

What You Need to Know For Our Worship Today

We're going to sing, pray, read, preach, and share this morning. Don't worry about where you are at any given point or what comes next in the service. Since God is in charge, we trust that we will be guided to where we need to be.

Feel free to express your praise and worship in whatever way is comfortable to you.

Gathering Praise

Come, Now Is the Time to Worship

Greeting and Announcements

Please sign and pass the black folders

Opening Praise

Everlasting God

Lord, I Lift Your Name on High

Every Move I Make

Blessing of the Toys/Children's Worship

Children's Worship will be available for children ages 3 through 1st grade.

Joys & Concerns

Prayer

The Dreaming Always Comes First!

Rev. Pat Sleeth

Scripture Reference: Matthew 2:13-23

Offering

Lord, Reign in Me

Closing Song

Parting Words

Welcome! May the living God meet you where you need Him most this morning.



The Dreaming Always Comes First!

I am often called a day dreamer and I always say 'Thank You!' I consider that a great compliment; even if it isn't always meant as one. Now, I will agree that sometimes day dreams are a pleasant way to pass a few dull moments - but that isn't all they are. No way! Dreaming is not only fun (most of the time), but it is necessary for our well-being as well. I am certainly no doctor but I have enough sleep issues and have done enough research that I know if I can't get to the deepest levels of sleep, often referred to as REM sleep, I am not really resting - and that can not only contribute to stress, but, believe it or not, it can cause serious health issues and even death in extreme situations. We NEED to dream to live. If you believe author Len Sweet (and I do), it turns out that we need to dream for our health but also for some of our biggest ideas. I was reading one of Dr. Sweet's articles some time back and he wondered, if we can't dream of big things (day or night), how can we ever manage to accomplish them? It is amazing how many of mankind's greatest achievements have started out as a dream. And, it turns out, God is a big believer in dreams and uses them to give us information we need and to both challenge and encourage us. We'll spend a few moments this morning hearing about this special means of God/us communication.

If you are just checking us out this morning, then know, as our guest, that you are not obligated to put anything in the offering plate as it comes around.

Children of all ages are always welcome to remain in the service, and activity bags are available at the back of the Great Room. We also have a professionally staffed nursery. **Ages 3 yrs.—1st Grade** are invited to leave the Great Room during the musical interlude for Children's Worship.



We pray that you have been blessed by being here.

May Jesus Christ find a way to make you

His blessing to someone else in the coming week.

Sunday School Classes

There are Sunday School classes for all ages at 10:00 a.m. Age appropriate lessons and crafts are planned for the pre-school and elementary age children as well as thought provoking topics and discussions for youth and adults. Adult classes include:

Christian Issues... This class meets in Adult 2 in the Education wing of the church at 10:00 a.m. They focus on current issues and how they affect our Christian lives. Today and next week, this class will not be meeting due to the special schedule for the holidays. Join the group on January 9.

Young Adult... This class for those older than 22 is studying *Confronting the Controversies: Biblical Perspectives on Tough Issues*. Today and next week, this class will not be meeting due to the special schedule for the holidays. Join the group on January 9.

Know and Grow... The Know and Grow class is using an advent study called *Blessings of the Manger* which is based on the Revised Common Lectionary. Today and next week, this class will not be meeting due to the special schedule for the holidays. Join the group on January 9.

Christian Families Class... Have a family? Trying to live out Christ's teaching in your home? So are we! Join us as we share experiences and seek God's guidance. Today and next week, this class will not be meeting due to the special schedule for the holidays. Join the group on January 9.

UnderGrad Sunday Study Class... Tonight at 6:00 p.m., this discussion-based group will meet in the Intersection. It is for anyone in the typical college-aged years (18-22 or so). Come take a look at our popular culture and find out where God fits in. There is food and conversation making it a great way to start the week.

This Week at St. Andrew

Sunday—December 26

10:00 a.m. Traditional Worship
11:15 a.m. Praise Worship

Monday—December 27

Office Closed
6:30 p.m. GOLDen Girls

Tuesday—December 28

Announcements due
Office Closed
7:00 p.m. Youth Disciple
7:00 p.m. WINGS Bible Study

Wednesday—December 29

10:00 a.m. Traditional worship planning
12:30 p.m. Praise worship planning

Thursday—December 30

6:30 p.m. Praise Team rehearsal

Friday—December 31

6:00 p.m. LUM Homeless Shelter Meal

Saturday—January 1

Happy New Year!!

Sunday—January 2

10:00 a.m. Traditional Worship
11:15 a.m. Praise Worship
6:00 p.m. College Age Group

Sunday School Changes

There are no Sunday School classes today.
The regular schedule will resume next week.

Prayer Focus for the week—

All military families

Greeters for the morning are Al and Loretta Brewer and John, Tresa, and Scott Baldwin.

**BE SURE TO BRING BACK THE MeetMeAtTheManger.com
SIGNS FOR US TO STORE FOR USE NEXT YEAR!**

The 8:45, 10, and 11:15 a.m. Sunday services are broadcast online, live, each Sunday during the service. You may also view them at anytime by accessing "Webcasts" on the church web page.

You can access our web page at <http://andrew-umc.org>
The CrossRoads web site is <http://thecrossroads-umc.org>

Sunday's Comic



Of course as we all know.. The **Little Drummer Boy** settled on a rump-a-pum-pum. I think.

<http://thebackpew.com>

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St. Andrew United Methodist Church

December 26, 2010

11:15 a.m.

Rev. Tim Burchill and Rev. Pat Sleeth

At St. Andrew,

God has called us together to become like Jesus
in authentic community for the sake of the world.