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**August 20  
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.

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 ~ for your personal reflection before worship.

Lord, be with us today as we come to you from all life's circumstances. Give us courage and strength and fill us with your love and grace that we may serve you effectively and fully. Amen.

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES  
ENTRANCE OF THE PASTOR

GREETING  
ANNOUNCEMENTS OF OUR LIFE TOGETHER

ORGAN PRELUDE My Faith Looks Up to Thee  
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\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: What joy we feel when we are called together to celebrate God's love.

People: God's love flows through our lives!

Pastor: This is what it means to be the body of Christ!

People: This is what it means to be faithful witnesses to God.

Pastor: Let us rejoice on this day.

People: Lord, we thank you for the blessings you pour on us.  
Amen.

\*HYMN All Things Bright and Beautiful No. 20

CALL TO CONFESSION

Pastor: Our words, our deeds, our lives build barriers between us and others, between us and God. But God would shatter every distinction, God would reshape us as new people. Let us come to the One who loves us, and longs to forgive us. Join me as we confess our sins together.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

We admit, Providing God, that we have difficulties living as your children. We could live in unity, but our words fracture relationships with family and friends. We have been shown the way to your kingdom, but turn into blind guides when asked for the directions by others. When we could offer others the precious oil of peace, we hand them the vinegar of despair and rejection. Have mercy on us, Healing Heart, have mercy on us. When you call to us, may we listen with open ears, understand with embracing hearts, and share your grace with others, even as we have been graced by Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS

DECLARATION OF GOD'S PARDON

Pastor: Hear the good news for us: God has provided hope for you, filling you with joy, with mercy, with peace.

People: As mercy leads to mercy, we will take these gifts to share with the world. Thanks be to God. Amen.

\*RESPONSE OF PRAISE      Gloria Patri      Hymnal No 581

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Pastor:      God has called us to live in peace. The peace of Christ be with you.

People:      And also in you.

Jesus Loves Me, This I Know

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

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      Genesis 45:1-15      Pew Bible OT pg. 41

SERMON      Let It Go      Rev. Dr. Stacey Shaffer Jones

HYMN OF RESPONSE      In the Bulb There is a Flower      No. 250

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

Just as we would not offer crumbs to the hungry, may we not offer just our pocket change, Holy One. May our gifts become race, hope, justice, and love to all around us. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD TO SERVE

\*HYMN      Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty      No. 35

\* CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

\*CHARGE AND BLESSING

Pastor:      We came together to worship.

People:      Now may we go to serve others with God's grace and love.

Pastor:      We were called to this place as members to God's family.

People:      Now we head out to discover strangers are but siblings of Jesus, like us.

Pastor: We have been reminded that there are no differences between any of us.

People: Now we journey with the Spirit to welcome each person into the embrace of hope and justice.

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

POSTLUDE To God Be the Glory WH Doane/L Larson

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,(2nd chemo treatment ), Eric (Gail Estes brother), Kaylin McDaniels (Linda to have Education Guardianship), Richmond McDaniels (hip surgery), Martin's twin sister(mass on her chest) and brother (open heart surgery)

Karen Beckley, Don and Suzie Marker, Linda McElroy, (Suzie Marker's sister, cancer)

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

Remember all who serve-our service men and women, firefighters, EMTs, police officers, and medical personnel.

Prayers for the hungry and the homeless.

Prayers for the victims of extreme weather- heat and floods- throughout the country and the fires in Maui.

Our nation's leaders and world leaders.

#### Birthdays

None this week

#### Anniversaries

None this week

## Calendar

**Today, August 20-** 10:15 - Bible Study

11:00 - worship

Session following worship

**Tuesday, August 22-** Presbytery Meeting by zoom

**Sunday, August 27 -** 10:15 - Bible Study

11:00 - Worship

An AA Celebration of Life for Norm Schiesser will be on Friday, August 25<sup>th</sup>, from 3:00 to 5:00 pm at Grace United Methodist Church, 2627 SW Western Ave, Topeka.