

St. Andrew by the Sea
A Community Church

July 23, 2017
10:00 a.m.

Seventh Sunday After Pentecost

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

“*Wayfarin’ Stranger*”

Arr. Methany

Hymn

God Is Here
See insert

*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.

*Affirmation

St. Andrew Creed

**We believe in one God,
creator and sustainer of all things,
the source of all goodness and beauty.**

**We believe in Jesus,
our teacher, example, and Lord.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
God present with us for guidance,
for comfort, for strength.**

**We believe in Christ,
God present within us,
our hope of glory.**

**We believe in the Word of God,
in the Old and New Testaments.**

**We believe in the love of God,
and in grace equal to every need.**

**We believe in a life of love,
in forgiving and forgiveness.**

**We believe in the family of God;
we are all brothers and sisters.**

**We believe in the triumph of righteousness.
Light will overcome darkness.
Love will conquer hate.
Life will defeat death.**

**Good will be victorious over evil.
God's kingdom will come!**

*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

First Old Testament Reading (Pew Bible, p. 573) **Psalm 127**
May the Lord bless the reading of this Old Testament scripture.
Thanks be to God.

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

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory ***For Where Love Is, There Is God*** D. Wagner

Come as strangers to the altar, for where love is, there is God. Come you poor, you weak, who falter, for where love is, there is God. Song and scripture we together, bound by faith in sacred Word, sharing peace and consolation, for where love is, there is God. Let us each love one another, and embrace as sister, brother, heal our hurting, lift our spirits, cease our cold, contentious ways. Spread the grace of love unending, for where love is, there is God. Spread the grace of love. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, praise the Lord.

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 ***Surely the Presence of the Lord***
See insert

On the last verse the children are invited to follow Pastor 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 Pastor Sara and Ms. Amy to Children's Church.

Second Old Testament Reading (Pew Bible, p. 25) **Genesis 28:10-19a**
May the Lord bless the reading of this Old Testament scripture.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon ***A Pillow of Stone***
Rev. Dr. Lawrence Wood

*Hymn ***This Is My Song***
See insert

*Benediction

*Choral Amen

*Postlude

Senior Pastor: Rev. Dr. Lawrence Wood

Associate Pastor: Rev. George R. Myers

Assistant Pastor: Sara Hunter

Children's Director: Amy Tucker

Lay Reader: Dian Lawrence

Acolyte: J. Boller & Cade Davis

Music Director: Joan Hand

Choral Director: Dr. Roger Jones

Pianist: Heidi Stanley

Quartet: Paul Barefield, David Saunders Fred Van Cor and Wayne Villadsen

Administrative Assistant: Pat Strahan

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

Ushers: Mickey Webb, Tommy Lee, Bob Davidson, Bill Parks, Joe Slaughter, Mike Stanley, Eileen Sylvester, and Murrell Webb.

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.

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 Fellowship Hall 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

- Sunday:** July 23rd - **VBS Volunteers meet at First Presbyterian to decorate 2:00 p.m.**
- Monday:** July 24th – 28th VBS - First Presbyterian Church GS 9 a.m. – 12noon
(Volunteers need to be at the church at 8:00 a.m.)
- Tuesday:** July 25th Prayer Group 9:00 a.m.
Stephen Ministry In-service 3:00 p.m.
Movie Night - Adult Spiritual Growth Ministry 6:30 p.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: Nelle Alexander, Katherine Allen, Bill Baker, Berrie Bamberg, Gene Barbour, Angie Barnes, family of Lisa Beard, Marlene Boeker, Evelyn Young-Bowman, Myra Branyon, Shawna Brasseaux, Nikki Brown, Elizabeth Butler, Vicki Capehart, Skylar Carpenter, Fr. David Carucci, Harry & Ardys Dalton, Ab DeWeese, Baxter Duddy, Al & Lois Erbes, Jim Fambrough, Milton Fulman, Sandy Fulmer, Parker Garrett, Salud Gooden, Jorg Grabert, Virginia Null Graves, Lionel Gustafson, Boo Guidry, Steve Gyuricsko, Lisa Harnage, Leon Hasting, Lauren Hawkins, Chandler Hazelwood, Joshua Healey, Karen Jordahl, Gary Kreigh, Leisha LaRiviere, Jeannette Lax, Alexandra Elizabeth Leigh, Lyndsay Lines, Stephen & Mandi McNamara, Chuck & Margaret Medlin, Lukas Medlin, Carolyn Merchant, Chuck Nicoll, Jason Nix, Kyle Null, Lela O'Berry, John & Shirley Parker, Darlene Patera, Ricky Patterson, Melissa Peace, Michael Pierce, Calvin Porter, Peggie Prish, Bart Pryor, Jessica Pumroy, Cathy Qualls, Debbie Riecke, Bob Roberts, Deb Roberts, Christy Ruffin, Norma Schafer, Luke Shepherd, family of Ken St. John, Sarah Stoddard, Sharon Svejda, Bill Teer, Joe Thrasher, Cameron Verean, Bob Vosloh, Cindy Wakefield, Lois Watts, Michelle, Tripp and Willee Whetstone, Frank Wright, families of our troops lost in the recent plane crash, and unmentioned requests.

It's not too late to sign up for VBS!



You can sign up in the narthex today or just show up at the Gulf Shores First Presbyterian Church on Monday morning at 9 a.m.

VBS Volunteers: If you volunteered to work at VBS please be at the Gulf Shores First Presbyterian Church **this afternoon, at 2 p.m.** to help decorate. **All volunteers are asked to be at the Presbyterian Church on Monday morning at 8 a.m. Be prepared for fun!!**

Stephen Ministry In-service will meet on **July 25th** at 3p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Adult Spiritual Growth Ministries continues our Summer movies series, **July 25th at 6:30 p.m. ONE NIGHT WITH THE KING**, a beautiful film about the destiny of Queen Esther. Don't miss this movie of intrigue, romance, and the providential hand of God as Esther becomes the deliverer of the Jewish people in the land of Persia.

Join us for the Ground Breaking of our new Education Building on **Aug. 6th** following the Worship Service. **Adults and children are encouraged to bring their shovels!!**

Please take a moment to review the Prayer list and if you see a name that you put on the list and now needs to be removed please notify the church office at 968-3900.

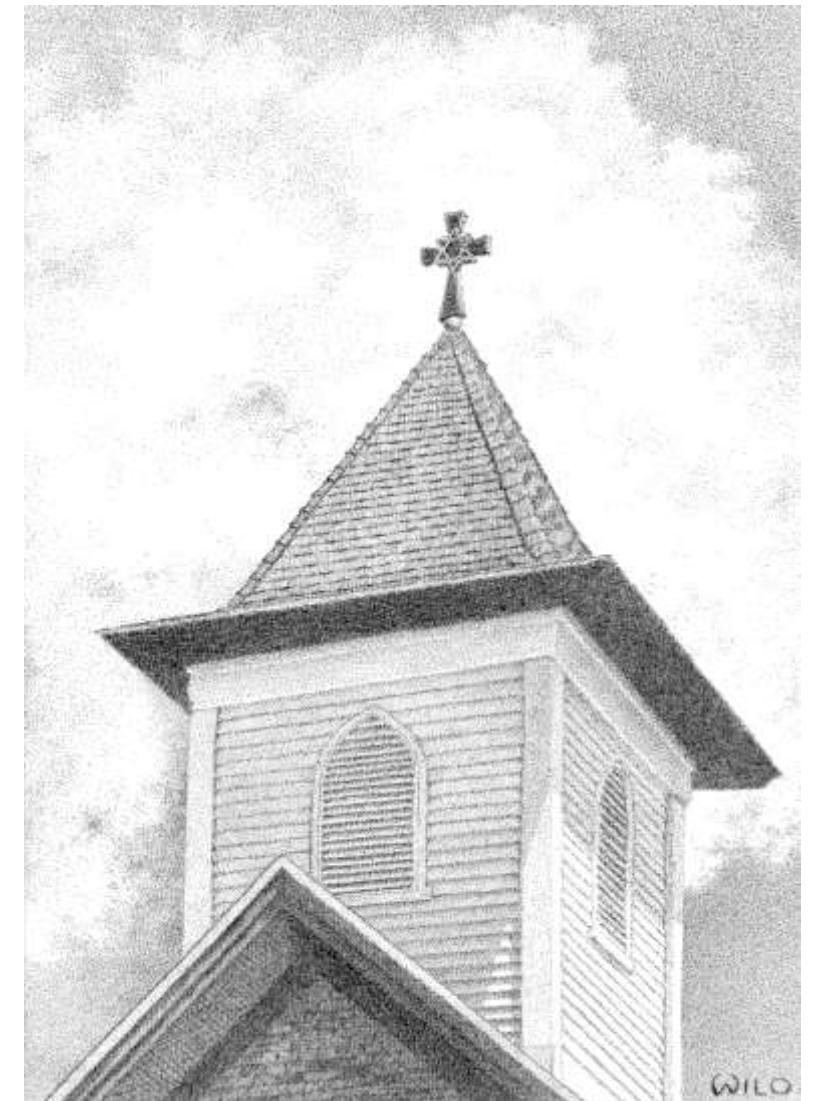
2017 Building Fund Pledge Drive
Families pledged to date – 68
Total giving households - 106
Total Building Fund Pledges to date: \$ 568,900.00
Funds Received to date: \$212,133.00

| Financial Summary for July | Pledged | Loose Plate/Non Pledge |
|----------------------------|---------------|------------------------|
| July Budgeted | \$ 28,000.00 | \$ 13,000.00 |
| July Actual | \$ 16,224.00 | \$ 11,107.00 |
| Year to Date Budgeted | \$ 197,000.00 | \$ 100,000.00 |
| Year to Date Actual | \$ 171,604.00 | \$ 96,045.00 |

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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