



Ministry Spotlight: Annual Meeting and Officer Installation

On February 15, we installed officers and held our annual congregational meeting in worship. [Click this link](#) to see the list of Officers and Session members for 2026. [Click here](#) for the 2025 Annual Report and please see the video below for a look at 2025 in pictures.



From the Pastor

“Continuing to care for others is to resist.” That’s what’s on the garden flag that my brother gave me for Christmas last year. It hangs on my front porch, visible to folks walking along Clairmont in North Decatur. I don’t know if anyone pays attention to it, but it’s a message I can get behind. It is tame yet feels radical right now. The louder message these days is “empathy is a sin” and “every man for himself.”

Right now, it’s a struggle to resist those messages. It’s a struggle to figure out how to go about our everyday lives when it feels like the world is falling apart. It is a struggle to balance working against injustices that seem to spring up on an hourly basis with getting yourself to work, getting kids to soccer practice, getting aging parents to a doctor’s appointment, and getting dinner on the table. How can you care for others *and* yourself?



It is tempting to buy into the idea that we are powerless to change things, that there won’t be enough, or that we need to beware of “others.” We are bombarded with lies about dangerous immigrants and widespread voting fraud. But it’s propaganda. They’re trying to paralyze us. The same people contort themselves to avoid the truth about what’s in the Epstein files. And yet again, women are not believed, the rich are not held accountable, victims of sexual assault and human trafficking are retraumatized, and well-meaning people are pressured to remain silent. It is tempting to look away.

Lutheran pastor Brian Drinkwine says:

“The sheer volume of names, the widespread nature of the corruption, the wealth and influence involved... It’s designed to overwhelm you

into inaction. Your brain will crash before it can even begin to name what you're feeling. And in that numbness, the Overton window closes in. Your feed refreshes. A new outrage cycle begins. And the victims? They disappear again. ***But the gospel won't let us look away.***"

In a world full of bad news, the gospel has something to say about it. The good news shatters the empire's logic. We can't fix it on our own, but we must refuse to look away. As a friend recently told me, "In a world drunk on power, that refusal might be the most dangerous thing you'll ever do." To continue to care for others is to resist. It is also what it means to be a Christ-follower. As you refuse to look away, here are a few things to know:

1. This is hard. Take radically good care of yourself.
2. Remember that just because you don't understand how God is working in your life doesn't mean that God isn't working in and around and through you.
3. We are not all called to care for God's people and the world in the same way. You might be called to protest, walk out, or boycott. Perhaps you write letters and make phone calls, prepare and deliver meals, or sit with your neighbors. Discern what is yours to do.
4. Joy is a form of resistance, too. Don't feel bad for still finding joy.
5. When in doubt, err on the side of love.
6. Loving your neighbor is never the wrong thing to do.
7. "There is always light. If only we are brave enough to see it. If only we are brave enough to be it." Amanda Gorman

Now is the time for us to engage with the world and in our neighborhoods. This is how we care for others and resist the fear the world wants us to believe in. This is how we make God's love visible. This is how we love God, our neighbors, and ourselves.

Camille



| Tell me something good | | ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH |
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| March 1 | great love for God & neighbor | Luke 7:36-50 |
| March 8 | together, the impossible is possible | Mark 6:32-44 |
| March 15 | protection & care for the vulnerable | Matthew 19:13-15 |
| March 22 | rooted in justice, mercy, & faithfulness | John 8:2-11 |
| March 29 Palm/Passion | inspiring us to act | Mark 11:1-11 |
| April 2 Maundy Thursday | even Judas gets his feet washed | John 13:1-35 |
| April 3 Good Friday | revealed through nonviolence | Luke 22:47-53 |
| April 5 Easter | alive in the world | Matthew 28:1-10 |

In January, our income was \$29,304.16, and our expenses totaled \$34,101.97 So, we began the year in the red by \$4,797.81.

Tucker Chili Cook Off

March 28th

On Saturday, March 28th from 1:00–5:00 PM, St. Andrews will be serving our soon-to-be famous 'Preschool Vegetarian Chili' at the annual Tucker Chili Cookoff.

We invite everyone to come out, enjoy a delicious taste, and vote for our chili. This is a wonderful opportunity to connect with our neighbors and show SAPC's presence in the Tucker community.

Volunteers Needed

We are looking for volunteers to help serve chili throughout the afternoon. If you enjoy fellowship and meeting new people, this is a great way to get involved! Thank you for supporting our preschool and our outreach efforts. We look forward to seeing you there!

Please contact one of the Engagement Ministry elders to volunteer: [Marsha Ashby](#), [Cindy Weimer](#) and [Bernadette Angelo](#).

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Older Adult and Caregiver Ministries

by Pat Baker

The Older Adult Discussion and Support group will not meet in March.

Day Trip April 3

Save the date of Friday, April 3rd (on Good Friday) for a day trip to the Gwinnett Environmental and Heritage Center in Buford. The center is free to visit, so the only cost would be your meal. Stay tuned for more details!

Celebrating Brain Health

Set yourself up for success by doing what you enjoy, by choosing activities that are novel, challenging, engaging, and fun, and by keeping a positive mindset. Here is a list of ideas to help keep your brain sharp:



- Practice arts and crafts.
- Read a book or a magazine.
- Attend church activities.
- Collect stamps or other items.
- Take a class or course at SUGA.
- Play cards, chess, or other board games.
- Cook something new or take a cooking class.
- Pursue other cultures.
- Become a political activist.
- Garden
- Investigate your genealogy.
- Join a social group.
- Join a theater group or go to the theater.
- Play with your grandchildren.
- Volunteer at a childcare center.
- Make complex home repairs.
- Watch historical programs on TV.
- Learn to juggle.
- Learn a new language.
- Follow the stock market or manage investments.
- Read the Bible from Genesis to Revelation.
- Practice Tai Chi.
- Teach someone a skill.
- Learn a new technology.
- Go to a museum.
- Take photography classes.
- Listen to a podcast or radio show.
- Plan a big family event.
- Do crossword, jigsaw or number puzzles
- Learn how to play a musical instrument.
- Travel
- Play trivia games.
- Volunteer in your community.
- Write letters to friends and family.
- Compose poems or short stories and share.
- Take dance classes

HOLY WEEK

ST ANDREWS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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| Palm/Passion Sunday | March 29, 10:00 am |
| Maundy Thursday | April 2, 6:30 pm |
| Good Friday | April 3, 7:30 pm |
| Easter Egg Hunt | April 5, 9:00 am |
| Easter Sunday Service | April 5, 10:00 am |

Holy Week

As we continue through the season of Lent, we hope you will join us for our special worship services during Holy Week. The week begins with **Palm and Passion Sunday on March 29th**. In worship, our children will lead us as we wave palms and shout “Hosanna!” as we remember Jesus’ triumphal entry into Jerusalem. We will celebrate the sacrament of communion and then turn toward the passion of Good Friday.

Maundy Thursday
Thursday, April 2nd at 6:30 p.m.
Heffner Hall

We will gather around tables to worship, share a meal, and remember the acts of Jesus during Holy Week. Our worship will include prayer, scripture, songs, a simple dinner, and the celebration of the Lord’s Supper woven together. We call this day “Maundy Thursday,” from the Latin word *mandatum*, which means “mandate” or “command.” We remember the day Jesus gave his disciples a new commandment to love one another. All ages are welcome.

Good Friday

April 3rd at 7:30 p.m.

Sanctuary

The choir will lead us in a Tenebrae service of lessons and carols of the cross based on ancient church traditions, which will be held in the sanctuary. *Tenebrae* is a Latin word that means "darkness" or "shadows." The service comes from the monastic tradition where, along with other daily worship, *Tenebrae* was the last service on the eves of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday. A significant feature of a Tenebrae service is the gradual extinguishing of the lights and candles in the room during the retelling of Jesus' last days.

When the service is over, it will still be incomplete until Easter. You will be invited to continue the journey through Holy Week as you depart. You will be given prayers and suggested scripture readings to guide your devotions between Good Friday and Easter. Then, you are invited to return on Easter morning to celebrate the glorious resurrection.

Easter Sunday

April 5

9:00 am Easter Fellowship & Egg Hunt, Courtyard

Easter Breads is a St. Andrews tradition that involves sharing fellowship, coffee, and pastries on Easter morning. We will also have activities for the children, including an egg hunt. Please plan to join us, and if you are able, bring your favorite pastry or bread to share.

Flowering of the Cross, Courtyard

We invite you to bring flowers from home or your yard, make a flower, or use the flowers available at the church to adorn the cross in the courtyard. This sixth-century tradition of flowering the cross is an incredibly striking and beautiful way to symbolize the new life that emerges from Christ's death on Good Friday.

10:00 am Worship

We'll celebrate the resurrection and sing "Alleluia" in worship together, meeting in the Sanctuary and on YouTube Live.

We hope you will join us for Holy Week and Easter.

Gather. Grow. Give. Go.

Sundays at 9:00 a.m.

- 9-9:30 Children: Joyful Noise music program (choir room)
- 9-9:30 Adults: Gather for fellowship and discussion time (youth room)
- 9:30-10 Children: Either go to Children's church for a brief Bible story and lesson (nursery) or join the adults for an intergenerational project (youth room).
- 9:30-10 Adults: Either continue the discussion or join the children for an intergenerational project (youth room).



Fidelis Sunday School Class

Everyone is welcome to join the Fidelis Sunday School Class, which meets at 9:00 am on Sunday mornings in the Library, and on Zoom (password fidelis).

The class uses *The Present Word* series of books. Contact Deanna Hall for more information.

Clifton Sanctuary

Ministries

There are spots available for upcoming dates to bring food to Clifton. For more information or



March Birthdays

- 1 Patrick Angelo, Julie Todd, Richard Russ
- 3 Pauline Weaver
- 6 Landon Millican
- 8 Phyllis Bearden
- 9 Cassie Westbrook
Abigail Lukens
- 10 Carol Snarey
- 11 Robbie Floyd
- 12 Lisa Bunce
- 14 Cindy Weimer
- 15 Bob Weaver
- 18 Lynn Medlin
- 19 Tom Evans

to sign up, [click here](#). This ministry is a very easy thing to do since meals are dropped off on Clifton's front porch after calling ahead to let them know when you are coming.

A group gathers on the 4th Sunday of each month after worship to make lunches for Clifton. If you are interested in helping, [contact Phyllis Bearden](#).

Our congregation feeds the men at Clifton Sanctuary Ministries on the fourth Sunday of every month.

Collections for NETWorks

Our collection of food and hygiene items for NETWorks is going well. Thank you for your ongoing generosity to our neighbors. Please keep bringing in shelf-stable food and hygiene items like adult diapers, poise pads, maxi pads and tampons to the collection bins in the Narthex. Or monetary donations to NETWorks may be made directly [here](#).

Preschool Cupid Dance

On Friday, February 13th teachers, parents, preschoolers and En-Core volunteers gathered in Heffner Hall for a Cupid Dance. There was face painting, joyful dancing, and many delicious snacks. Many thanks to all who planned, helped and made this a fun event for our kids at the school.



Out of Chaos, Hope Flood, Hurricane & Wildfire Response and Relief by Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is a ministry of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) which enables congregations and mission partners to witness to the healing love of Christ through caring for communities adversely

- 21 Carol Gordon
- 22 Arch Baker
- 23 Sarah Meeks

March Anniversaries

- 22 Jeff & Connie Jackson
 - 23 Mike & Phyllis Bearden
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39ers Lunch Group

The 39ers are a group that likes to meet for lunch and fellowship at noon on the last Tuesday of the month. Everyone is welcome!

affected by crises and catastrophic events. PDA has deployed National Response Teams to the Texas Hill Country flooding, Spring tornados, Southern California wildfires, Florida, North Carolina, and Georgia to support the congregations and communities affected by the natural disasters. They also aid refugees and asylum seekers as well as respond to incidents of public violence, like mass shootings. When you are not sure what to do besides offering thoughts and prayers, supporting PDA is a way to do more. If you would like to contribute a financial gift to support PDA's immediate and long-term work to rebuild and recover, you can give [using this link](#).

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