



March 10, 2024

4th Sunday in Lent

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Rev. Dr. Stacey Shaffer Jones, Pastor

**March 10
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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.

Please join us in Fellowship Hall following worship as we enjoy a time together and celebrate Dave and Sue's 35th wedding anniversary.

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Great Triune God, we have gathered here in your name as an act of faith, believing that you are not only among us, but that you love us. It is often hard to recognize your love, see your mercy, and feel your presence. help us today in our worship, that we might be transparent to your grace, as you reveal yourself to each one of us. Amen.

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

ENTRANCE OF THE PASTOR

GREETING

ANNOUNCEMENTS OF OUR LIFE TOGETHER

ORGAN PRELUDE Lord, Keep Us Steadfast M Luther/ B Price

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: In this place, the community of faith is reminded of the promise:

People: God's love endures forever!

Pastor: In spite of our impatient grumbling, despite our attraction to the shadows:

People: Christ's light shines in us!

Pastor: When we think our hands are empty, when we have no music in our souls:

People: the Spirit fills us with glad songs, and creates us for good works!

*HYMN Lord, the Light of Your Love Is Shining No. 192

CALL TO CONFESSION

Pastor: By nature, we are impatient, irritated, grumbling, disobedient children, always demanding our way. But God, who is good and kind and gentle, comes to transform us, by grace, into the people we are meant to be. Let us open ourselves to the One who overflows with love for us, as we confess our sins to God.

PRAY OF CONFESSION (unison)

The Light of the world has come, Ceaseless Creator, but we admit we love the shadows all around us. For there, we can boast of our achievements, rather than point to your grace; there, we can grumble of our unhappiness with you, instead of singing your praises; there, we can give into our natural anger, and not be touched by your call to be agents of peace and hope.

Forgive us, Eternal Love: lead us from the shadows of sin into the light of your joy; raise us up, as your children, so we may be in service to others; shower us with the grace, the hope, the peace you have brought to us through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

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 John 3:14-21 Pew Bible NT pg. 87

SERMON Word of God in Human Skin

Rev. Dr. Stacey Shaffer Jones

*HYMN OF RESPONSE There's a Wideness in God's Mercy
No. 435

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 have been gathered in this place because of the faithfulness of those who have gone before us, so we pray that the gifts we offer in these moments might be used to reach out to those in all corners of the world who need hope, who hunger for food and justice, who yearn for peace, and who long for your graceful presence in their lives. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD TO SERVE

*HYMN To God Be the Glory No. 634

*CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

Pastor: As you leave this place, remember you are God's community in the world:

People: For God's love endures forever!

Pastor: As you leave this place remember you are alive with Christ:

People: for Christ's light shines in the deepest shadows!

Pastor: Go As you leave this place, remember the gifts God offers to you:

People: for the Spirit fills us with good works to do, and glad songs to sing to the world!

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

POSTLUDE When I Survey the Wondrous Cross
L Mason/ A C Whitworth

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.

Pastor Stacey (knee surgery), AJ Jones, Jan Rice, (5-year medication treatment), Sue Aschenbrenner (brother critical with cancer), Anita Evanhoe (friend of Jan's in Dayton, OH-responding well to chemo), Tad Estes, Kaylin McDaniels, Don and Suzie Marker, Dana McDaniels , Judy Morton (looking for housing in or near Topeka).

Death of Terri Robison (Steve Newman's mother-in-law)
George Franks (Charles' brother-home now), Steve (friend of Sharon McDaniels (infection, hip replacement)

Alex Jones (travel with band to Disney World)

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 the ongoing Israel-Palestinian War and expanding conflicts in the Middle East; for the service men and women in harm's way in the area; Prayers for the release of hostages; the war in Ukraine.

Pray for our government officials and world leaders.

Birthdays

None this week

Anniversaries

Dave and Sue Aschenbrenner, March 10, 1989

Calendar

Today, March 10- 10:15-Lenten Meditation; 11:00 Worship
Daylight Saving Time Begins

Sunday, March 17- 10:15-Lenten Meditation; 11:00 Worship
Session following worship/fellowship

Tuesday, March 19- Presidential Preference Primary Election