



May 21, 2023

SAINT ANDREWS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Rev. Dr. Stacey Shaffer Jones, Pastor

**May 21
2023**

**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 for a time of fellowship and light refreshments.

DECLARATION OF GOD'S PARDON

Pastor: We were made by God, brought forth from the earth, the earth that was called good when God created it. Your very being is good. You are blessed, earth-born, and called forth to care for the earth and all who dwell in it. Know that you are forgiven and loved by the God who made the earth, and made you, and share the Good News. Amen.

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE Gloria Patri Hymnal No 581

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Pastor: God has called us to live in peace. The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also in 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 Acts 1:6-14 Pew Bible NT pg.109

SERMON Importance of the Ascension

Rev. Dr. Stacey Shaffer Jones

HYMN OF RESPONSE Hail Thee, Festival Day! No. 277

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 offer our gifts to you, Holy God, may we remember those who are forgotten by us too many times - the hungry, the lonely, the homeless, the vulnerable - yet are important citizens in your kingdom of grace, justice, and hope. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD TO SERVE

*HYMN A Mighty Fortress is Our God No. 275

* CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

Go out into the world and in our world and in our lives bear witness to the Christ who has ascended to be everywhere present. And as you come to know him, may God give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation, may Christ Jesus lift up his hands and bless you, and may the Spirit open to you all the riches of Christ’s inheritance. We go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

POSTLUDE

Recessional on “St. Denio”

Arr: Dan R. Edwards

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

Congratulations to all the graduates.

Don Marker (home now, continued prayers)

Jan Rice (continued recovery from surgery)

Linda Ozaki (continued improvement), Suzie Marker (continued prayers, chemo treatment every other week now), Karen Beckley, Kaylin McDaniels. Marlene Watson (Covid)

Keeping in our prayers: Kathy Fuller, Dolores Wilmers, Rita Kelly, Cheryl Kelly, AJ Jones

Remember all service men and women -both active duty and veterans, firefighters, EMTs, police officers, and medical personnel.

Prayers for the hungry and the homeless. Prayers for the victims of wars and gun violence .

Pray for our government officials and world leaders.

Birthdays

AJ Jone, May 26th

Calendar

Today, May 21-10:15 - Bible Study; 11:00 Worship; Session

Saturday, May 27-10:00 - 2:00- AJ’s graduation party

Sunday, May 28-Pentecost Sunday; 10:15 Bible Study; 11:00 Worship

Monday, May 29 - Memorial Day

Saturday, June 3 - 5:00- Mt. Carmel Missionary Baptist Church concert