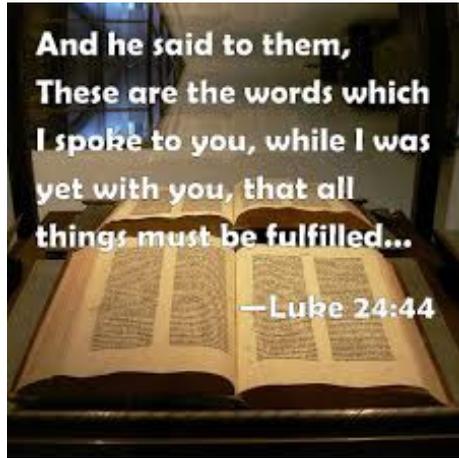


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**April 7  
2024**

**St. Andrews  
Presbyterian Church**

**11:00 AM**

***“Loving People to New Life in Christ”***

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*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

Almighty Father, who hast given thine only Son to die for our sins, and to rise again for our justification: Grant us so to put away our feelings of malice and wickedness, that we may always serve thee in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

### ENTRANCE OF THE WORSHIP LEADER

### GREETING

### ANNOUNCEMENTS OF OUR LIFE TOGETHER

### ORGAN PRELUDE

Fantasia on "Salvation"

arranged by David Paxton

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Astonishing Good News!

People: A surprise beyond expectation!

Leader: Christ is alive!

People: He has risen indeed!

Leader: The grave could not contain him!

People: And the news cannot be hidden!

Come, let us worship the risen Lord.

People: We will worship with joy and thanks.

### \*HYMN

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

No. 611

## CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Almighty God, you have accepted our Lord's sacrifice for our salvation. By your power you have raised him from the dead, you have clothed him again with flesh so that his disciples might recognize him.

We humbly confess that, while we know the story and believe it, it often has made too little difference in our lives, and at times we have been silent when we should have spoken of it.

Forgive us, we pray, of these sins. Enable us today to reflect more deeply on the sacred story, that our obedience may increase, that our service may be more joyful, and our testimony may be more courageous.

Hear us in the name of our risen Savior. Amen.

### SILENT PRAYERS

### DECLARATION OF GOD'S PARDON

But if anyone does sin, we have someone who pleads with the Father on our behalf - Jesus Christ, the righteous one. And Christ himself is the means by which our sins are forgiven, and not our sins only, but also the sins of everyone. Believe the good news, by His love and mercy, your sins are forgiven.

### \*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

Gloria Patri

Hymnal 581

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: It is Christ's will that we all experience the peace that he offers. The Peace of Christ be with you.

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 Luke 24:44-53 Pew Bible NT pg. 84

SERMON Is Easter on Your Back Burner ?

Bill DeShazer

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE I Love to Tell the Story No. 462

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

All good gifts come from you, dear Lord, and from these riches we bring this offering. Help us to use it for the furtherance of your purpose in this place, and for the benefit of those in need. Amen.

WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD TO SERVE

\*HYMN For the Beauty of the Earth No. 14

\*CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Keep the Lord always before you.

If he is beside you, you cannot be shaken.

He will show you the path to life,

and in his presence you will discover unending joy.

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

POSTLUDE The Day of Resurrection HT Smart/DR Edwards

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

TODAY'S SERVANTS

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

JOYS AND PRAYER CONCERNS.

Tad Estes, AJ Jones, Kaylin McDaniels, Don and Suzie Marker, Dana McDaniels , Judy Morton (stress-house searching).Anita Evanhoe (friend of Jan's in Dayton, OH-liver 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.

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**

Dave Aschenbrenner, April 14<sup>th</sup>

**Anniversaries**

None this week

Calendar

Today, April 7 - 11:00 - Worship

Sunday, April 14 - 10:15 - Bible Study; 11:00 - Worship