



**May 7
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.

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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 for a time of fellowship and light refreshments in Fellowship Hall following worship.

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRAYER OF PREPARATION ~ for your personal reflection before worship.

God of love, you have called us out of darkness into your divine light. You have chosen us. You have done mighty acts in our lives. We remember with gratitude. We thank you. We listen for your life-giving Word, that we might proclaim your good news in all we do. Amen.

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES
ENTRANCE OF THE WORSHIP LEADER

GREETING
ANNOUNCEMENTS OF OUR LIFE TOGETHER

ORGAN PRELUDE Nearer, Still Nearer
LN Morris/JD Payne

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Loving God, we praise you!

People: Risen Christ, we greet you!

Pastor: Christ, our way, lead us in the path of love.

People: Christ, our truth, open our eyes to what is.

Pastor: Christ, our life, come and renew us. Make us a part of you, so that we may share in your life.

People: Alleluia! Come, Holy Spirit, and transform us by your grace, Alleluia!

*HYMN I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art No. 624

CALL TO CONFESSION

Pastor: If we say we are completely put together, the truth is not in us.

People: But if we confess our distractions, our errors, and our anxieties, God will meet us and renew us.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Before God and God's people, I confess that I have been reluctant to speak our clearly, naming the injustice I see and declaring God's vision. Before God and one another, we confess our reluctance to receive our calling as God's people, made by God and chosen as witnesses to God's dream of justice and joy. Remind me, God, that you have made me for your service and recharge me with your Word. Renew us, God. Grant us courage to live out your Way of peace and grace. We ask it in Jesus' name. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS

DECLARATION OF GOD'S PARDON

Pastor: God has promised that whenever we repent and seek a new union with God, forgiveness is ours. That promise comes true now. Sisters and brothers, know that in Christ Jesus, we are forgiven.

People: Praise be to God!

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE Gloria Patri Hymnal No 581

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Pastor: As Christ Jesus has shared his peace with each of us, let us now share that peace with each other.

The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also in you.

Jesus Loves Me, This I Know

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON John 14:1-14 Pew Bible OT pg.101

SERMON *Heart Trouble*

Rev. Dr. Stacey Shaffer Jones

HYMN OF RESPONSE *To God Be the Glory* No. 634

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

Receive these gifts this morning, O God, author of every good gift. Out of the bounty of our hearts, we respond with faithful generosity and love. May these gifts become blessings for others as they have been blessings for us. Amen.

PRAYER CONCERNS

COMMUNION

Communion Hymn One Bread, One Body #530

Invitation to the Table

Prayer

Pastor: God is with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to God.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Holy One, our God.

People: It is good and beautiful to give God our praise.

Pastor: Loving God, at your table Christ prepares a place for us.

People: We come to your table, grateful for our belonging.

Pastor: In your house there are many rooms.

People: In your house we have many roommates, siblings who are also God's beloved people. We come as one.

Pastor: You set free your people and invite us all to your table of justice and mercy, your feast of grace.

People: You covenant to be with us in love always, and so we gratefully sing our praise, together with all who are in the many rooms of your house: Holy, holy, holy One, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of God. Hosanna in the highest.

Pastor: Blessed are all who come in your name, and blessed is Jesus, your Christ.

People: Christ, you are the way, the truth, the life.

Pastor: We come to feast on the truth, to follow the way, to embody the life.

People: You draw us to yourself, so that where you are, we may be.

Pastor: As we break this bread and share this cup we remember his death and resurrection, until he comes again.

People: Therefore, remembering these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves as a living and holy sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of our faith: Dying, Christ destroyed our death. Rising, Christ restores our life. Christ will come again in glory.

Pastor: God, you are in Christ, and Christ is in you,

People: and by your Spirit we are in Christ.

Pastor: Pour out your Holy Spirit on these gifts of bread and cup, that they may be for us the body and blood of Christ.

People: Pour out your Spirit on us, that we may be for the world the Body of Christ, doing the works of Christ, with our hearts unafraid, for the healing of the world. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

PIANO SOLO O Sacred Head Now Wounded

Arr: Heather Sorenson

The Communion of the People

Prayer After Communion

Gracious God, we thank you for the mystery that you give yourself to us. You have made a place for us in your heart. Give us your grace to make a place for others, that they may know their belonging and your love. We pray through Jesus Christ, your Beloved and ours. Amen.

WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD TO SERVE

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

* CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

Pastor: If the God who raised Jesus from the dead is for us, who dare be against us?

People: We can do all things through Christ who strengthens us.

Pastor: Step out into the world in humble confidence; there is nothing about to happen that God has not foreseen, and no situation where Christ will not be there ahead of you, preparing a place and an opportunity for you.

People: Thanks be to God.

Pastor: The peace of God, which goes beyond all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge of God, and of Jesus Christ,

God's Son. And the blessing of God all-loving, the Creator, Redeemer and Counselor, will be with you now and always.

People: Amen.

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

POSTLUDE Go Forth In Triumph Franklin Ritter

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

Don Marker (hospitalized, heart issues, home now)

Jan Rice (upcoming surgery)

Linda Ozaki (continued improvement), Suzie Marker (continued prayers, chemo treatment every other week now), Karen Beckley, Kaylin McDaniels, Bob (friend of Charles, surgery), Judy Morton.

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

None this week

Anniversaries

Alan and Stephanie Reynolds, May 11, 1985

Calendar

Today, May 7- 10:15 - Bible Study; 11:00 - Worship

Communion

Sunday, May 14 - Happy Mother's day

10:15 - Bible Study

11:00 - Worship

Recognize graduates -cake following
worship

We will have a cake recognizing graduates following worship next
Sunday. AJ Jones from Seaman High School, Jadyn Baum from
Washburn Rural Middle School, Emily DeShazer, receiving her MBA from
Washburn University. You may bring cards of well wishes.