

## WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

Welcome to worship at St. Andrew Presbyterian Church, where everybody belongs!

We are so glad you're 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 fellowship hall for children under 4 years old. Feel free to ask a greeter for help and directions.

Children in PreK through 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 Fellowship Hall after the service for coffee hour and snacks.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

The flowers this morning are given in memory of Marjorie Diehl's sister, Melissa Kramer.

**Lenten Series – "Tell Me Something Good"** | At the heart of Jesus' teachings, we find liberation, love, mercy, and grace—all of which are meant to be very good news for us all. The good news should bring us back to our roots. Emulating Jesus and embodying his teachings should ground us in who God created us to be. Can we be "good news" people in a world too often burdened by bad news? This Lent, let us remember that the good news really is good news. It is joyful—like fine wine saved for celebration. It grows like a mustard seed and smells like perfume poured from an alabaster jar. It tastes like bread passed endlessly through a hungry crowd. It sounds like laughter and feels like mercy. The good news is alive in the world. During worship and small groups, we will focus on the series "Tell Me Something Good" by Sanctified Art. Join us in worship on Sundays at 10am.

**Easter Flowers** | There still time to purchase tulips for our Easter Service on April 5<sup>th</sup>. They are \$12 each and you can choose from a variety of colors — and you get to take it home after the service! Find the sign-up sheet in the lobby to purchase yours today!

**Easter is Coming Up!** | Join us for our **Palm Sunday service on March 29<sup>th</sup>** and then again on **Thursday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> for a Maundy Thursday dinner at service at 6:30pm.** Use the QR code below to look at the calendar to keep an eye on our Holy Week events.

**Save the Date for VBS - July 6-10th** | We will be transported to Snowball Mountain in the middle of summer as we set off on a VBS adventure together! VBS will be from 5:30-8:00pm with dinner included.

## CALENDAR

<b>March 22</b>	9:00 a	Dads with Donuts (6th-12th Grade)
	<b>10:00 a</b>	<b>Worship</b>
	10:15 a	Children's Church (Prek-2nd) + Minis
<b>March 29</b>	9:00 a	Dads with Donuts (6th-12th Grade)
	<b>10:00 a</b>	<b>PALM SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE</b>
	10:15 a	Children's Church (Prek-2nd)
<b>April 2</b>	6:30 p	Maundy Thursday Dinner & Service



Scan the QR code to access our LinkTree.

Here you'll find the link to give financially to St. Andrew. You will also find all the information you need as you engage with our community, including volunteer opportunities and links to sign up for our e-news and monthly newsletter.

"TELL ME SOMETHING GOOD" WORDS FOR WORSHIP WRITTEN BY REV. SARAH A. SPEED | A SANCTIFIED ART LLC | SANCTIFIEDART.ORG  
ART | "FAR MORE ABUNDANTLY" BY LAUREN WRIGHT PITTMAN (SANCTIFIED ART)

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THE GOOD NEWS IS...  
ROOTED IN JUSTICE, MERCY, AND FAITHFULNESS

MARCH 22, 2026

\* INDICATES TO STAND

## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

CHORAL PRELUDE "Make Me a Channel of Your Peace" MARY MCDONALD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS REV. AMANDA KEMERY

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Welcome to the weary and the worn.

**All: Welcome to the wiggly and the eager.**

One: Welcome to the skeptical and the seeking.

**All: Welcome to the early risers and those still trying to wake up.**

One: Welcome to the rule followers and the rule breakers.

**All: Welcome to those hungry for justice and those desperate for mercy.**

One: Welcome to the sinners and the saints.

**All: This is God's house.**

One: You can make yourself at home here.

**All: Let us worship our just, merciful, and faithful God!**

\*HYMN 761 Called as Partners in Christ's Service BEECHER

INVITATION TO THE CONFESSION STEPHEN FIKE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God,  
we love to live our lives by the rules.  
We love clear answers.  
We love right and wrong.  
We love swift justice.  
We love to pick up stones,  
but you show us another way.  
You welcome shades of gray and nuanced  
conversation.  
You prioritize mercy over legality.

You prioritize people over tradition.  
You prioritize love over everything.  
Forgive us for losing sight of what truly  
matters.  
Forgive us for clinging tighter to laws than to  
each other or to you.  
Forgive us. Soften our hearts.  
Root us in mercy, justice, and love.  
With hope for a better tomorrow, we pray.  
Amen.

KYRIE - HYMN 579

Lord, Have Mercy

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

One: So hear and believe the good news of the gospel:

**All: Our God is a God of mercy. Our God is a God of compassion. Our God is a God of grace.**

**We are forgiven, loved, and invited to choose another way. Thanks be to God for yet another second chance. Amen.**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

### HEARING THE WORD

THE WORD WITH CHILDREN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

STEPHEN FIKE

GOSPEL LESSON

John 8:2-11

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

It's Not a Threat, It's a Promise

REV. AMANDA KEMERY

### RESPONDING TO THE WORD

\*HYMN 39

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

STEPHEN FIKE

**I believe in the good news of Jesus Christ.  
It sounds like welcome  
and feels like home.  
It sounds like laughter  
and feels like mercy.  
It sounds like love  
and feels like a seat at the table,  
so I believe in the good news of Jesus Christ.  
I have seen it alive in the world.  
And even when my heart aches,  
even when wars rage,**

**even when mercy feels out of reach,  
I remember the one who  
welcomed the children  
and led with nonviolence.  
I remember the one who  
cared for the vulnerable  
and inspired those around him.  
I remember that the good news really is good  
news,  
for I have seen it alive in the world.  
Thanks be to God! Amen.**

VISO DIVINA *See Insert*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING OURSELVES, OUR TIME, AND OUR TALENTS

OFFERTORY

"Kyrie Eleison

MICHAEL WARE

DOXOLOGY

OLD HUNDRETH

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

### BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

\*HYMN 435

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

IN BABILONE

CHARGE AND BLESSING

REV. AMANDA KEMERY

POSTLUDE