

WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

Welcome to worship at St. Andrew Presbyterian church, where every body belongs! We are glad you are here. This service is live streamed on our YouTube channel.

- *Children of all ages are welcome in worship.* We also have *childcare available* in our nursery for children under 4 years old. Feel free to ask a greeter for help locating our nursery.
- *Children in PreK-2nd grade* are invited to join our volunteers for *Children’s Church* downstairs after the *Word with Children* and can be picked up after the conclusion of the service.
- All are invited to gather in the Fellowship Hall after the service for coffee hour and snacks.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **January is a month of new beginnings!** January is also a month where we recognize the work of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and commemorate International Holocaust Memorial Day. In worship on January 12-26, we will explore a series titled, “Living Witness: Recognizing Evil, Responding with Truth” to guide us as we seek to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God and one another.
- **We will be welcoming new members** to our congregation this February. While all are welcome at Saint Andrew all of the time, becoming a member grants you an official vote at congregational meetings and makes you eligible to serve as an elder or deacon. If you are interested in joining, please email Pastor Amanda and we can talk more about what membership might look like for you.
- **Children are invited** to grab a special worship bulletin and/or coloring sheet along with a clipboard and pencil pouch in the narthex as they enter worship. Following the service, please return the clipboards and pencil pouches as you found them and take your papers with you to enjoy or recycle.
- **We’re looking for volunteers** to help with all the happenings of a Sunday morning at SAPC. Use the QR code below and click on “Volunteer Sundays” to see and signup for the ways you can get involved. We are especially looking for ushers and door attendants in the coming weeks.

CALENDAR

January 12	9:00 a.m. Youth Sunday School; 10:00 a.m. Worship	January 20	NLC & Church Office Closed in Observance of MLK Day
January 13	10:00 a.m. Bible Bunch	January 25	Book Club Meeting
January 17	6:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m. Session & Deacon Retreat	January 26	<i>Food on the Fourth;</i>
January 18	9:00 a.m. —1:00 p.m. Session & Deacon Retreat	February 9	Annual Congregation Meeting; Chili Cookoff after Worship

Scan this code and be transported to our LinkTree account. Here you will find the link to give financially to St. Andrew. You will also find all the links you may be looking for as you engage with our community, including links to volunteer or access our monthly newsletter.



This worship service was curated by Rev. Amanda Kemery with liturgies used and adapted from *Spill the Beans* and *Feasting on the Word Worship Companion*.

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FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

JANUARY 12, 2025

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Amanda Kemery

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We bring our divisions and our unity, our differences and our diversity, our fears and our joys, as a community.
All: We bring all we are, and all we hope to be, as your people.
One: And together, in honesty and promise, we come to worship.
All: Filled with one Spirit, and with one shared faith and calling let us worship God.

***HYMN 796** We Come to You for Healing, Lord LAND OF REST

INVITATION TO THE CONFESSION Erik Sassak

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Merciful God, we recognize evil in the world, and we lament our part in looking the other way, in neglecting to speak up for the marginalized, in our failure to prioritize creation. We follow selfish goals and deny that our way of life harms others and hurts your world. We are sorry and we want to change. Create in us a clean heart, strengthen our resolve, reconcile us to one another, and bless us with your peace. Amen.

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

One: Hear and believe the good news of the Gospel:
All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

***HYMN 565** Holy, Holy, Holy SANCTUS

PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

HEARING THE WORD

THE WORD WITH CHILDREN

Rev. Amanda Kemery

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Erik Sassak

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Nehemiah 5:1-13

One: For the Word of God in Scripture, for the Word of God among us, and for the Word of God within us...

All: We give thanks to God.

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 11:14-28

Rev. Amanda Kemery

One: For the Word of God in Scripture, for the Word of God among us, and for the Word of God within us...

All: We give thanks to God.

SERMON

Recognizing Evil, Discerning the Divine

Rev. Amanda Kemery

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN 211

Hear, O Lord, My Plea for Justice

CHARLESTOWN

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

From the Confession of Belhar

Erik Sassak

We believe that Christ’s work of reconciliation is made manifest in the church as the community of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one another; that unity is, therefore, both a gift and an obligation for the church of Jesus Christ; that this unity of the people of God must be manifested and be active in a variety of ways: in that we love one another; that we experience, practice and pursue community with one another; that we share one faith, have one calling, are of one soul and one mind; have one God and Father, are filled with one Spirit, are baptized with one baptism, eat of one bread and drink of one cup, confess one name, are obedient to one Lord, work for one cause, and share one hope; pray together; together serve God in this world; and together fight against all which may threaten or hinder this unity. To the one and only God, be the honor and the glory for ever and ever.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD’S PRAYER

OFFERING OURSELVES, OUR TIME, AND OUR TALENTS
OFFERTORY

*HYMN 607

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD HUNDREDTH

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN 247

Now the Green Blade Rises

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CHARGE AND BLESSING

Rev. Amanda Kemery

POSTLUDE

