


**March 31
2024**

**St. Andrews
Presbyterian Church**

11:00 AM

“Loving People to New Life in Christ”

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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.

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.

SILENT PRAYERS

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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*HYMN OF RESPONSE Thine Is the Glory

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

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 #536

The Great 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. 245

*CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

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"

(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.

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

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