

March 31, 2024

SAINT ANDREWS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 1821 SW 37TH STREET TOPEKA, KANSAS 66611 (785) 266-7077 March 31St. Andrews11:00 AM2024Presbyterian Church

"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.

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Rev. Dr. Stacey Shaffer Jones, Pastor

What a great time of fellowship at our Easter breakfast. Thank you to the Fellowship and those who contributed the good food. No fellowship time after worship today.

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

O God of all our days, we come this morning with eager anticipation. We seek to know you, to see you, to touch you. Open our hearts, that we might experience you anew. Open our lives, that we may be faithful witnesses to your resurrection.

May we, with shouts of joy, proclaim your steadfast, liberating loveto all people, everywhere. Amen

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

ENTRANCE OF THE PASTOR

GREETING

ANNOUNCEMENTS OF OUR LIFE TOGETHER

ORGAN PRELUDE Festive Prelude on "Llanfair"

(Jesus Christ Is Risen Today)-

R Williams/M McDonald

*CALL TO WORSHIP

- Pastor: Out of the darkness of grief and despair comes a message of hope. Christ is risen.
- Christ is risen, indeed. People:
- Pastor: We run to the tomb to see for ourselves. And it is true. Christ is risen.

People:	Christ is risen, indeed.	
Pastor:	We hear a voice call our name, and we know our risen is with us now and always.	Lord
People:	Christ is risen. Christ is risen, indeed. Thanks be to G	od.
*HYMN	Jesus Christ Is Risen Today No	o. 232
CALL TO CONFESSION		

Pastor: Very early in the morning, God created all that is good and beautiful. Very early in the morning, a mother placed her newborn in a manger. Very early in the morning, the good news was shared with frightened friends, that Jesus was risen and alive in our midst. Let us confess the fears and the amazement we bring this morning.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

On this morning of hallelujahs, we must confess how human we are, Emptier of tombs. We haven't done any great evil, but we have failed to do good when we had the chance. We have not intentionally hurt anyone, nor have we offered healing to the broken. We easily accept the witness of the angel in the tomb, but find it difficult to share this good news with our friends and neighbors.

Bring us new life, Dazzling God. Where we are tired and stressed, give us the energy to serve your creation; transform our hardened hearts into fountains of grace; forgive us of all the damage we have done, and fill us with the joy of your Spirit. In the name of Jesus Christ, who gives us new life, we pray.

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SILENT PRAYERS

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DECLARATION OF GOD'S PARDON

Pastor: God, our Creator, gives us new life; Christ, our Redeemer, prepares a Table for us; Holy Spirit, our Joy, calls us to service. This is the good news: the tomb is empty, sin is powerless, death is defeated forever.

All: On this very first day, and every day, we walk as God's people, forgiven and made whole. Thanks be to God. Amen.

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE Gloria Patri Hymnal 581

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Pastor: I invite you to exchange signs of peace with one another using these traditional words that have been spoken by Easter Christians throughout the centuries: Christ is risen!

People: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

JESUS LOVES ME THIS I KNOW

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON	John 20:1-18	Pew Bible	NT pg. 106
SERMON	Skiplagging		

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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

Very early in our lives, you crept in to anoint us with your overflowing abundance. We offer our gifts in thanksgiving so they may be used to serve all whose mornings bring heartache, whose days are filled with hopelessness, whose nights wrap around their souls with fears and worries. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

PRAYER CONCERNS

COMMUNION

*HYMN	Rise, O Church, Like Christ Arisen
The Grea	at Prayer of Thanksgiving
Pastor	The God of every morning be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: People of Easter morning, lift up your hearts!

People: We lift them to the One who has raised Jesus from the grave.Pastor: People of Easter's joy, give thanks to the One who raises us to new life.

People: We sing our hallelujahs to the God of everlasting love.

Pastor: On this day of joy and hope,...singing our Easter joy to you:

People: Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of the empty grave.

Glad songs of resurrection joy are offered to you.

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is the One who comes bearing your steadfast love.

Hosanna in the highest!

Pastor: Holy are you,... we trust that mystery we call faith:

People: On the first day, Christ shaped all that is good and beautiful;

on the first day of the week, Christ swallowed up death forever;

on the last day, Christ will call us to the Table of the Lamb.

Pastor: It is here at this Table...forever and ever.

People: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Through this space and time together today, we celebrate the covenant that ties us with God, Jesus the Christ, our neighbors and creation. Thank you, Divine Crafter of the Table, for fashioning us a holy meal that unites us with the Body of Christ. Send us into the world resurrected, refreshed and ready to share Christ's unconditional love. Amen.

WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD TO SERVE

*HYMN Christ the Lord is Risen Today No. 2	ЛN	Christ the Lord is Risen Today	No. 245
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*CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

- Pastor: Christ is with us in this place.
- People: Alleluia!
- Pastor: Christ goes with us into the world.
- People: Alleluia!
- Pastor: Go now in peace. Christ is risen!
- People: Risen indeed! Alleluia!

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

the world.

POSTLUDE Postlude on,"Lancashire"

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(The Day of Resurrection)

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.

Organist -

Tad Estes, AJ Jones, Sue Aschenbrenner (death of her brother), Anita Evanhoe (friend of Jan's in Dayton, OH-liver cancer treatments), 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)

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 war-torn countries; may reason and

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compassion prevail among the leaders; for the service men and women in harm's way.

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

Birthdays

Stephanie Reynolds, April 1st Alan Reynolds, April 1st

Anniversaries

None this week

Calendar

Today, March 31-	HAPPY EASTER
	10:00 - Easter Breakfast
	11:00 - Worship, Communion

Sunday, April 7 -

11:00 - Worship