

# ST. ANDREW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## ANNOUNCEMENTS 11/5/2017

### ***In our prayers:***

*Jeannie and Frank Weaver*

*Jane Zinkhan*

*John Bodie*

*Gene and Bonnie Haskins*

*Todd LeBlanc*

*Las Vegas, South Texas,  
South Florida, Puerto Rico  
(remember Edgar Arvelo's  
family), and California*

*For the ministry of St.  
Andrew Presbyterian  
Church. May we seek the  
leading of the Holy Spirit as  
we represent the Body of  
Christ in a hurting world.*

*“Likewise the Spirit helps us  
in our weakness for we do  
not know how to pray as  
we ought, but that very  
Spirit intercedes with sighs  
too deep for words....”  
Romans 8:26*

Adult Sunday School, every Sunday morning at 9:30.  
Today was Philemon; Next week: read I, II, and III John.

We are on a “Journey to Generosity” as we discern how Jesus Christ has enriched our faith in this church. We will make pledges between now and November 19. The back of this page has helps for you as your pray and think about your own faith journey with Christ.

November 6, Monday: Session meeting at 6:30 p.m.

November 7, Tuesday: Trinity Café from 10:15 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Feeding Tampa Bay from 4:00-6:00 p.m.; the next date is 11/16.

November 8, Wednesday: Mission Outreach meeting at 6:00 p.m. and Presbyterian Women at 6:30 p.m.

November 9, Thursday: Laurie Palmer, Paula Salter, and Barbara Beall will attend the Presbytery of Tampa Bay meeting at Eckerd College.

Next Sunday, November 12, Sunday: After worship, families with young children and youth will join with our sewing members to work on a project. Lunch included.

**Sunday, November 19, 9:30 a.m., a Pre-Advent  
Celebration: Potluck breakfast and making Crismons.  
Making Crismons for the Advent/Christmas tree has  
been a tradition of this congregation each year. Come  
for good food and let's be creative together.**

## Revelation 7:9-17

Faith is not a one-time gift from God. God persistently pours faith into us. We eternally grow into it. When have you been open to God's grace, and when have you not been open to God?

How does it make you feel that approximately 1.8 billion people have died before us, there are approximately 7.4 billion alive now, yet God knows you by name?

Jesus is the Lamb of God in Revelation.

John records this in his Gospel, chapter 1:

29 The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look! *The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!* 30 He is the one I was talking about when I said, 'A man is coming after me who is far greater than I am, for *He existed long before me.*' 31 I did not recognize Him as the Messiah, but I have been baptizing with water so that He might be revealed to Israel."

A lamb is a sheep under one year of age.

Jesus as the Lamb of God is eternal, has no beginning and not ending. John said, "He existed long before me" even though John was born first. Jesus Christ was since the beginning, is, and will be eternal.

In Genesis 22, God asks Abraham to sacrifice Isaac. Abraham said, "God Himself will provide the lamb for a burnt offering, my son," in response to Isaac's question "where is the lamb for the burnt offering? In the end, God provided a ram (a male sheep over a year old) to be sacrificed, rather than Isaac. What is the symbolism there?

Thinking about your own faith life, who were the saints who through Christ, helped to form your faith, reform you, and transform you? What did you learn from them about generosity?

We are here because people have been generous, born out of a call from God to be generous. A call to trust God. What did you learn from the saints about giving to the church? How does it feel to part with a resource that is so precious to you?

Can you envision standing before the throne of God with no more tears in your eyes? No more pain, no more sorrow?

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