

*St. Andrew by the Sea  
A Community Church*

March 26, 2017  
10:00 a.m.

**Fourth Sunday in Lent**

**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

*"Ab, Holy Jesus"*

J. Cruger

\*Opening Hymn – 381 **Open My Eyes, That I May See**

*Open my eyes that I may see wonderful things in Your law.*

Ps. 119:18

\*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:

**God our Father,**

**long-suffering, full of grace and truth,**

**you create us from nothing and give us life.**

**You give your faithful people new life in the water of baptism.**

**You do not turn your face from us,**

**nor cast us aside.**

**We confess that we have sinned**

**against you and our neighbor.**

**We have wounded your love and marred your image in us.**

**Restore us for the sake of your Son,**

**and bring us to heavenly joy,**

**in 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

First New Testament Reading (Pew Bible, p. 102)

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**John 9:1-9**

A Word about the Building Campaign

Perry Hand

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

**Jesus Died Alone**

J. Parker/J. Raney

*Many people lined the way as the King rode into town. Little children sang and played, laying branches on the ground. But in the garden, on his knees, 'neath the silent olive trees, where he prayed in agony, Jesus prayed alone. Five thousand gathered on a hill just to sit beneath his feet, to bear him teach his father's will near the Sea of Galilee. But on the night he was betrayed, to the priest no word he gave. No defense to them he made. Jesus stood alone. The sick and lame from miles around came from every town and land; with their faces on the ground, seeking healing by his hand. But when he hung upon the tree, on a hill called Calvary, forsaken, died for all to see, Jesus died alone.*

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.

*On the last verse the children are invited to come 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. 102)

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**John 9:10-25**

Sermon

**"I Am the Man"**

Rev. Dr. Lawrence Wood

\*Hymn - 382

**Be Thou My Vision**

*Whatever was to my profit I now consider loss for the sake of Christ.*

Phil. 3:7

\*Benediction

\*Choral Amen

\*Postlude

**Senior Pastor:** Rev. Dr. Lawrence Wood

**Associate Pastor:** Rev. George R. Myers

**Assistant Pastor:** Sara Hunter

**Lay Reader:** Paul Barefield

**Acolyte:** Cade & Owen Davis

**Music Director:** Joan Hand

**Choral Director:** Dr. Roger Jones

**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, Carl Schuchardt, Joe Slaughter, 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.

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**

<b>Monday:</b>	Mar. 27th	Ladies Lunch Bunch	12 noon
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Mar. 28th	Prayer Group & Bible Study	9:00 a.m.
		Bell Practice	5:00 p.m.
		Adult Spiritual Growth Ministries Bible Study	6:00 p.m.
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Mar. 29th	Knitting	1:30 p.m.
		Bell Practice	5:00 p.m.
		Dinner	5:45 p.m.
		<b>Spring Break - family activities will resume next Wed.</b>	
		Choir Practice	6:00 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:** May Alanko, Nelle Alexander, Katherine Allen, Bill Baker, Berrie Bamberg, Gene Barbour, Angie Barnes, Marlene Boeker, April Boone, Kevin Boule, Jim Boutwell, Myra Branyon, Buddy Brown, Valerie Caldwell, Skylar Carpenter, Fr. David Carucci, Harry & Ardys Dalton, Ab DeWeese, Baxter Duddy, Al & Lois Erbes, Jim Fambrough, Garrett Farrar and family, Mike Frost, Milton Fulman, Boo Guidry, Jennifer Guthrie, Salud Goodin, Jorg Grabert, Virginia Null Graves, Lionel Gustafson, Steve Gyuricsko, Lisa Harnage, Leon Hasting, Lauren Hawkins, Heinz Hempelman, Jonathan & Nashisha Henderson and family, Karen Jordahl, Stacie Kendrick, Ed Klinske, Gary Kreigh, Scott Langus, Morris Lawson, Leisha LaRiviere, Skye Martin, Stephen & Mandi McNamara, Chuck & Margaret Medlin, Lukas Medlin, Buster Milner, Chuck Nicoll, Kyle Null, Lela O'Berry, Brady O'Connell, Melissa Peace, family of Ruth Perry, Michael Pierce, Calvin Porter, Peggie Prish, Bart Pryor, Cathy Qualls, Judy Ramm, Debbie Riecke, Bob Roberts, Deb Roberts, Christy Ruffin, family of Larry Sadler, Norma Schafer, 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, Patsy Worell, Frank Wright, and unmentioned requests.

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

**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.

**Did you know we have a St. Andrew Library?** Won't you stop by and visit our beautiful library in the Fellowship Hall in Classroom 2. We have been blessed with many donations of both books and time to make it a comfortable and efficient place for both our members and winter guest to enjoy. So, stop by after church or during the week and check out a book and enjoy!

**Meals on Wheels** Orange Beach is looking for drivers. If you can donate an hour of your time to drive, please contact Doris Milford at 980-6235 or email at [onoris41@gmail.com](mailto:onoris41@gmail.com). It is very rewarding and a privilege to help serve our community.

**Old Fashioned Hootenanny Sing Alone!** Featuring the reunion of the visiting folk group "The Ten-Of-Us" plus Local Folk Artist. Come sing along! Sunday, April 2, at 4:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

**Children & Youth:** No scheduled activities on Wednesday, March 29th. Happy Spring Break!

**Holy Week is the last week of Lent. Nursery Care will be provided for each service.**

- **Palm Sunday, April 9th , 10 a.m.**
- **Maundy Thursday Communion Service, April 13th 6 p.m.**
- **Good Friday, April 14th 12 noon**  
*(will be held Gulf Shores United 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 , 10 a.m.**

**2017 Building Fund Pledge Drive**  
Families pledged to date – 54  
Total giving households - 106  
**Total Building Fund Pledges to date: \$ 507,800.00**  
Funds Received to date: \$133,732.00

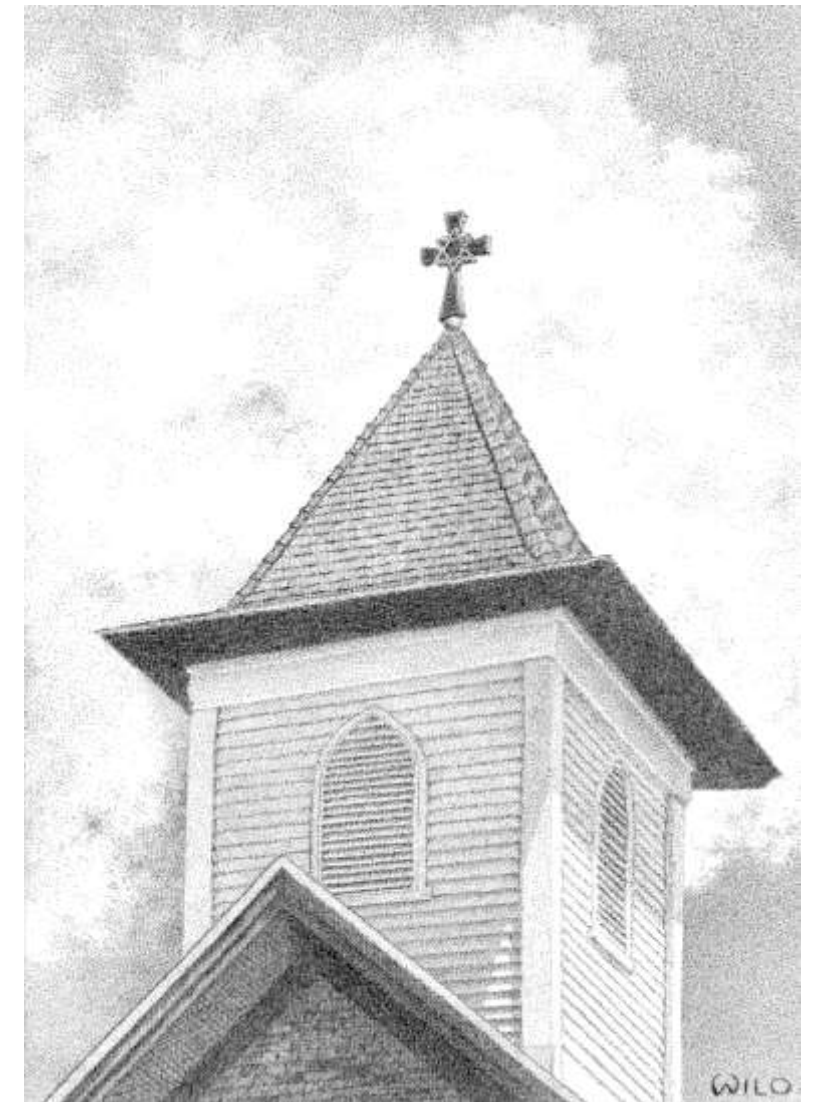
Financial Summary for March	<u>Pledged</u>	<u>Loose Plate/Non Pledge</u>
March Budgeted	\$ 26,000.00	\$ 13,000.00
March Actual	\$ 23,536.00	\$ 11,382.00
Year to Date Budgeted	\$ 56,000.00	\$ 30,000.00
Year to Date Actual	\$ 67,310.00	\$ 40,887.00

**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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