

Rev. Dr. Stacey Shaffer Jones, Pastor

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**St. Andrews
Presbyterian Church**

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“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.

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRAYER OF PREPARATION ~ for your personal reflection before worship.

God of truth, we come longing for the peace that only you can provide. We seem so often to be tossed to and fro, blown about by every wind except that of your own Holy Spirit. Be pleased to dwell here this day, to receive our worship and our praise. Linger long, and speak the truth to us in love, that we may come to the unity of faith and to the knowledge of the full stature of Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

ENTRANCE OF WORSHIP LEADERS

CHORAL INTROIT

Bow Down Low

GREETING

St. Andrews Presbyterian Church extends a warm welcome in the name of Christ to all who worship with us today. If you are interested in joining our church family, please speak to one of our elders, or you may call the church office during the week.

Whether you are a first-time visitor or a long-time member, you can help us in our ministry by signing the worship registration pad, placed at the aisle end of your pew.

Please join us for a time of fellowship following worship. We will gather in our Fellowship Hall for some light refreshments.

ANNOUNCEMENTS OF OUR LIFE TOGETHER

ORGAN PRELUDE The Mourning Dove Gilbert Martin

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist: I lift up my eyes to the mountains. From where does my help come?

People: Help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth. He will not let our feet stumble. Indeed, the One who watches over Israel will never slumber nor sleep

Liturgist: Who is our Protector?

People: God is our Protector; God is our shade at our right hand.

Liturgist: From what will God protect us?

People: The sun will not harm us by day, nor the moon by night. God will protect us from all evil; He will watch over our life.

Liturgist: For how long will God protect us?

People: The Lord will watch over our going out and our coming in from now to eternity.

Liturgist: Let us, then, worship God who is our help and our protection.

*Hymn Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above No. 645

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God of all the saints, God of all the sinners, hear our prayer. We would be saint-like - holy, good, patient, loving. But we end up feeling more like sinners - full of failures of morality, selfish, mean. Perhaps you see us simply as human - as beloved, flawed and trying, failing and succeeding. In all of this, forgive the wrong that we have done, and bless the good we have accomplished. Keep on loving us, helping us, and molding us more and more into the image of Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS

DECLARATION OF GOD'S PARDON

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE Gloria Patri Hymnal No. 581

*THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

Pastor: Christ asks that we be reconciled to one another. The love of Christ reaches out to friend and stranger, touching each life with blessing. Share the peace and forgiveness of Christ with one another.

Jesus Loves Me This I Know

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

Pastor Stacey

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER HYMN

Sanctuary

No. 701

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

CHORAL ANTHEM

Jesus Paid It All

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalms 121

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SERMON

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*HYMN OF RESPONSE

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

No. 12

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

I Lay My Sins on Jesus

Arr: Lani Smith

* DOXOLOGY Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

No. 606

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION - unison

Loving God, you have shown us your ways and led us in the paths of abundance. You have blessed us and kept us safe. In you we see that we are loved. We offer you our lives, for we have chosen to follow you. We offer you our praise, for your love is great. Use our gifts, our money, and our hearts to establish your realm of love upon the earth. Amen.

WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD TO SERVE

*HYMN

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

No. 834

*CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION Jesus, Remember Me

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

POSTLUDE

O Sons and Daughters

Arr: Lani Smith

When you see an * please stand as you are able.

Today's Servants

Pastor Reverend Dr. Stacey Shaffer Jones
Organist: Francene Beall
Music Director: Stephanie Reynolds

Thank You from Francene

Dear St. Andrews,

What a shock and surprise Sunday (March 1st). I thought you wanted me to play/lead "Happy Birthday". So fun! Loved the food and pretty cakes. My sweater matched the icing, too. Such great fellowship, love and friendship. Bless you all. I had so much fun reading the cards-beautiful -some hand-made. Such a special treat. Thank you for the gifts as well. You spoil me.

Love through Christ!

Francene

Thank You

We had a great time in Fellowship Hall last Sunday after church. We didn't just celebrate one birthday, we celebrated two, Jan Schiesser's and Virginia Moore's birthday's. Jan brought in a cute cake to share with all of us and Virginia brought in some saucers, napkins, and plastic forks, to go along with the cake. Bill was asked to take a picture of each one of them separately standing behind the cake and smiling. That was great. Everyone who joined us in Fellowship Hall, after church, for our Get Together time, really enjoyed the double celebration. It is always fun to get together with family and friends, but even more fun when you can have special occasions like this. Jan and Virginia, thank you so much for sharing the cute cake and kitchen supplies, and for allowing us to be a part of this fun time together.

Blessings,

Kathy Fuller

PRAYER CONCERNS

Keep these folks in your prayers this week: Aggie and all the O'Neill family in Richard's passing, Brian and Jan McPherson (joy in birth of new granddaughter), Mary Jane and Junior Elder (health issues), Bob Bodenheimer, Norm Schiesser, Rita Kelly, Cheryl Kelly, Karl Wilmers, Dolores Wilmers, Myron Wilson, Millie Blodgett (leg problems), Steven Cornelius (9-yr. old friend of Charles, tumor has grown). Tammy Calkins (much improved from wrist surgery), Maggie Putnam (Martin's sister, chemo treatments), Gwen Jones (long-term recovery from severe infection), Kathleen (friend of Charles Franks, cancer diagnosis), Ron Farrell (stage 4 melenoma), Jody Gilley (Gail Estes' friend, rehab), Richmond McDaniels (cancer tests), Duane Custer, Debra Goddard (Kathy's stepdaughter-cancer), Mary Johnson (Helen Jackson's sister), Carol Paxton (Bob's friend-determining cancer diagnosis), Wendy, Megan and Brendan Mueller (Gail's daughter and grandchildren)

Remember our active duty and veteran personnel, firefighters, EMTs, police officers, and the victims of violence in our country, Pray for peace for those countries suffering from war and conflict; the ongoing conflicts and violence in our own community, all our government officials and political conflicts, the hungry and the homeless.

Please indicate if you'd like a Prayergram sent to anyone we've prayed for.

Birthdays

Jan McPherson, March 8th

Anniversaries

None this week

Calendar

Today, March 8-

Worship

Daylight Saving Time Begins

Thursday, March 12-

Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, March 15-

Worship

12:15 - Session

Jesus is your get-out-of-hell-free card