

A PROMISE FOR NEW MEMBERS

We joyfully welcome you into our church family! As your brothers and sisters in Christ, we offer you our love, our care, our encouragement, and our fellowship. By God's grace, we hope to learn from you, give to you, and serve with you, as we grow together in the Holy Spirit to become more faithful followers of Jesus. May the peace of Christ be with you!

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FEBRUARY SAVE THE DATES

Administrative Council Meeting: February 22nd, at 4:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Swinging Saints Dance Lesson: Mondays, February 23rd, at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall (#2).

Lenten Bible Study: Starting Monday, February 23rd, at 7:30 p.m. via ZOOM, and **Wednesdays, February 25th**, at 11:00 a.m. in person in Room (#18).

Pickleball: Wednesday, February 25th, at 6:00 p.m. in the family Life Center. Please enter at the Emerywood Dr. entrance.



WEEKLY EVENTS

- SUNDAY:**
10:00 a.m.: Worship in the Sanctuary.
11:00 a.m.: Spiritual Formation Groups.
11:15 a.m.: Youth Sunday School with Pastor Norma in Room (#31).
Noon: Youth Group at Sedgfield UMC.
12:30 p.m.: Worship Planning Meeting in the Sanctuary.
1:00 p.m.: Culto en Español
3:00 p.m.: Trustees Meeting in the Commons Room (#1).
4:30 p.m.: Administrative Council Meeting in the Commons Room (#1).
- MONDAY:**
7:00 p.m.: Handbells in Room (#4).
7:00 p.m.: Swinging Saints Dance Lessons in the Fellowship Hall (#2).
- TUESDAY:** NO EVENTS.
- WEDNESDAY:** **11:00 a.m.** Lenten Bible Study in Room (#18).
6:00 p.m.: Pickleball in the Family Life Center. Please enter at the Emerywood Dr. entrance.
- THURSDAY:** **7:30 p.m.:** Cross-Cultural Bible Study (ZOOM).
- FRIDAY:** NO EVENTS.
- SATURDAY:** **10:00 a.m.:** Meet up in the Dog Park.

For more information about any of the opportunities listed and more, visit: standrewsumc.com/calendar or scan the QR code below and click on the blue calendar button.



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St. Andrew's United Methodist Church
February 22, 2026 – 10:00 a.m.
First Sunday in Lent



40 Days
Jesus in the wilderness.

Matthew 4:11

A United Methodist Congregation
in the Western North Carolina Conference.

GATHERING

We *gather* as a community and prepare our hearts to worship God.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

CONFESSION

Holy God, on this First Sunday in Lent we confess that, like Jesus in the wilderness, we face temptations that test our trust, yet too often we yield to fear, pride, and self-reliance rather than resting in your holy word. We admit that we hunger for what does not satisfy, we seek power instead of humility, and we desire proof instead of living by faith. Forgive us when we wander from your path and forget your steadfast presence. Through Jesus, who resisted temptation and remained faithful, strengthen us for this Lenten journey, forming in us repentant hearts, renewed discipline, and a deeper dependence upon your grace. Walk with us, O God, that we may turn from sin, cling to your truth, and follow Jesus more faithfully, now and always. Amen.

*HYMN OF PRAISE

UMH 127 “Guide Me. O thou Great Jehovah”

*PASSING THE PEACE

LISTENING

We *listen* for the Word of God through prayer, song, Scripture, and preaching.

All children are invited to come forward at this time.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Sherry Jackson

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

Baptism is a celebration and a part of a life long journey of salvation.



Today, we joyfully celebrate the Baptism of Theodore Clifton Edward Taylor (Teddy)

Parents: Zoe Blalock Taylor and Devin Hamton Taylor

UMH 611 vs. 1 “Child of Blessing, Child of Promise”

Child of blessing, child of promise,
baptized with the Spirit’s sign;
with this water God has sealed you
unto love and grace divine.

CENTERING SONG

TFWS 2112 “Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley”

Verse 1:

Jesus walked this lonesome valley;
he had to walk it by himself.
Oh, nobody else could walk it for him;
he had to walk it by himself

Verse 2:

We must walk this lonesome valley;
we have to walk it for ourselves.
Oh, nobody else can walk it for us;
we have to walk it by ourselves.

Verse 3:

You must go and stand your trial;
you have to stand it by yourself.
Oh, nobody else can stand it for you;
you have to stand it by yourself.

READING FROM GOD’S WORD

Matthew 4:1-11

RESPONSE

UMH 521 vs. 1 “I Want Jesus to Walk With Me”

I want Jesus to walk with me.
I want Jesus to walk with me.
All along my pilgrim journey,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

MESSAGE

“Overcoming Temptations”

RESPONDING

We *respond* to the hearing of God’s Word in song and offering.

GIVING OUR OFFERING TO GOD

ANTHEM

“A Lenten Prayer” arr. Hal Hopson

DOXOLOGY

SENDING

We are *sent* out into the world to love God and our neighbors.

*SENDING HYMN

“Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days” / “40 Days”

Lord, who throughout these forty days
for us didst fast and pray,
teach us with thee to mourn our sins
and close by thee to stay.
As thou with Satan didst contend,
and didst the victory win,
O give us strength in thee to fight,
in thee to conquer sin.

Forty days to wander,
Forty days to die to self.
Forty days to grow stronger
As faith breaks open the gates of hell.
The jubilee is over,
But grace is far from gone
In the hearts of the faithful,
Broken on the wheels of love.

‘Cause in the desert of temptation
Lies the storm of true conversion,
Where springs of living water
Drown and refresh you.
And as the Jordan pours out change,
Your true self is all that remains,
Where springs of living water,
Bind and break you.

As thou didst hunger bear, and thirst,
so teach us, gracious Lord,
to die to self, and chiefly live
by thy most holy word.
And through these days of penitence,
and through thy passiontide,
yea, evermore in life and death,
Jesus, with us abide.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

**Indicates to stand in body and/or spirit.*

BAPTISM CELEBRATION

Through the waters of baptism, we give thanks for God’s grace and welcome Teddy into the family of Christ. As a congregation, we promise to surround Teddy with love, prayer, and encouragement, so that he may grow in faith and follow Jesus throughout his life. We joyfully congratulate his parents, Zoe and Devin Taylor, and give thanks to God for their commitment to nurture Teddy in faith and love. May the Lord bless the family with wisdom, strength, and joy as they guide him in the way of Christ.

“Jesus said, ‘Let the little children come to me... for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.’”

~Matthew 19:14



Welcome to St. Andrew’s United Methodist Church!
Are you visiting today? Let’s get to know one another!
Fill out a guest card in the pew or scan the QR code.

In worship today:

Pastor Norma Villagrana, David Lisk, Sr.,
Noah Hernández, Tom Lyons

Don’t forget to check our Facebook and Instagram pages throughout the week!