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**January 28  
2024**

**St. Andrews  
Presbyterian Church**

**11:00 AM**

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

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**SAINT ANDREWS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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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.

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**

## PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Open our hearts and spirits this day to hear the great good news of your power and presence with all your people. Fill our hearts with rejoicing as the words are proclaimed in song and story. Enliven us and remind us that you are with us, through the pillar of fire, through the magnificent words of the prophets, and through the ministry and love of Jesus Christ. Amen.

## LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

## ENTRANCE OF THE PASTOR

## GREETING

## ANNOUNCEMENTS OF OUR LIFE TOGETHER

ORGAN PRELUDE            Softly and Tenderly

WL Thompson/DE Wagner

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor:        We gather in this sacred space,

People:        to offer our thanks to God with all our hearts.

Pastor:        We gather with this community of faith,

People:        to follow Jesus, who longs to lead us into life.

Pastor:        We gather in these moments,

People:        to learn all we can of grace from the Holy Spirit.

## \*HYMN

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

No. 12

## CALL TO CONFESSION

Pastor:        Though we think we know it all, our lives reflect how little we respect others, how often our words and actions damage those around us. Let us come to our God, with our prayers as well as our hearts, so we may be healed with forgiveness.

## PREPARE OF CONFESSION

We come on this holy day, God our God, to speak of how we live. Politicians, celebrities, talk show folks have become our so-called gods. Our choices often cause those around us to trip over our anger and slip on our pride. The words we speak to others show how we really want nothing to do with you.

Forgive us, Holy God, and have mercy on us. May we silence our fears, so words of hope may be spoken. May we give thanks not only with our hearts but with the grace we can share with others. May justice and peace be the tools we use as we serve beside Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

## SILENT PRAYERS

## DECLARATION OF GOD'S PARDON

## \*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

Gloria Patri

Hymnal 581

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Pastor: God has called us to live in peace. The peace of the Lord 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 1 Corinthians 8:1-13 Pew Bible NT pg. 157

SERMON Pure Divinity

Rev. Dr. Stacey Shaffer Jones

HYMN OF RESPONSE Be Thou My Vision No. 450

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

Gather our gifts, our hearts, our very lives, Loving God, and use them in your work of reconciliation, grace, and hope for all your children. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD TO SERVE

\*HYMN All Creatures of Our God and King No. 15

\*CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Pastor: Now, let us go from this sacred space,

People to be with the homeless on the streets, with the lonely in the hospitals.

Pastor: Now, let us leave this family of God,

People: to care for those who have been forgotten, to lift those shoved aside by the world.

Pastor: Now, let us set aside this holy time,

People: to go into the moments of hunger for little children, to be with those whose days seem to have no end.

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

POSTLUDE            Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah  
J Hughes/DE 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, Jo Ann Miller (Joy-doctor release), Judy Morton

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 war in Ukraine. Prayers for the release of hostages.

Pray for our government officials and world leaders..

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

#### Birthdays

Matthew Reynolds, January 29<sup>th</sup>

#### Anniversaries

None this week

Calendar

Today, January 28-  
Sunday, February 4-

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