
**April 16
2023**

**St. Andrews
Presbyterian Church**

11:00 AM



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SAINT ANDREWS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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“Loving People to New Life in Christ”

With God's grace, St. Andrews strives to be a growing inclusive community of faith, working together, sharing Jesus' love, and using our gifts to build and nurture a spiritual community.

Welcome to St. Andrews Presbyterian Church. We extend a warm welcome in the name of Christ to all who worship with us today.

Please join us for a time of fellowship and light refreshments in Fellowship Hall following worship.

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRAYER OF PREPARATION ~ for your personal reflection before worship.

Dear God, silence all voices within our minds but your own. Help us to seek and be able to follow your will. May our prayers be joined with those of our sisters and brothers in the faith, that together we may glorify your name and enjoy your fellowship forever.

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES
ENTRANCE OF THE WORSHIP LEADER

GREETING
ANNOUNCEMENTS OF OUR LIFE TOGETHER

ORGAN PRELUDE Crown Him With Many Crowns
GJ Elvey/M McDonald

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Christ is risen!

People: Now what?

Leader: The disciples clung to each other. They huddled in the upper room, waiting.

People: Would the authorities come to take them, too?

Leader: Instead, Jesus himself appeared, despite the locked door.

People: What next?

Leader: Next came doubts and questions, assurances and instructions,

and a last word:

Many: "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Leader: Christ is risen! Now what?

People: Now we come together to wait for him.

Leader: May the risen Christ bless us as we worship what we have not seen, yet believe.

*HYMN Love Divine, All Loves Excelling No. 366

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Lord, sometimes it's so difficult to place our trust in you. You make incredible promises to us in your word. You say that through your power, we'll be able to do even greater things than Jesus did in his ministry. And yet we doubt. Almighty God, creator of all things, renew our faith in you and your power as we silently confess our sins to you now...

SILENT PRAYERS

DECLARATION OF GOD'S PARDON

Leader: The power of the resurrection is at work in us and with us!

Through the former things of our lives and in the new heaven and earth that God is yet creating, the Spirit of Christ leads us onto paths of victory over sorrow and death, disbelief and fear. Receive God's grace in the secret place in your heart, where there are no words.

Through Christ's love and Mercy, our sins are forgiven. Amen.

POSTLUDE

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehova

J Hughes/D Wagner

When you see an * please stand as you are able.

TODAY'S SERVANTS

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| Worship Leader | Bill DeShazer, APS |
| Organist | Francene Beall |
| Music Director | Stephanie Reynolds |

JOYS AND PRAYER CONCERNS

Linda Ozaki (continued improvement), Suzie Marker (continued prayers, chemo treatment every other week now), Karen Beckley, Kaylin McDaniels (struggling with personal and family issues), Judy Morton.

Keeping in our prayers: Kathy Fuller, Dolores Wilmers, Rita Kelly, Cheryl Kelly, AJ Jones

Remember all service men and women -both active duty and veterans, firefighters, EMTs, police officers, and medical personnel.

Prayers for the hungry and the homeless. Prayers for the victims of wars and gun violence .

Pray for our government officials and world leaders.

Birthdays

Pastor Stacey, April 19th

Suzie Marker, April 20th

Anniversaries

None this week

Calendar

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| Today, April 16- | 11:00 - Worship |
| Saturday, April 22- | 1:00-5:00 - Richmond and Sharon's Open House |
| Sunday, April 23- | 11:00 - Worship |

Invitation to our open house.

We are celebrating the restoration of our home on Saturday, April 22, 2023, at 436 SE 37th St. Anytime between 1:00 pm and 5:00 pm. We will have light refreshments, pictures and stories.

Richmond and Sharon McDaniels