with the pastors by leading parts of the worship service. Please contact Steve Pickett, stevewp@att.net.

Ushers – Help St. Andrew be a warm and orderly place on Sunday mornings by serving as an usher. Please contact Jonny Ramsey, jramsey18@verizon.net.

AV Team – Members of the AV Team carry out the production of each Sunday's worship service. Please contact Lou Korom, lou@standrewdenton.com.

Communion – Serve behind the scenes by helping to prepare the Lord's Supper. Please contact Debby Ishee, debbyishee@hotmail.com.

After-worship fellowship – Serve by bringing snacks to share with the congregation and visitors after worship. Please contact Lisa Dorr, DORRLL@yahoo.com.

Chancel Choir | Kathryn Davidson, Director of Music

The Chancel Choir is open to all members of the congregation as well as non-members. There is no audition; simply contact Kathryn Davidson at kathryn@standrewdenton.com, or show up to our Wednesday rehearsal! The ability to read music is helpful, but not required. We rehearse in the adult choir room at 7:30pm on Wednesday evenings and in the chancel on Sunday mornings at 10:00am. If you feel the call to sing, please consider joining this group of dedicated singers.

Handbell Choir | Kirsten Trachsel, Director

The St. Andrew Handbell Choir rehearses weekly on Wednesday evenings from 7:00pm-8:00pm in the children's choir room. We begin on Wednesday, September 16. The ensemble provides music for worship services on a monthly basis throughout the school year. Youth and adults are invited to participate. No prior experience is necessary, but basic music literacy is helpful. Childcare is provided during rehearsals.

Children's Choirs | Kirsten Trachsel, Director

Two children's choirs are offered at St. Andrew and both rehearse on Wednesday evenings. The **Noel Choir (kindergarten and 2nd grade)** meets from 6:00pm-6:20pm. **Covenant Choir (3rd through 5th grades)** rehearses from 6:20pm-6:55pm. The choirs give children the opportunity to experience the joy of praising God through music and to participate in worship at a young age. The choirs will also have opportunities to learn and play hand chimes and percussion instruments. The children's choir room is located on the second floor directly above the church office. All children are invited to participate!

Westminster Youth Ensemble | Kirsten Trachsel, Director

Participation in the Westminster Youth Ensemble gives middle and high school youth an opportunity to participate in the church more fully and to deepen their relationship with God through music. The ensemble meets on Sunday mornings from 9:00am-9:30am in the children's choir room. All youth are invited to participate. No musical experience is necessary. Participants will learn instrumental (percussion, wind instruments, and hand chimes) and vocal music for participation in worship.

YOUTH

All middle school and high school students, grades 6-12, are invited to participate in St. Andrew youth activities. Contact Stephanie Raesz, youth director, at stephanie@standrewdenton.com if you have any questions.

Sunday School 9:30am-10:30am

All youth meet in the Den for Sunday school. We begin with a full youth gathering that includes donuts, then separate into middle and high school classes. We also have a corresponding class for youth parents, as well as any other adults who would like to attend. All classes will be using the Imago Dei curriculum developed by Kirsten Trachsel.

Youth Group

The goal of Youth Group is to foster youth connections to each other and to their faith, as well as to provide a weekly time of respite and relaxation from the stresses of the middle school and high school years. Youth Group meets each Wednesday night from 6:00-7:30, with an extra hour until 8:30 for high school students. Our time together may include recreation, discussions related to both faith and daily life, mission work, occasional field trips, and games. We begin with a recreation time in the gym followed by snacks and any of the previously mentioned activities in the Den.

Other annual activities include the Toys for Treehouse Christmas mission project, Youth/Senior Sunday in spring, an annual mission trip with other Grace Presbytery youth in June, and camp opportunities for both middle and high school students.



Christmas Eve Worship Services

Thursday, December 24

5:00pm and 7:00pm

Sanctuary

**Special music to precede
the worship service.**

SUPER WEDNESDAY

September 16-December 2, 5:30pm-7:30pm

Super Wednesday offers something for people of all ages, and we invite you to join us this Fall.

Meal, Fellowship Hall, 5:30pm

Karen Raabe will be hand-crafting hearty meals with fresh ingredients for Super Wednesday. The menu will change week-to-week with nutritious meals for all to enjoy.

Children & Youth, \$2	Adults, \$7
College Students, no charge	Family Maximum, \$15

Also available this semester: a season pass!

Individuals, \$70
Family Maximum, \$150

Season pass holders enjoy a standing weekly reservation and pay for 10 of the 12 Super Wednesday meals.

Please note that unused meals are non-transferrable.

Children's Activities

Nursery for infants & preschoolers, Room 102, 5:30-7:30pm
Noel Choir, grades K-1st, Children's Choir Room,
Kirsten Trachsel, 6:00pm
Covenant Choir, grades 2nd-5th, Children's Choir Room,
Kirsten Trachsel, 6:20pm
Recreation Grades K-1st, Malicia Curran, 6:20pm

Activities for Youth

Middle School and High School
Rec Center and The Den @ 6:00pm-7:30pm
High School Extended Time
Rec Center and The Den @ 7:30pm-8:30pm

Adult Studies, 6:30pm-7:30pm

September 16 and September 23

Frontiers: Natural, Cultural and Scientific

Reid Ferring

Let's explore different kinds of Frontiers past and present, using examples of how people created or encountered Frontiers. Ancient Egyptians maintained frontiers for 3,000 years. Roman frontiers ended with Hadrian's Wall. Today, Frontiers separate nations, but also religions. Human curiosity has made frontiers of the oceans, the Arctic and the origins of life itself.

Reid Ferring is Emeritus Professor at UNT, where he taught geology and archaeology, and conducted research in Texas, Israel, Portugal, Ukraine and the Republic of Georgia. His research includes the peopling of the New World and the earliest dispersal of humans from Africa to Eurasia: both cases had inter-continental Frontiers!

September 30

Quirky Texas History

Steven Jent

This course will present a collection of curious events in the colorful history of Texas. Most Texans will have never heard of them, but they offer an alternative insight into the Texas mystique. Steven Jent has lived in Denton since early 2001. He received a BA in History from Rice University in 1973. He was employed by IBM in software development from 1976 to 1998. Since he left IBM he has written two books on Texas history.

October 7

Celebrating America's 250th! Stories of Four Patriots

Emily Richardson, OLLI

As we enter a year of celebration focused on the American Revolutionary War and the history of our country, we will celebrate four patriots. From militia men to immigrants, to rangers and landowners, each man you will hear about is unique in their service to our country, but the stories begin to provide an understanding of how the events affected everyday citizens.

October 14

"Women of Denton County"

Peggy Capps

October 21

Ranch Dressing: The History of Western Wear

Jean Greelaw, University of North Texas

The history of western wear is filled with fascinating stories. Want to know how John B. Stetson came to create "The Boss of the Plains"? Levi Strauss came to create the iconic 501 jeans. And H.J. Justin created the western boot. Come dressed in your own western wear and learn of its history. Jean Greenlaw, PhD, is a Regents Professor Emeritus in the UNT College of Education. She has been a reviewer for decades and is the book review columnist for the Denton Record-Chronicle.

"Christians in a Dysvangelical World"

Richard B. Culp

Join us as we preview Ted Foote and Alex Thornburg's book that is the basis for the Fall Festival of Faith conversations. Copies of the book will be available for purchase before this class.

October 28

The Art of Georgia O'Keefe

Jane Scholz, Amon Carter Museum

Georgia O'Keefe made a path for herself as an artist with a unique style and as an independent woman long before feminism was a thing. Our presentation is based on the exhibition "Georgia O'Keefe and the Carter" at the Amon Carter Museum in Fort Worth. Jane Scholz is a retired journalist. She was a newspaper reporter, editor and publisher. For the last 25 years of her career she ran an international news service based in Washington, DC.

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November 4

Why Should We Care About Black Holes?

Dr. Ohad Shemmer, University of North Texas

Black holes are fascinating objects. They stretch our thinking and pose observational challenges to astronomers. This course will place black holes in perspective and highlight their roles in the bigger picture of our Universe. Ohad Shemmer, PhD, is a Professor in the Department of Physics at UNT. He attended Tel Aviv University in Israel where he completed his Doctorate degree. His areas of research interest include astronomy, black hole mass, accretion rate, and metal abundances in active galactic nuclei.

Wednesday, November 11

Return from Exile and the Roots of Monotheism

Dr. Danielle Dumaine, University of North Texas

Are you a country music fan? Do you want to learn more about country stars like Willie Nelson, Dolly Parton, Garth Brooks, and Hank Williams? Or learn how so-called "hillbilly music" transformed from old folk songs played by everyday people to one of the most lucrative and popular forms of entertainment today?

Join Dr. Danielle Dumaine for an interactive lecture examining the history and evolution of country music in the US from the early

twentieth century through to the present day. Together, we will explore how country music reflects larger social, cultural, historical, economic, political, ethnic, and demographic changes in America, paying particular attention to concepts of authenticity, race, gender, sexuality, politics, and popular culture.

November 18

To Be Announced!

Watch the Shield for more details!

December 2

Advent Adventure

Come and make crafts, play games, decorate and eat a manger scene, and enjoy being with the entire church family. Friends are welcome! Dinner at 5:30pm at Super Wednesday prices!

Wednesday, December 16

Christmas Pageant

Join us for this special program to close out the Fall semester. Our Christmas Pageant will begin in the Sanctuary and then move to Fellowship Hall, where we'll gather to finish the program and eat together. Our Christmas Pageant dinner is provided at no charge. Registration will be available on Realm. Watch the Shield for more details!

ALSO AT SUPER WEDNESDAY

Chess: Play, Learn & Connect

Michael Ball

Room 207/209

September 16-October 21

Did you know that chess has been played for nearly 1,500 years? Whether you're a complete beginner or an experienced player, this six-week class is a fun opportunity to learn new skills, sharpen your strategy, and enjoy one of the world's most timeless games together. Come join the fun!

Michael served as an elementary school counselor in Argyle for 31 years and led the school's chess club for 19 of those years. Now retired, he coaches Kingdom Chess Club, his private chess program, as well as the Treehouse Chess Club here at St. Andrew. He also teaches chess classes at Selwyn School and Arrow Christian Academy.

Super Wednesday Women's Group

Pondering Presbyterian Podcasts

Amy Cole and Amy Fair

This semester, the Women's Book Study is pressing pause on reading a book and will try something new! Join us as we listen to and discuss podcasts produced by the PC(USA). Each week, we will listen to an episode and discuss it. Based on our previous book discussions, it's sure to be a thoughtful and lively conversation! Anyone interested in participating is welcome to join us in the Library on Super Wednesday.

Welcome to The Wave

August 19 - November 25

Room 205

The Wave is our college-age ministry. Our mission is to explore, experience, and express our love of God. We welcome everyone, celebrating our differences while finding unity in Christ as we navigate the waters of life together. No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

Ways to Get Involved

Sunday Worship: Join us for worship at 10:45am.

First Sunday Lunch: After worship, we meet in the narthex and head to a local restaurant for lunch and fellowship.

Surfing Lessons (Wednesday Night Class): Starting August 19, St. Andrew offers a free dinner for college students every Wednesday at 5:30pm. Afterwards, at 6:30pm, The Wave meets upstairs in Room 205 for faith engagement and discussion.

Theology on Tap: Held on the second and fourth Mondays of the month at 6:30pm at Denton County Brewing Company (200 E. McKinney St.). Join us for discussions on a variety of theological issues and questions. All thoughts, opinions, and ages are welcome!

Third Sunday Night: We will gather at a host home to enjoy fellowship and a home-cooked meal (location TBD).

Retreats

Retreats: We plan to attend college conferences and retreats to nurture our faith and connect with others through worship, recreation, and critical conversations.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE AT ST. ANDREW

Stephen Ministry

Stephen Ministers are the 'after people.' They are ready to come alongside you—or your friends, neighbors, coworkers, or relatives—and provide comfort and support after experiencing a difficult time in life, such as grief, divorce, job loss, chronic or terminal illness, relocation, or separation due to military deployment. At St. Andrew, Stephen Ministers are here to be with anyone who needs care until we are not needed. We currently have a group of 20 plus men and women trained to confidentially help people navigate through these difficult times with compassion and understanding. Contact one of our ministers or referral coordinator Karen Dower by phone, (940) 367-1001, or dowerks@gmail.com, to begin. Or, call the church office and request Stephen Ministry (940) 387-3897.

The Diaconate has several programs to provide spiritual, physical, and emotional support to St. Andrew members at birth, illness, hospitalization, and death. We also serve members who are homebound.

These programs offer an opportunity for anyone to get involved in a rewarding service.

After Worship Fellowship

Volunteers provide finger foods for congregation members and visitors to enjoy as they take a moment to visit. If you would be willing to occasionally bring an item you may click on the online SignUpGenius link printed in the Shield, sign the list on the Narthex table on Sundays, or contact Lisa Dorr, at DORRL@ yahoo.com. While homemade food is wonderful, store-bought food is just fine. Thank you for helping SAPC be a friendly and welcoming congregation.

Bereavement Teams

Three teams take turns arranging for and serving a reception or luncheon for family at the time of a memorial service. Team members are needed! If you would like to help, please contact Leigh Kitchens, (940) 597-6036 or lwkitchens@gmail.com.

Chancel Flower Delivery

After worship, chancel flowers are taken by deacons and congregation members to home ministry members, persons on the prayer list, or another person who could use a lift. If you know of someone who would appreciate the cheer of beautiful flowers, if you would like to provide flowers, or if you would like to volunteer to deliver them, please contact Caia McCullar, (940) 391-8472. You may also sign up to donate chancel flowers on the roster on the bulletin board in the office hallway.

Cradle Crosses

A cradle cross is given to parents on the occasion of the adoption, birth, or baptism of their baby. With cradle crosses, we convey the love, support, and inclusion of these children in the St. Andrew family. For more information please contact Sylvia Hobdy, snowbunny50@verizon.net or (940) 391-6814.

Diaconate Liaison for Pastoral Concerns

The Diaconate Liaison contacts individuals and families with pastoral concerns. If you have a need, or know of a member in need, please contact Lynda Schupp, l.schupp@verizon.net or (972) 965-3458.

Home Ministry

The Home Ministry committee strives to strengthen the bonds of the SAPC community with its members who are not able to attend regular physical gatherings of the church. Cards, phone calls and personal visits are common interactions to combat the feelings of isolation.

Among our requests for assistance are rides to medical appointments and prescription pick-up for those no longer driving. If you would like to volunteer for one of these initiatives to aid those in Home Ministry or know someone who would benefit from the connection, please contact Sylvia Hobdy, snowbunny50@verizon.net or (940) 391-6814.

Meal Train

Mealtrain.com is an online tool to organize meal delivery for our members who are experiencing a challenging life event such as birth of a baby, illness, surgery, or death of a loved one. Signing up to take a meal is voluntary. To request a Meal Train for a member, or to start receiving Meal Train email requests for meal providers, please contact coordinator Brenda Crawford, bcrawford11940@gmail.com or (214) 675-9010.

Prayer Ministry Teams

St. Andrew's 4 Prayer Teams are composed on congregation members and Stephen Ministers. We pray for those who are suffering, grieving and/or stressed out from life's challenges. Each team prays for one week per month, with team members praying for different sections of the prayer list. Prayer requests may be made by contacting the church office or placing a confidential written request in the wooden box in the Prayer/Columbarium room. Consider becoming a member of one of the teams by contacting coordinator Lauri Goldston, laurigoldston@gmail.com for more information.

Birthday Endowment Fund

This endowment was established in 2007 and provides income to fund mission efforts not covered by the annual mission budget. Traditionally, members contribute an amount equal to the number of years being celebrated. So on your next birthday, remember this endowment and contribute toward making a lasting difference in the lives of others.

CONNECTING WITH OTHERS

Presbyterian Women

All women are invited to attend our PW Circle meeting on the second Tuesday of each month from 9:30am-11:00am. The 2027 study, "United Through Christ, Bound to Each Other" from Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians, is led by the Rev. BL Jordan. Each meeting includes social time, mission project, Bible study and a short business meeting (five times during year). As Presbyterian Women, our goal is to nurture our faith through prayer and Bible study; To support the mission of the church worldwide; To work for justice and peace and to build an inclusive, caring community of women, that: Strengthens the Presbyterian Church (USA) and Witnesses to the promise of God's Kingdom. We Look forward to seeing everyone on September 8th when our new year begins.

For additional information, look in The Shield (newsletter), Sunday Bulletin or contact Susan Ramsay at 940-391-2615 or susanramsay11@yahoo.com.

Theology on Tap

Second and Fourth Mondays @ 6:30pm

Facilitator: Kirsten Brown

Theology on Tap meets the second and fourth Mondays of most months, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m., at Denton County Brewing Company, 200 E McKinney Street (in the back room). Meetings consist of a discussion on theological issues and questions. All thoughts and opinions are welcome. During the fall semester, we will meet August through November, with a Christmas celebration in December. Please email Kirsten Brown (brownk444@aol.com) if you would like to be added to the TOT email list.

New Revelations Collegiate Mission

Andrea Godwin-Stremmer and Ted Godwin-Stremmer

New Revelations Collegiate Mission, headed by Andrea Godwin-Stremmer and her husband, Ted, continues to offer off campus housing to college students in a Christian community setting.

Women's Tuesday Afternoon Study

Room 209, 1:30pm-3:00pm

Terry Widmer

The Tuesday Afternoon Women's Bible Study is an ecumenical group who gather at St. Andrew to read and study the Bible. Everyone is welcome. Please bring a friend.

Market for Mission

Sunday, December 7

This year's Market for Mission is scheduled for Sunday, December 7, beginning at 9:00am in Fellowship Hall. We hope you will join us to shop for Christmas gifts, handmade goods, and sweet treats! Our local mission partners will be on hand to share with you the good news of the works they are doing in our community. You won't want to miss this opportunity for holiday fun and fellowship!

Men's Study Group

Wednesdays, 8:00am

The Great Egg, 1800 S. Loop 288

Calling all St. Andrew men to join the Men's Bible Study on Wednesday mornings from 8:00am to 9:00am at the Great Egg, 1800 S. Loop 288, #200. (It's across Brinker Rd from Kroger). This fall we'll continue to use the Revised Lectionary as our study source. Each week a different class member makes a presentation utilizing approximately 4 of the Scriptures listed in that week's suggested study materials.

Women's Advent Book Study

"Joyful, Anyway" by Kate Bowler

Wednesdays on November 18, December 2, 9, and 16

Led by Lisa Patterson

Come and explore the meaning of true joy, which the study book describes as "an unmistakable blend of gratitude, hope, and delight, which finds you even in the midst of sadness." We are overwhelmed. Frightening headlines, illness, uncertainty, grief, and email. We are left wondering why, if we're doing everything right, life still feels like an endless game of whack-a-mole. "Joyful, Anyway" is bestselling author Kate Bowler's bracingly honest exploration of this dilemma. Questions? Ask Lisa Patterson at lisa@standrewdenton.com

Prime Time

First Fridays at Noon

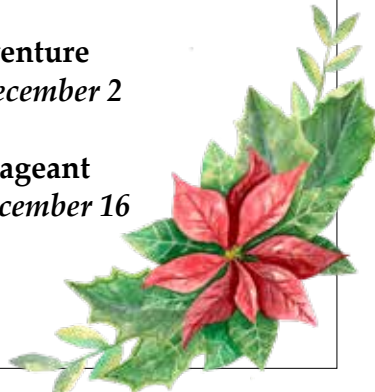
Prime Time is a group of slightly older than middle aged party animals* (some members may be a few decades older) that meets for lunch once a month. Madness ensues until the inevitable mid-afternoon nap comes due. We usually meet on the first Friday of the month at noon at one of a variety of restaurants in the Denton area. Come join the fun, we'd love to have you! **Contact Bob Halbach (bobandbetsyhalbach@hotmail.com) if you would like to be added to the email list.**



Advent at Super Wednesday

**Advent Adventure
Wednesday, December 2**

**Christmas Pageant
Wednesday, December 16**



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FALL FESTIVAL OF FAITH OCTOBER 24-25, 2026

Bold Enough to Fail - For a Future Our Eyes Don't Yet See **Rev. Ted Foote, Jr., Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary**

We will welcome the Rev. Ted Foote, Jr., to St. Andrew in October, when he will be reflecting on "Being Disciples of Jesus in Trying Times" on Saturday evening in Fellowship Hall and will preach "Bold Enough to Fail - For a Future Our Eyes Don't Yet See" based on Amos 5:23-24, Matthew 10:26-39, and Second Corinthians 5:7 in worship on Sunday morning.

Ted, a native Texan, has served churches in Texas and Oklahoma. He currently holds the Louis H. and Katherine S. Zbinden Distinguished Chair of Pastoral Ministry and Leadership at Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary. Ted is well-respected for his theological insights (he used to write a column for "The Presbyterian Outlook") as well as his pastoral gifts.

Ted has written several books, the most recent of which is "Being Presbyterian in a Dysevangelical America: A Guide to Reclaiming the Good News of God's Grace" and copies of it will be available for purchase this fall ahead of our Fall Festival of Faith.

Save the date and plan to join us October 24-25; you'll be glad you did!