

April 14, 2024

SAINT ANDREWS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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April 14 2024 St. Andrews

11:00 AM

Presbyterian Church

"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.

Join us in Fellowship Hall following worship for some light refreshments and a time for visiting.

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Lord of Light and Mercy, be with us this day as we again hear the stories of faith and sight. Help us to believe in your abiding presence with us, both in darkness and in the light which you bring. Give us courage and strength to witness to your resurrection. For we offer this in Jesus' Name. Amen.

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES
ENTRANCE OF THE PASTOR
GREETING
ANNOUNCEMENTS OF OUR LIFE TOGETHER

ORGAN PRELUDE Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross

WH Doane/J Southbridge

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: When fear and doubts stroll through our doors:

People: God stands beside us, whispering of peace.

Pastor: When we toss and turn late at night:

People: God sits by our beds, singing lullables of love.

Pastor: When we stumble through the shadows of sin:

People: God illuminates the paths of goodness and joy.

*HYMN Come You Faithful, Raise the Strain

CALL TO CONFESSION

Pastor: If our actions mirrored our words, if our hands were mentored by our hearts, if we walked the talk - we would be God's children. But too often, it is our silence, our doubts, our fears which tell others who we truly are. Let us confess to God how we have not been as faithful as we hope, as we pray, saying:

No. 234

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God of empty tombs: Peter speaks with power and clarity of his faith, while we remain silent. The psalmist speaks of trusting in you, while our doubts overwhelm us. Jesus is read to come and grace us with peace, but our fears keep our hearts shuttered and locked.

God of full hearts: your love can change us from scared people to children of grace. You can weed doubts from our hearts and plant seeds of joy in their place. You can silence the panic of our souls with the peace Jesus offers to each of us. Transform us into Easter people, through the power of Jesus Christ, our risen Lord and Savior.

SILENT PRAYERS

DECLARATION OF GOD'S PARDON

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE Gloria Patri Hymnal 581

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*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Pastor: Christ is our peace. He has reconciled us to God in one body by the cross. We meet in his name and share his peace. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: And also with you.

JESUS LOVES ME THIS I KNOW

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER HYMN Sanctuary No. 701

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON Psalm 4 Pew Bible OT pg. 475

SERMON Slow to Anger

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*HYMN OF RESPONSE That Easter Day with Joy was Bright #254

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*CALL FOR THE OFFERING

*OFFERING (Please remember to leave your offering in the

plate at the back of the sanctuary)

* DOXOLOGY Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow No. 606

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION - unison

What will be done with the gifts we offer in these moments has not been revealed to us, Holy God, but knowing you through Jesus, and trusting in you by the power of the Holy Spirit, we do know they will be used to bring hope, to bring healing, to bring justice to all those people and places who long for these blessings. And so we offer these gifts with gratitude to you,

WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD TO SERVE

*HYMN In the Bulb There Is a Flower No. 250

*CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Pastor: Go now, to be God's children in the world.

People: We will open our minds to understand the needs around us.

Pastor: Go now, to be Christ's servants in the world.

People: We will open our hands to share our blessings with all.

Pastor: Go now, to be the Spirit's hope for the world.

People: We will open our hearts to welcome those who have no one

to care for them.

Extinguishing the candles of worship and taking the light of Christ into

the world.

POSTLUDE

All Hail the Power of Jesus Name

O Holden/JD Payne

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

TODAY'S SERVANTS

Pastor- Rev. Dr. Stacey Shaffer Jones

Organist - Francene Beall

Music Director - Stephanie Reynolds

JOYS AND PRAYER CONCERNS.

Betty DeShazer - joy that grant was approved for pulmonary hypertension medication.

Jan Rice (prayers for good checkup report), Tad Estes, AJ Jones, Kaylin McDaniels, Don and Suzie Marker, Dana McDaniels, Judy Morton (cataract surgery), Anita Ivanhoe (friend of Jan's in Dayton, OHliver cancer treatments),

George Franks (hospitalized-pneumonia, edema in leg), Steve (friend of Sharon McDaniels -infection, hip replacement)

Keeping in our prayers: Dolores Wilmers, Rita Kelly, Cheryl Kelly Remember all our service men and women, both active and

veterans, firefighters, EMTs, police officers.

Prayers for the hungry and the homeless; for victims of severe storms and floods.

Prayers for the victims of war-torn countries; may reason and compassion prevail among the leaders; for the service men and women in harm's way.

May government officials and world leaders show compassion and caring for those they serve.

Birthdays

Pastor Stacey, April 19th Suzie Marker, April 20th

Anniversaries

None this week
Calendar

Today, April 14 - 10:15 - Bible Study; 11:00 - Worship;
Saturday, April 20-10:00-12:00, Touch a Truck; Sunday, April 21-10:15Bible Study; 11:00-Worship; Session following worship