

*St. Andrew by the Sea  
A Community Church*

March 5, 2017  
10:00 a.m.

***First 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 *"Through The Valley of the Shadow"* Arr. H. Hopson

\*Opening Hymn – ***God Is Here***  
See insert

\*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**

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: cleanse us and deliver us, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ your Son. 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. 506) **Psalm 32**  
May the Lord bless the reading of this Old Testament scripture.  
**Thanks be to God.**

A Word about the Building Campaign

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 ***When Jesus Wept*** Arr. H. Hopson

*When Jesus wept, the falling tear in mercy flowed beyond all bound; when Jesus groaned, a trembling fear seized all the guilty world around.*

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.

*All 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. 3) **Matthew 4:1:11**  
This is the word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon ***"The Thief of Time"***  
Rev. Dr. Lawrence Wood

Holy Communion  
Special Communion Offering to Family Promise.

\*Hymn ***I Come With Joy***  
See insert

\*Benediction

\*Choral Amen

\*Postlude

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

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

**Assistant Pastor:** Sara Hunter

**Lay Reader:** Nicole Woerner

**Acolyte:** Alissa Hendricks & Kayla Rose

**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:** Carlton Garner, Tom Gauntt, Herb Malone, John Milano, Jim Roy, Lynda Thurmond, Allen Woerner and Wade Ward.

**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>Tuesday:</b>	Mar. 7 <sup>th</sup>	Prayer Group & Bible Study Stephen Ministry Adult Spiritual Growth Ministries Bible Study	9:00 a.m. 3:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Mar. 8 <sup>th</sup>	Knitting Dinner Family Activities – Children, Youth and Adults Choir Practice	9:00 a.m. 5:45 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.
<b>Thursday:</b>	Mar. 9 <sup>th</sup>	St. Andrew Women	10:00 a.m.
<b>Friday:</b>	Mar. 10 <sup>th</sup>	Kids Helping Kids - Fund Raiser for Devan Willis	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, Gene Barbour, Angie Barnes, Marlene Boeker, April Boone, Kevin Boule, Jim Boutwell, Myra Branyon, Buddy Brown, Valerie Caldwell, Skylar Carpenter, Fr. David Carucci, Holly Christopher, Bill Curtis, Harry & Ardys Dalton, Carla Davis, Sandy Derstine, Ab DeWeese, Baxter Duddy, Al & Lois Erbes, Jim Fambrough, Mike Frost, Milton Fulman, family of Frank Fuschino, Boo Guidry, Jennifer Guthrie, Salud Goodin, Jorg Grabert, Virginia Null Graves, Gulf Shores Middle and High School Band, Lionel Gustafson, Steve Gyuricsko, Lisa Harnage, Leon Hasting, Lauren Hawkins, Heinz Hempelman, Jonathan & Nashisha Henderson and family, Karen Jordahl, Stacie Kendrick, Gary Kreigh, Scott Langus, Leisha LaRiviere, Paige Legg, James A. Leonard III, Skye Martin, Stephen & Mandi McNamara, Chuck & Margaret Medlin, Lukas Medlin, Carolyn Merchant, Buster Milner, Chuck Nicoll, Kyle Null, Lela O'Berry, Brady O'Connell, Melissa Peace, Michael Pierce, Calvin Porter, family of Rev. John Price, Peggie Prish, Bart Pryor, Cathy Qualls, Judy Ramm, Debbie Riecke, Bob Roberts, Deb Roberts, Christy Ruffin, Billy Rumbley, Norma Schafer, Margaret Shalander, Luke Shepherd, David Sprotte, Ellen Stapleton, Sarah Stoddard, Sharon Svejda, Bill Teer, Haley Thompson, Joe Thrasher, Cameron Verean, Bob Vosloh, Cindy Wakefield, Lois Watts, Helen Webb, Ginger & Natasha Williams, Patsy Worell, Frank Wright, and unmentioned requests.

Scriptures for next Sunday – Romans 13:11-14 & Ephesians 5:8-14

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

**Lenten Daily Devotional are now available in the Narthex.**

**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. beginning on March 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Attention St. Andrew Women!** For all who love to knit, crochet, hand embroidery, needlepoint, or cross stitch. Please join Lynn Norwood every Wed. at 1:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall for a time of fellowship and planning. Meeting to share ideas about how this gift can be shared with each other, our church, and community. Please bring a friend. Anyone who is interested in learning how, please come and hopefully we can find someone to help you get started. If you have questions please contact Lynn Norwood at 752-2244 or email her at lnorwood50@gmail.com.

**Lenten Lunches at Foley United Methodist:** St Andrew family & friends are invited to attend Lenten Luncheon Services at Foley UMC, Thursdays beginning **March 2<sup>nd</sup>**. Lunch served @ 11:30 with devotional following. Members of our Adult Spiritual Growth Ministries will be in attendance.

**Lenten Lunches at Gulf Shores United Methodist Church:** Thursday during Lent, **March 9<sup>th</sup> through April 6<sup>th</sup>**. Doors will open at 11:30 for silent meditation with lunch beginning at 12 noon. A donation of \$5.00 is requested to help cover the cost of the meal (Soup, Bread, Drink.) For reservations, call the GSUMC church office, 251-968-2411 by noon Tuesday of each week.

**The date has been changed for Kids Helping Kids!** A donation drive is being organized by a group of Gulf Shores youth ranging from 6<sup>th</sup> grade to 10<sup>th</sup> grade called "Helping Hands." The drive is in behalf of Devan Willis a 7 year old boy who goes to school at Gulf Shores Elementary. He has been diagnosed with a type of cancer called T-cell lymphoblastic lymphoma. The donation drive itself will be a Variety Show performed by various youth from Flip City, Wheelers Karate, South Baldwin Dance Center, and the High School Dance Team. The event will take place at St. Andrew by the Sea Church in the Fellowship Hall, on March 10<sup>th</sup> from 6-7 pm. **Devan needs your support and love.** Donations may be made payable to **Devan Willis Donation Drive, at the PNC Bank of Gulf Shores, Orange Beach, or Foley. Helping Hands team** includes Kaysheri Haffner, Madison Rosado, Anna O'Neal, KK Hoff, Vanessa Rodriguez. (Grade 6) and Lexie Massagale (Grade10). They hope to see you there!

**2017 Building Fund Pledge Drive**  
Families pledged to date – 44  
Total giving households - 106  
**Total Building Fund Pledges to date: \$491,800.00**  
Funds Received to date: \$63,590.00

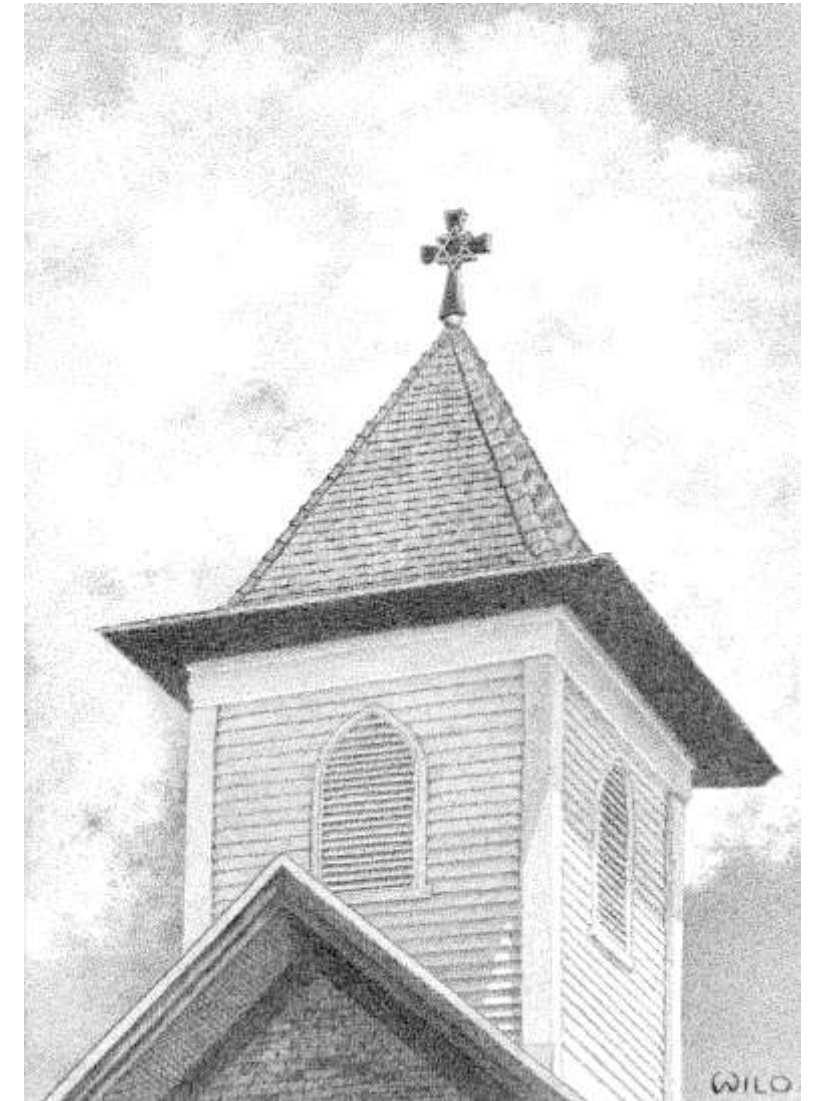
Financial Summary for February	<u>Pledged</u>	<u>Loose Plate/Non Pledge</u>
February Budgeted	\$ 26,000.00	\$ 13,000.00
February Actual	\$ 20,295.00	\$ 15,388.00
Year to Date Budgeted	\$ 56,000.00	\$ 30,000.00
Year to Date Actual	\$ 43,774.00	\$ 29,504.00

**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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