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**February 4  
2024**

**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.

Please join us following worship in Fellowship Hall for light refreshments and a time of visiting with your church family.

**WE GATHER IN GOD’S NAME**

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## PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Holy One, we come to you, listening for your word of compassion. Renew us with your strength. Empower us with your love. Guide us with your ways, that we may know you and worship you, our everlasting God.

## LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

## ENTRANCE OF THE PASTOR

## GREETING

## ANNOUNCEMENTS OF OUR LIFE TOGETHER

## ORGAN PRELUDE Children of the Heavenly Father

Arr: Douglas E. Wagner

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: We gather to worship God, whose creative imagination never fails:

People: For the sake of God, we will search for the outcasts.

Pastor: We gather to praise our God,

People: For the sake of Jesus, we will lift up all who have fallen.

Pastor: We gather to offer our best to God, who walks with us through eternity:

People: For the sake of the Holy Spirit, we will walk with the weary.

## \*HYMN

From All That Dwells Below the Skies

No. 327

## CALL TO CONFESSION

Pastor: We walk through life, confident, strong, boasting of all our achievements. But God sees the hurts we have inflicted on others, the weariness in our bones from chasing after bad choices, and all the foolishness we trip over in the busyness of life. Let us come to God, for the One who listens to our faltering words is the One who gives us the Word filled with grace and mercy. Join me as we pray together, saying,

## PREPARE OF CONFESSION

We cannot hide from you, Everlasting God, even if we were to go from one edge of creation to the next. You speak to us of compassion, but the ways in which we treat others show we have not been listening. You explain your hopes to us, and we act as if we don't have a clue as to what is going on. We run as fast, and as far, from you as we can, and wonder why we have no energy to follow Jesus.

Yet you search for us in all the deserted places we flee to, Never-wearyed God, so you can take us by the hand to show us the way to life with you. You heal our broken hearts so we can offer them to others. You fill us with your strength so we can bind ourselves to Jesus, our Savior, following him to serve all of your children.

## SILENT PRAYERS

### DECLARATION OF GOD'S PARDON

\*RESPONSE OF PRAISE      Gloria Patri      Hymnal 581

### \*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

### CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

### WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON    Isaiah 40:21-31    Pew Bible    OT pg. 632

SERMON      God-Touched

Rev. Dr. Stacey Shaffer Jones

HYMN OF RESPONSE    You Who Dwell in the Shelter of the Lord  
No. 43

### 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. 607

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION - unison

You lift us to our feet so we can walk with you, Loving God, and you fill us with your gifts so we may pour them out for those around us. Take what we offer and use them in that kingdom work which strengthens the weary, feeds the hungry, and gives hope to the despairing. Amen.

\*COMMUNION HYMN      Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts (vv. 1&3)  
#494

### COMMUNION

The Invitation

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Pastor:      May God be with you.

People:      And also with you!

Pastor:      People of God, open your hearts

People: We open our hearts to God and to each other.  
Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Living God.  
People: With joy and praise, we offer our thanks to the One who offers abundant life.  
Pastor: In the morning...praises to you now and forever:  
People: Holy, holy, holy are you, God of all knowledge. All creation sings glad praises to you. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is the One who came for our sake. Hosanna in the highest.  
Pastor: Holy are you...may we find that mystery we call faith:  
People: Christ died, not boasting in himself; Christ was raised, the gospel lived out in him; Christ will come to take us by the hand, giving us strength.  
Pastor: Here is that Bread...God in Community, Holly in One.  
People: Amen  
The Lord's Prayer  
Communion of the People  
Prayer after Table  
May these mysteries, O Lord, in which we have participated, profit us, we pray, for even now, as we walk amid passing things, you teach us by them to love the things of heaven and hold fast to what endures.  
Through Christ our Lord.

WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD TO SERVE  
\*HYMN God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand No. 331  
  
\*CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP  
\*CHARGE AND BLESSING  
Pastor: God sends us forth into the world,  
People: So we will go to walk miles in the shoes of others.  
Pastor: Jesus calls us to serve everyone we meet,  
People: So we will become all things to all people.  
Pastor: The Holy Spirit encourages us to let go of our gospel-given rights,  
People: so we may breathe new life into the faint.

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

POSTLUDE Praise the Lord Who Reigns Above  
Douglas E Wagner

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.

Linda and Sharon (death of their aunt), Pastor Stacey (physical therapy; diagnosed torn miniscus), Jan Rice, ( 5-year medication treatment), Sue Aschenbrenner (recovery from seizures), Anita Evanhoe (friend of Jan's in Dayton, OH-cancer), Tad Estes, Kaylin McDaniels, Don and Suzie Marker, Dana McDaniels , Marlene Watson (joy-able to drive), Jo Ann Miller (death of cousin, Pamela), Judy Morton (released to go back to work)

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

Remember all our service men and women, both active and veterans, those who protect us- firefighters, EMTs, police officers.

Prayers for the hungry and the homeless.

Prayers for the victims of the ongoing Israel-Palestinian War and expanding conflicts in the Middle East; Prayers for the release of hostages; the war in Ukraine.

Pray for our government officials and world leaders..

For those across the nation suffering from the extreme cold, ice, snow and floods.

### Birthdays

Susan K. William, February 12<sup>th</sup>

### Anniversaries

None this week

Calendar

Today, February 4-

10:15-Bible Study; 11:00 Worship  
Annual Congregational Meeting

Sunday, February 11-

10:15-Bible Study; 11:00- Worship  
Souper Bowl Luncheon  
Soup/Cracker donations for Doorstep