



April 21, 2024

SAINT ANDREWS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Rev. Dr. Stacey Shaffer Jones, Pastor

**April 21
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**St. Andrews
Presbyterian Church**

11:00 AM

“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

Shepherding God, you bring us into your presence and shower us with your love. You lead us beside the still waters and restore our souls. Touch our hearts and minds, that we may live your love and abide in your grace.

Amen.

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

ENTRANCE OF THE PASTOR

GREETING

ANNOUNCEMENTS OF OUR LIFE TOGETHER

ORGAN PRELUDE

Tell Me the Story of Jesus

JR Sweney/M McDonald

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength.

People: The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside the still waters.

Pastor: They shall mount up with wings like eagles. He restores my soul.

People: He leads me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Pastor: They shall run and not be weary. Yea though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death I shall fear no evil, for thou art with me. They shall walk and not faint.

People: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

*HYMN

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

No. 353

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:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God of many pastures, we never tire of hearing the voice of our shepherd; we never tire of hearing the call to lay our burdens down; we never tire of hearing the invitation to dwell in your house forever. Forgive us, loving shepherd, when we try to keep you as our own - thinking that we alone have your love, thinking that others wander alone without your care and guidance. Open our eyes, that we may recognize the sheep of your fold wherever they may be and whatever they may look like. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS

DECLARATION OF GOD'S PARDON

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE Gloria Patri Hymnal 581

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Pastor: Christ is our shepherd and true 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 John 10:11-18 Pew Bible NT pg. 96

SERMON Shoving Leopard

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*HYMN OF RESPONSE My Lord! What a Morning No. 352

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

As we offer our gifts to you, Gentle Shepherd, may we lay down our prejudices towards others, so they might find a welcome in our hearts; may we set aside our fears of the future, so you might lead us into your future, may we become the goodness and mercy for which others have been looking all their lives. This we pray in Jesus' name, Amen.

WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD TO SERVE

*HYMN God Be with You Till We Meet Again No. 542

*CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

Pastor: Let us go to be bold before God.

People: We will speak up for all people who long for healing and hope.

Pastor: Let us go to shepherd Jesus' sisters and brothers.

People: We will risk our lives for justice, we will serve the outcast.

Pastor: Let us go to anoint others with the Holy Spirit.

People: We will bring goodness and mercy to all whose lives need restoring.

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

POSTLUDE Hail, Jesus Christ, Our Redeemer
Hugh S Livingston, Jr.

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.

Jan Rice (Joy-tests were normal), Tad Estes, AJ Jones, Kaylin McDaniels, Don and Suzie Marker, Dana McDaniels , Judy Morton (cataract surgery went well; thanks to those who helped), Anita Ivanhoe (friend of Jan's in Dayton, OH-liver cancer treatments),

George Franks (hospitalized-pneumonia, edema in leg), Steve Turvy (friend of Sharon McDaniels - upcoming hip replacement); Mariah Canaday (31 year old friend of Richmond's-bowel adhesions)

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

Linda Ozaki, April 29th

Anniversaries

None this week

Calendar

Today, April 21 - 10:15 - Bible Study; 11:00 - Worship
Session following Worship

Sunday, April 28- 10:15 - Bible Study; 11:00 - Worship
1:00 - Linda Ozaki's Birthday Celebration

Don and Marguerite's new address: 1205 S.W. 29th St., Apt. 604
Topeka KS. 66611; phone numbers remain the same