

*St. Andrew by the Sea
A Community Church*

April 9, 2017
10:00 a.m.

Palm Sunday

Welcome!

We welcome you to worship at St. Andrew by the Sea. Your presence enriches our fellowship. Please sign the attendance registration form, and if a first time visitor, please fill out a visitor's card (located in the back of the pew) and place it in the offering plate. Thank you for being with us today.

Chiming of the Hour

peregrinatio est tacere
“to be on pilgrimage is to be silent”

Prelude

"A Joyful Alleluia"
Festival Bells

C. Dobrinski

*Opening Hymn - 174 **Hosanna, Loud Hosanna**

Hosanna to the Son of David...Hosanna in the highest!

Matt. 21:9

Children's Processional of Palms

*Opening Prayer

*Passing of the Peace

The Peace of the Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Holy Ground
*We are standing on holy ground,
and I know that there are angels all around.
Let us praise Jesus now.
We are standing in his presence on holy ground.*

* Prayer of Confession:

**Almighty and all-loving God,
through your son Jesus Christ
you have reconciled the world to yourself.
Help us now to be reconciled with one another,
that again we might dwell in the warmth of your love.
Inspire us with your Holy Spirit
to put aside the cloak of pride and put on Christ,
that we might forgive and be forgiven;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Gloria Patri

*Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.*

Welcome and Announcements

Old Testament Reading (Pew Bible, p. 565) **Psalm 118:1-2; 19-29**

May the Lord bless the reading of this Old Testament scripture.
Thanks be to God.

Holy City

Soloist: David Saunders

Adams

Pastoral Prayer

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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.

Choral Response

Offertory

O My Father

R. P. Jones

O my Father, thy will be done. My soul is exceedingly sorrowful even unto death. If it be possible, let this cup pass from me. O my Father, thy will be done.

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

*Doxology – 625 **Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow**

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.

*Hymn - 173 **All Glory, Laud and Honor**

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord...the King of Israel! John 12:13

On the last verse the children are invited to follow Ms. Sara to the front of the church for Children's Moments.

Children's Moments

After the Children's Moments, those second grade and younger may go with Ms. Sara to Children's Church.

New Testament Reading (Pew Bible, p. 23)

Matthew 21:1-11

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Help! We Pray!"

Rev. George R. Myers

*Hymn - 304

Lift High the Cross

I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to Myself.

John 12:32

*Benediction

Draping of the Cross

*Special Music

Were You There?

Soloist: Vicki Powers Matranga

*Bell Toll

Senior Pastor: Rev. Dr. Lawrence Wood

Associate Pastor: Rev. George R. Myers

Assistant Pastor: Sara Hunter

Lay Reader: Dian Lawrence

Acolyte: Shelby Flanagan & Marley Hunter

Music Director: Joan Hand

Choral Director: Dr. Roger Jones

Handbell Director: Harriet Slaughter

Administrative Assistant: Pat Strahan

The flowers on the altar are presented to the glory of God.

Ushers: Allen Woerner, Marge Bumann, Mike Cutchen, Clint Davis, Andy Haynes, Chance McLemore, German Moran, Betty Patton, Mike Vaughn and Sue Vosloh.

Wheelchairs and devices to assist the hearing-impaired are available from the ushers.

*Please stand

Child care is available throughout worship service in the Fellowship Hall for newborns to 5 years of age.

Join us for Sunday morning breakfast at 8:30 a.m., in the Fellowship Hall.

Nursery

Nursery Care for infants (newborn up to 1 year old) and toddlers (1 year up to 3 years old) is staffed from 9:00 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. every Sunday. Our nursery is located in the Fellowship Hall directly across from our toddlers in classroom #4.

Children's Church

Children 3 years old - 2nd grade who are interested in attending Children's Church will be escorted to the Youth Building after the Children's Blessing.

Children's Bulletins

There are children's worship bulletins available in the Narthex for ages 3 - 12.

Sunday School

Please see insert for time and details on Sunday School Classes and other weekly activities.

Groups and Activities

Tuesday:	April 11 th	Prayer Group & Bible Study St. Andrew Men's Breakfast Bell Practice	9:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday:	April 12 th	Knitting Bell Practice Dinner Family Activities – Children, Youth and Adults Choir Practice	1:30 p.m. 5:00 p.m. 5:45 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.
Thursday:	April 13 th	St. Andrew Women Maundy Thursday Service	10:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m.
Friday:	April 14 th	Good Friday Service	12 noon
Saturday:	April 15 th	Youth/Gulf Shores Hang Out	11:00 a.m.
Sunday:	April 16 th	Easter Sunrise Service at Gulf State Park Easter Service/Easter Egg Hunt	6:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.

Prayer List: For your convenience we have alphabetized our prayer list. Names will remain on the list for two weeks, unless renewed. Our Women's Prayer Group meets every Tuesday morning at 9:00 a.m. in the sanctuary to pray for those on our prayer list.

In our Prayers: Leonard Atwater, Nelle Alexander, Katherine Allen, Bill Baker, Berrie Bamberg, Gene Barbour, Angie Barnes, Marlene Boeker, April Boone, Kevin Boule, Myra Branyon, Buddy Brown, Valerie Caldwell, Skylar Carpenter, Fr. David Carucci, Harry & Ardys Dalton, Diane Davis, Ab DeWeese, Baxter Duddy, Al & Lois Erbes, Jim Fambrough, Jackson Faulkenberry, Milton Fulman, BeBe Gauntt, family of Jim Goecker, Salud Good, Jorg Grabert, Virginia Null Graves, Lionel Gustafson, Boo Guidry, Jennifer Guthrie, Steve Gyuricsko, Lisa Harnage, Leon Hasting, Lauren Hawkins, Joshua Healey, family of Ricky Healey, Heinz Hempelman, Jonathan & Nashisha Henderson and family, Diana Homann, Karen Jordahl, Stacie Kendrick, Ed Klinke, Gary Kreigh, Scott Langus, Morris Lawson, Leisha LaRiviere, Lindsey Manning, Skye Martin, Stephen & Mandi McNamara, Chuck & Margaret Medlin, Lukas Medlin, Buster Milner, Chuck Nicoll, Kyle Null, Lela O'Berry, Brady O'Connell, Melissa Peace, Michael Pierce, Calvin Porter, Peggie Prish, Bart Pryor, Cathy Qualls, Judy Ramm, Debbie Riecke, Bob Roberts, Deb Roberts, Christy Ruffin, Craig Schuchardt, Margaret Shalander, Luke Shepherd, David Sprotte, Ellen Stapleton, Sarah Stoddard, Sharon Svejda, Bill Teer, Haley Thompson, Hal Thurmond, Joe Thrasher, Cameron Verean, Bob Vosloh, Cindy Wakefield, Lois Watts, Willee Whetstone, Ginger & Natasha Williams, Rexene Wood and family, Frank Wright, and unmentioned requests.

Scriptures for next Sunday – Matthew 28:1-10 & John 20:1-18

Rev. Wood will offer a newcomers' class Sunday mornings at 9 a.m. in his office, all are welcome.

Attention Men of St. Andrew, members, and visitors! Join the St. Andrew Men for their monthly breakfast on **Tues., April 11th** at 9 a.m. Enjoy a wonderful breakfast as well as great fellowship. No reservation required.

St. Andrew Women: The St. Andrew Women will meet on **April 13th** at 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. It's time for our fun filled Ikebana lesson, the art of Japanese Floral arrangement. We will have fun making an Ikebana floral design to take home. If you like, bring your own shallow bowl or dish container and pin holder frog or Kensan (pin holders will be available to purchase). Bring a simple snack and a friend and join us for a fun filled morning.

A PLACE FOR REFLECTION: If you would like a calm, beautiful, private place to pray, please stop by the church. Throughout Lent our sanctuary will be open **weekdays** from 11:00 a.m. -1:00 p.m.

Holy Week is the last week of Lent.

Nursery Care will be provided for each service.

- **Maundy Thursday** Communion Service, **April 13th at 6 p.m.**
- **Good Friday, April 14th at 12 noon** (will be held at **Gulf Shores Methodist Church**)
- **Easter Sunrise Service – April 16th at 6:00 a.m., Gulf State Park Pavilion** - The Gulf State Park will host an ecumenical service, which has become one of the area's cherished religious traditions.
- **Easter Sunday, April 16th at 10 a.m.** **Easter Egg Hunt to follow worship service.** Bring your children and their baskets (Baskets will be provided for those who do not have one.) **We are in need of candy donations only. All donations may be left in the Narthex.**

2017 Building Fund Pledge Drive
Families pledged to date – 60
Total giving households - 106
Total Building Fund Pledges to date: \$ 546,300.00
Funds Received to date: \$138,074.00

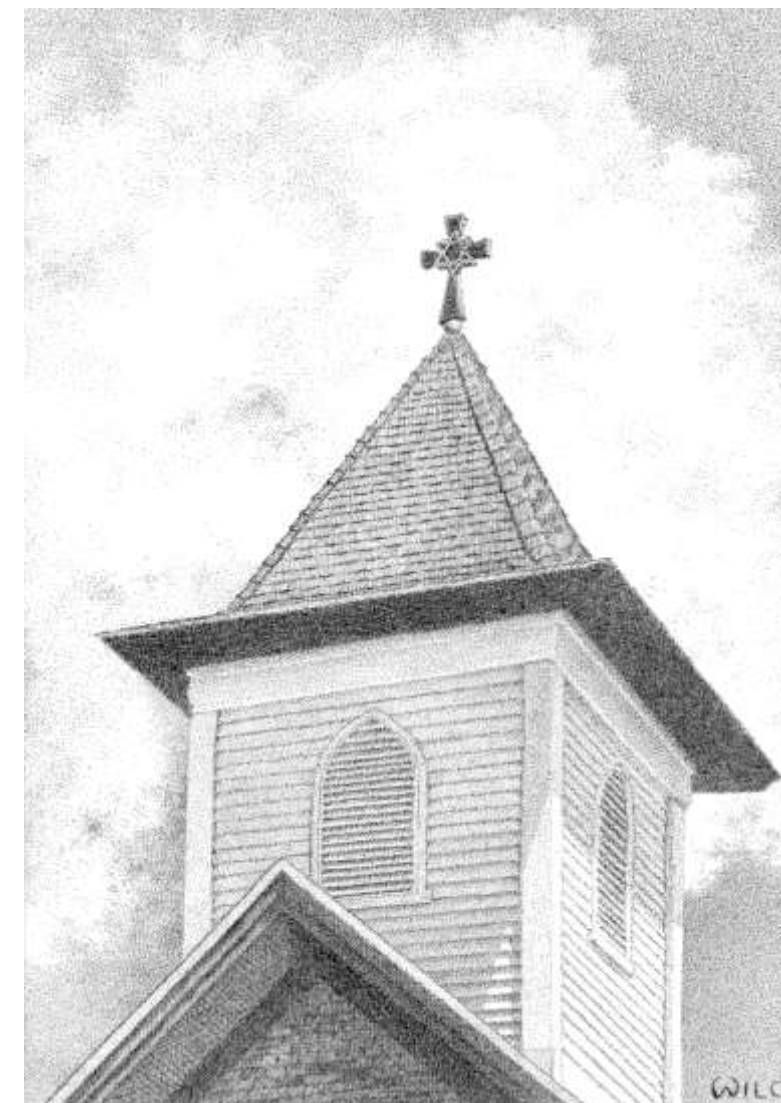
Financial Summary for April	Pledged	Loose Plate/Non Pledge
April Budgeted	\$ 29,000.00	\$ 13,000.00
April Actual	\$ 7,400.00	\$ 6,911.00
Year to Date Budgeted	\$ 114,000.00	\$ 59,000.00
Year to Date Actual	\$ 85,182.00	\$ 49,334.00

Weekend Emergency Number: 968-3900. You will be forwarded to the pastor on call. Office hours: 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. Mon. – Fri. - Office Phone Number - 251-968-3900

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