

# WELCOME TO SAINT ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Sunday, December 7, 2025

10:15 AM



In the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, welcome! I am honored and delighted that you have chosen Saint Andrew's Episcopal Church as a place to worship this morning. If this is your first time visiting, I encourage you to fill out a **Connect Card** on the back of the pew in front of you and drop it in one of the offering plates so we can learn about you and thank you for worshiping with us. Please also pick up one of the red folders, which includes information about Saint Andrew's life and ministry. I invite you to participate in today's worship service, and thank you for joining us this morning.

Daryl T. Hay+  
Rector

The Rev. Daryl T. Hay, Rector  
Dr. Linda Patterson, Director of Music  
Second Sunday of Advent  
Sunday, December 7, 2025

The Rev. Benjamin Sánchez, Church Planter

The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two  
10:15 AM

## The Word of God

OPENING VOLUNTARY: Prelude on "Prepare the Way, O Zion"

Paul Manz (1919-2009)

OPENING HYMN: An Advent Processional  
Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates" Refrain

Mark Schweizer

*f*  
Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates; be - hold, the King of glo - ry waits; the  
King of kings is draw - ing near; the Sav - ior of the world is here!

### OPENING ACCLAMATION

*The people standing, the Celebrant says*

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People* **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

### COLLECT FOR PURITY

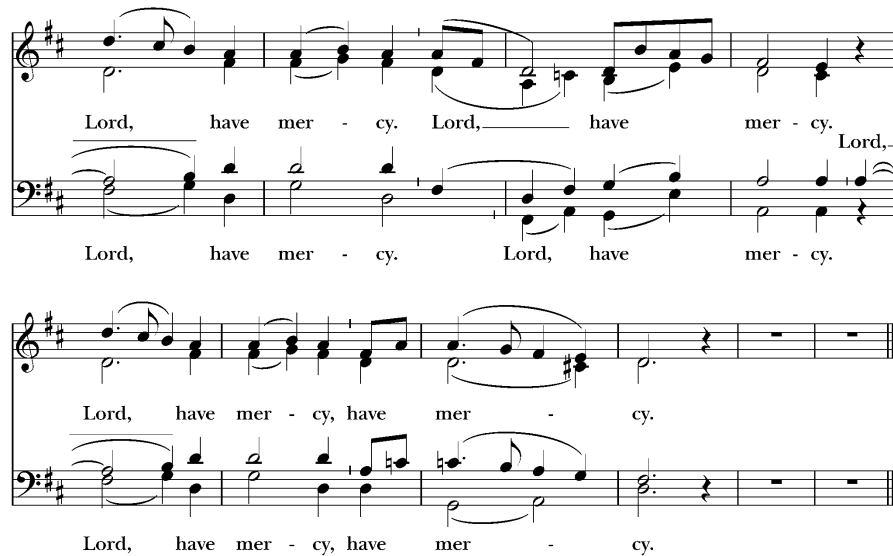
*The Celebrant may say*

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### SONG OF PRAISE: S 96 Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us (Schubert/Proulx)

*The following is sung, all standing*

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.  
Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.  
Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.



## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*The people kneel.*

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## The Lessons

FIRST READING: Isaiah 11:1-10

*The People sit.*

A Reading from the Book of Isaiah

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse,  
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him,  
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,  
the spirit of counsel and might,  
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.

His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see,  
or decide by what his ears hear;  
but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,  
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;

he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,  
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.

Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist,  
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

The wolf shall live with the lamb,  
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,  
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,  
and a little child shall lead them.

The cow and the bear shall graze,  
their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the  
ox.

The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,  
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.

They will not hurt or destroy  
on all my holy mountain;

for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD  
as the waters cover the sea.

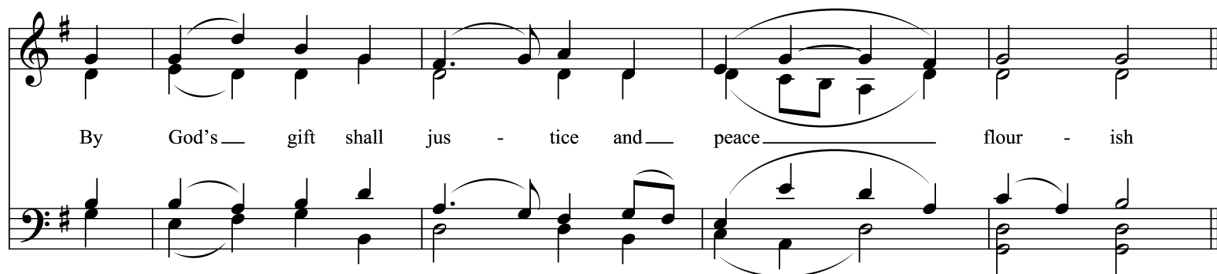
On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of  
him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.

*People*            **Thanks be to God.**

#### PSALM 72:1-7, 18-19

*Remain seated.*



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<sup>1</sup> Give the King your justice, O God, \*  
and your righteousness to the King's Son;

<sup>2</sup> That he may rule your people righteously \*  
and the poor with justice;

<sup>3</sup> That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, \*  
and the little hills bring righteousness.

<sup>4</sup> He shall defend the needy among the people; \*  
he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.

*Antiphon*

<sup>5</sup> He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, \*  
from one generation to another.

*Antiphon*

<sup>6</sup> He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, \*  
like showers that water the earth.

<sup>7</sup> In his time shall the righteous flourish; \*  
there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.

*Antiphon*

<sup>18</sup> Blessed be the Lord GOD, the God of Israel, \*  
who alone does wondrous deeds!

<sup>19</sup> And blessed be his glorious Name for ever! \*  
and may all the earth be filled with his glory.  
Amen. Amen.

*Antiphon*

## SECOND READING: Romans 15:4-13

### A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans

Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

"Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles,  
and sing praises to your name";

and again he says,

"Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people";

and again,

"Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles,  
and let all the peoples praise him";

and again Isaiah says,

"The root of Jesse shall come,  
the one who rises to rule the Gentiles;  
in him the Gentiles shall hope."

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.

*People*            **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN 56 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (verses 3 & 4)

*Children are invited to follow the Processional Cross to Children's Chapel.*

GOSPEL: Matthew 3:1-12

*All stand.*

*Priest*            The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

*People*           **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

    "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

        'Prepare the way of the Lord,  
        make his paths straight.'"

Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

"I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

*Priest*            The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*           **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

The Rev. Daryl T. Hay

THE CREED

*All stand.*

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God, begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

#### THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*The People kneel.*

Friends, may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing. Let us come before the Lord praying, "Blessed are you, Lord God; May the earth be filled with your glory."

Grant your Church, O God of encouragement, to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that we may glorify you with one voice. Make us a people of repentance and bless us with your Holy Spirit and fire. We pray especially for Sean, the Presiding Bishop; Andy, Hector, Jeff, Kai, and Brian, our Bishops; Daryl, our Rector; Benjamin, our Church Planter; Amy, our Iona School student; and those discerning a call to ministry. In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for Holy Spirit, Houston; Hope, Houston; San Mateo, Bellaire; and San Romero, Houston. We also pray for Middleway Urban Monastery, that it may provide space for those seeking hope, comfort, and peace.

Blessed are you, Lord God; **May the earth be filled with your glory.**

Grant this nation, O God of justice, the will to defend the needy and the poor. May we sincerely hope for that day when hurt and destruction are no more.

Blessed are you, Lord God; **May the earth be filled with your glory.**

Grant your creation, O God of faithfulness, the hope of renewal. May we who are stewards of this earth, also live at peace with all you have created.

Blessed are you, Lord God; **May the earth be filled with your glory.**

Grant this city, O God of understanding, prosperity. May all the people know and do justice. We ask that you teach us and our leaders the best ways to meet the needs of all our neighbors.

Blessed are you, Lord God; **May the earth be filled with your glory.**

Remember your mercy and faithfulness toward those celebrating birthdays this week, especially Lindsey, Lori, Aaron, and Fran. Thank you for the gift of their lives and the joy they bring to our community. Bless them in the year ahead with health, happiness, and a deepening awareness of your love.

Blessed are you, Lord God; **May the earth be filled with your glory.**

Grant all the needy, O God of steadfast love, your mercy. Prove yourself to be a God of righteousness and faithfulness. To all their pain and suffering bring your healing and peace. And with your winnowing fork clear from their lives all the forces of oppression. We pray especially for Charlie, Julia, Sarah, Cathy, Danna, Mason, Jessica, and Ross.

Blessed are you, Lord God; **May the earth be filled with your glory.**

Grant to those who have died, O God of hope, eternal life in you. Bring the departed into your glorious dwelling where all their hope will be fulfilled in your Christ. We especially pray for Karen Kraft Meli.

Blessed are you, Lord God; **May the earth be filled with your glory.**

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect*

CONFESSION OF SIN

*The Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Minister and People*

**Most merciful God,**

**we confess that we have sinned against you**

**in thought, word, and deed,**

**by what we have done,**

**and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart;**

**we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.**

**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,**

**have mercy on us and forgive us;**

**that we may delight in your will,**

**and walk in your ways,**

**to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

*The Priest stands and says*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

## THE PEACE

*All stand.*

*Celebrant*           The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People*             **And also with you.**

*Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## The Holy Communion

### OFFERTORY SENTENCE

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: Keep Your Lamps!

arr. André Thomas

### DOXOLOGY

*The people stand.*

Hymn 380, verse 3

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*The Celebrant says*

*Celebrant*           The Lord be with you.

*People*             **And also with you.**

*Celebrant*           Lift up your hearts.

*People*             **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant*           Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

*People*             **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*Facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

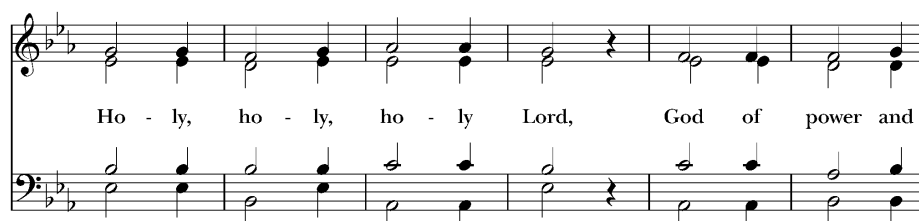
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

*Here a proper preface is said on all Sundays, and on other occasions as appointed.*

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

### SANCTUS S 130 Holy, holy, holy (Schubert)

*Celebrant and People*



might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are

full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*The People kneel.  
The Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*People and Celebrant*

**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 and ever. Amen.

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

### FRACTION ANTHEM S 164 Jesus, Lamb of God *Agnus Dei* (Schubert)

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

give us your peace, give us your peace.

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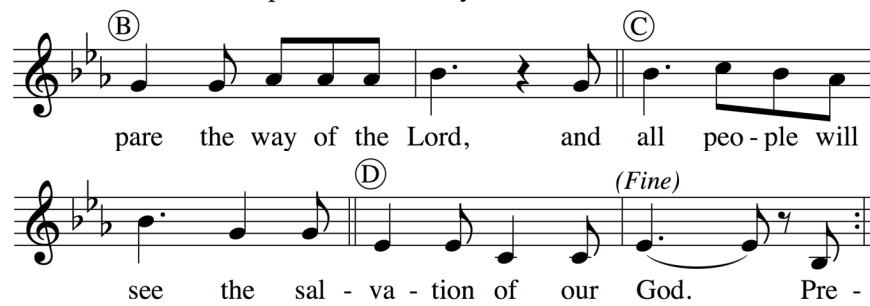
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## COMMUNION HYMNS

### Prepare the Way of the Lord

Jacques Berthier

Pre - pare the way of the Lord. Pre -



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## HYMN 75 There's A Voice in the Wilderness Crying

### POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

**Almighty and everliving God,  
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food  
of the most precious Body and Blood  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;  
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries  
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,  
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.  
And now, Father, send us out  
to do the work you have given us to do,  
to love and serve you  
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.  
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

### BLESSING

May the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

## CLOSING HYMN 76 On Jordan's Banks the Baptist's Cry

### DISMISSAL

### CLOSING VOLUNTARY:

Prelude on "On Jordan's Banks the Baptist's Cry"

Malcolm Archer (b. 1952)

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*The flowers are given to the Glory of God in celebration of Zach's birthday by Ben and Lori Smith, and in honor of Aaron Forrester's birthday by Steve and Marcia Forrester.*

NOTES ABOUT THE MUSIC: Our Processional hymn uses verses from a German chorale paraphrase of Psalm 24 translated by Catherine Winkworth, with additional verses from "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel." The music is an Irish fiddle tune.

## LOOKING AHEAD

To receive "The Line," our weekly e-newsletter, please email: [office@standrewsbcs.org](mailto:office@standrewsbcs.org)

Morning Prayer is offered Tuesday through Friday at 8 AM in the church.

Evening Prayer is offered Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday at 5 PM in the church.

The 10:15 AM Sunday service is live-streamed on Facebook and YouTube as well as found on our website: [www.standrewsbcs.org](http://www.standrewsbcs.org)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

December 7	Living Well through Advent: Generosity and Gratitude + Painting and Collage Christmas Cards, 9:15 AM Float Decorating and Rehearsal + Lunch, 11:30 AM
December 11	Downtown Bryan Holiday Stroll & Lighted Parade, Holiday Stroll begins at 5 PM, and the Lighted Parade starts at 7 PM
December 12	Rudder High School Choir, 12 PM
December 14	Living Well through Advent: Generosity and Hospitality + Ornament Decorating, 9:15 AM Forks & Forté (aka Second Sunday Lunch), 11:30 AM at Papa Perez Plass Recital: St. Cecilia's Christmas Cantare, 2 PM Hot Cocoa & Family Caroling, 3:30 PM
December 16	Bach's Lunch, 12:15 PM
December 17	Public Service of Healing with the Holy Eucharist, 5:30 PM
December 21	Living Well through Advent: Love as the Foundation of Generous Living + Cookie Decorating, 9:15 AM
December 24	Christmas Eve Services, 4:30 PM & 8 PM
December 25	Christmas Day Service, 11 AM
December 26	Feast of Saint Stephen, Deacon and Martyr with the Holy Eucharist, 12:15 PM
December 31	Night Watch Service, 11:15 PM

## **WEEKLY/MONTHLY MINISTRIES**

**Sunday** – The Holy Eucharist: 8 and 10:15 AM | Faith Formation, 9:15 AM

**Monday** – Brotherhood of St. Andrew Bible Study, 6 PM (offsite)

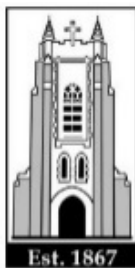
**Tuesday** – Good Grief Group, 9:30 AM | Youth Café Conversations, 6 PM (offsite)

**Wednesday** – Choir Practice, 3 & 7 PM | Handbell Rehearsal, time varies (contact Linda for more details) | 20–30 Vision, 6 PM

**Thursday** – Men’s Breakfast, 7 AM | Ladies Breakfast, 8:30 AM (offsite) | Card Committee (3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month)

**Friday** – Music Play with Ms. Patty, 9:30 AM

**Saturday** – DOK, 9 AM (2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month) | Flower Guild: Flower Arranging, 10 AM | Brazos Church Pantry Volunteer Day (3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month)



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