

## 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 (Minis) 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

**TODAY - Congregational Meeting and Chili Cook-off** | Join us for a congregational meeting after worship, which will include receiving the 2026 budget and voting on a new church logo. The meeting will be followed by our annual chili cook-off!

**Sermon Series – Inspired** | This winter we're exploring a new sermon series examining the stories, questions, and surprising beauty of the Bible through Rachel Held Evans' book *Inspired*. Together, we'll look at Scripture with fresh eyes-- engaging our doubts, our hopes, and our imagination as we seek a faith that is honest, courageous, and life-giving. Whether church is a weekly rhythm or an occasional visit, you're invited. There's a place for your questions, your curiosity, and your story. **Join us January 11 - February 15.**

**Feb 8 – Souper Bowl of Caring** | Bring in your canned goods or cash donations to vote for your favorite team and support Loudon Hunger Relief

**Feb 18 – Pancake Supper & Ash Wednesday Service** | Join us Wednesday, February 18th for our annual pancake supper, followed by an Ash Wednesday service. The 45-min service will include music, the imposition of ashes, and hands-on prayer stations. Come celebrate and reflect as we enter Lent together. All are welcome! Supper at 5:45pm - Service at 6:30pm

## CALENDAR

February 1	9:00 a	Dads with Donuts (Grades 6-12)
	10:00 a	<b>Worship with Communion</b>
	10:15 a	Children's Church
	11:00 a	<b>Congregational Meeting &amp; Chili Cook-off!</b>
	6:00 p	Youth Group – Bowling Night!

February 8	9:00 a	Sunday School
	10:00 a	<b>Worship</b>
	10:15 a	Children's Church
	6:00 p	Youth Group – Super Bowl Party!



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.

LITURGY WRITTEN AND CURATED BY AMANDA KEMERY BASED ON INSPIRED, BOOK AND RESOURCES BY RACHEL HELD EVANS

READINGS AND ART FROM "THE BOOK OF BELONGING" BY MARIKO CLARK, ILLUSTRATED BY RACHEL ELEANOR

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## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

"A Festive Entrada"  
St. Andrew Ringers

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

REV. AMANDA KEMERY

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: For everything there is a season.  
All: **And a time for every matter under heaven.**  
One: Wisdom calls us to see the world as it is,  
All: **not merely as we wish it to be.**  
One: Wisdom names both beauty and brokenness,  
All: **grief and joy, love and loss.**  
One: Wisdom is not a rule to be mastered, but a way to be walked.  
All: **It is a journey of humility and faithfulness we take together.**  
One: Let us worship the Source of all Wisdom!

\*HYMN 307

God of Grace and God of Glory

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INVITATION TO THE CONFESSION

SARAH READ

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of all seasons, we confess that we have tried to make your wisdom into a weapon of certainty. We have offered easy answers to those who are suffering, preferring our own speculations over their truth. Forgive us for our lack of humility. Forgive us for the times we knew what was true, but did not care if it was the right time to say it. Teach us to walk your path one step at a time, trusting that you are present in the beauty, the frustration, and the surprise of our stories. Amen.**

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

One: In Christ, the Wisdom of God made flesh, we are forgiven, we are guided, and we are freed.  
All: **Thanks be to God!**

GLORIA

**Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,  
And to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,  
And to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. 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

### OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

### READING

"Woman Wisdom"

from *The Book of Belonging* by Mariko Clark

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

We'll See

REV. AMANDA KEMERY

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

### \*HYMN

Turn, Turn, Turn  
*See slides for lyrics*

PETE SEEGER

### AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We believe that God's wisdom is a living way, not a static law. As we find in the songs of the bards and the cries of the sages, God invites us into a reality that is both beautiful and broken.**  
**We acknowledge that Scripture does not offer a single explanation for our suffering, but rather provides a space where the faithful can wrestle with the questions of life without fear of rejection.**  
**We trust in Jesus Christ, who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life, and who models for us a wisdom that favors the poor, the suffering, and the truth-teller.**  
**We commit ourselves to a journey of humility, discerning together the times and seasons of our common life, and trusting that in all things, God is faithful.**

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

One: In every season,  
All: God, be our vision.

### OFFERING OURSELVES, OUR TIME, AND OUR TALENTS

ANTHEM  
"Joy and Elation"  
*St. Andrew Ringers*

### DOXOLOGY

## PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

### INVITATION TO THE TABLE

### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

One: God be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

### BREAKING OF THE BREAD

One: Friends, these are the gifts of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God!

### HOLY COMMUNION & PRAYER

### MUSIC

"How Beautiful"

*Debbie and Mark Stafford, Kate Goddard*

SARAH READ

TWILA PARIS

## BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

### \*HYMN 100

My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout

STAR OF COUNTY DOWN

### CHARGE AND BLESSING

REV. AMANDA KEMERY

### POSTLUDE



"Life throws a variety of experiences at us, but if we continue to root ourselves deeply in our foundation and stretch out in openness to others and new experiences, we will stand firm though all seasons."

"TIME OF THE SEASON" BY LAUREN WRIGHT PITTMAN