


**March 17
2024**

**St. Andrews
Presbyterian Church**

11:00 AM

“Loving People to New Life in Christ”

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5th Sunday in Lent

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 in Fellowship Hall following worship as we enjoy some light refreshments and a time to visit.

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Lord, be with us this day as we commit ourselves to being your disciples. Help us to face the future unafraid, trusting in your loving care and presence with us. We pray this in Jesus' name. AMEN.

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

ENTRANCE OF THE PASTOR

GREETING

ANNOUNCEMENTS OF OUR LIFE TOGETHER

ORGAN PRELUDE Ah, Holy Jesus J Cruger/M McDonald

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: This is the day God has promised: the day of the new covenant.

People: We are here, because our hearts are filled with love for our God.

Pastor: No longer carved on cold stone, this covenant is engraved on our hearts.

People: Our hearts are open so God's Word can shape us.

Pastor: We will reach out to our neighbors, our friends and family, even to strangers.

People: Our hearts are ready to serve God and all of God's people.

*HYMN Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord

No. 707

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAY OF CONFESSION (unison)

Compassionate Lord, forgive us when we falter on this Lenten pathway; when the road ahead seems too uncertain and we are afraid. We admit that following Jesus is not an easy task. Jesus requires us to be willing to make the ultimate commitment of our whole lives and we hesitate and hold back. Draw us back to you, Lord. Give us confidence and courage to face the future with hope. Let us place our trust in you that the message of peace and mercy you have given to us through Jesus Christ may be offered to others through our own witness to your healing mercy. In Jesus' Name, we pray. 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

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 Psalm 51:1-12 Pew Bible OT pg. 502

SERMON How Do You Smell?

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 you write upon our hearts, soften them with your compassion. As you soften them, open us to the needs of those close to us, as well as those in every corner of your world. As you open us to the hurts and

heartaches of your children, give us the grace to be as generous with our gifts as you are in blessing us. Take these gifts and use them to share peace, love, grace, and joy with all of your people. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD TO SERVE

*HYMN Christ Be Beside Me No. 702

*CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Pastor: God sends us forth as people of the covenant.

People: Our hearts are filled with compassion which we will share with others.

Pastor: Jesus calls us to share hope with all we meet.

People: Our hands will bring food for the hungry and build shelters for the homeless.

Pastor: The Spirit of hospitality is engraved upon our spirits.

People: We will welcome everyone we meet with the grace which is written large upon our hearts.

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

POSTLUDE

Lenten Meditation

Lloyd 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.

Pastor Stacey (successful knee surgery), AJ Jones, Francene (fall-severe bruises), Sue Aschenbrenner (brother critical with cancer), Anita Evanhoe (friend of Jan's in Dayton, OH-liver cancer treatments), Tad Estes, Kaylin McDaniels, Don and Suzie Marker, Dana McDaniels , Judy Morton (stress-house searching).

George Franks (Charles' brother-home now), Steve (friend of Sharon McDaniels (infection, hip replacement)

Alex Jones (good trip-headed home)

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 a cease fire to allow aid to the suffering.

May government officials and world leaders show compassion and caring for those they serve.

Birthdays

None this week

Anniversaries

None this week

Calendar

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

Tuesday, March 19- Presidential Preference Primary Election (Fellowship Hall in use 6 am-8 pm)

Sunday, March 24- Palm Sunday 10:15-Lenten Meditation; 11:00 Worship