

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 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 Fellowship Hall after the service for coffee hour and snacks.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Belonging @ SACP | Are you interested in becoming an official member of SACP? Are you a member and looking for new ways to connect to the community? We are hosting four sessions of "Community and Belonging at Saint Andrew," with a different focus each week. Join us at 9am for breakfast treats, discussion, and time to connect. Childcare is available upon request. We're looking forward to connecting on April 26th and May 3rd, 10th, and 31st. **Reach out to Pastor Amanda for more information (amanda@standrew-pres.org).**

Hope for Cynics: New Worship Series | In a world where it is easy to feel "pre-disappointed" by the news, our neighbors, or even ourselves, how do we find a path back to genuine hope? **Starting April 12th**, we are embarking on a new series inspired by the research in Jamil Zaki's *Hope for Cynics*. Throughout this series, we will explore how "hopeful skepticism" allows us to open ourselves to new data and approach our lives like a holy experiment. We can't wait to see what this faith-filled experiment reveals!

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

April 12	9:00 a	Dads with Donuts (Grades 6-12)
	10:00 a	Worship
	10:15 a	Children's Church (Pre-K – Grade 2) + Minis (Grade 3 – Grade 5)
April 19	9:00 a	Dads with Donuts (Grades 6-12)
	10:00 a	Worship
	10:15 a	Children's Church (Pre-K – Grade 2)
	6:00 p	Youth Group Dinner (Minis + MS + HS)
	6:30 p	Youth Group (MS + HS)



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 CURATED BY REV. AMANDA KEMERY AND BASED ON THE BOOK "HOPE FOR CYNICS" BY JAMIL ZAKI

ART | LeCOMPTE, ROWAN AND IRENE LeCOMPTE. "CHRIST SHOWS HIMSELF TO THOMAS," FROM ART IN THE CHRISTIAN TRADITION, A PROJECT OF THE VANDERBILT DIVINITY LIBRARY, NASHVILLE, TN.

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HOPE FOR CYNICS: CYNIC OR SKEPTIC

APRIL 12, 2026

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GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE "Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah" arr. Molly James

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS REV. AMANDA KEMERY

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The doors are locked, and the room is filled with shadows.

All: Yet the Risen Christ stands among us, saying, "Peace be with you."

One: Some of us come with joy, and others with heavy questions.

All: We come seeking the evidence of God's love in a weary world.

One: Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.

All: Let us worship the God of living hope!

*HYMN 238 Thine is the Glory JUDAS MACCABEUS

INVITATION TO THE CONFESSION EMILY GROO

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of Mercy, we confess that like the disciples, we often hide behind locked doors. We allow our negative assumptions to become our walls, mistaking our cynicism for protection. We confess that we have judged Thomas for his doubts while we ourselves are paralyzed by our certainties. Forgive us for when we stop being curious about your grace. Open our hearts to hope, and give us the courage to reach out and touch the wounds of the world, that we might see you. Amen.

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

One: By God's great mercy, we have been given a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

All: Our faith, more precious than gold, is being refined. In Christ, we are forgiven and set free to see the world with new eyes. Alleluia! 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

EMILY GROO

FIRST READING

John 20:19-31

SECOND READING

1 Peter 1:3-9

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

Cynic or Skeptic?

REV. AMANDA KEMERY

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN 286

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

TRENTHAM

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

EMILY GROO

Adapted from the PCUSA Brief Statement of faith

In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, and to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God’s new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER

One: God of living hope,

All: hear our prayer.

OFFERING OURSELVES, OUR TIME, AND OUR TALENTS

ANTHEM

“Blessed Assurance”

arr. Dan Galbraith

*DOXOLOGY – HYMN 609

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN 326

For All the Saints

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CHARGE AND BLESSING

REV. AMANDA KEMERY

One: Go out from this place with your eyes open and your hearts curious.

All: We will look for the Risen Christ in the faces of our neighbors.

One: If you must trust, trust loudly. If you must doubt, doubt your fears.

All: We go to be a people of living hope.

One: And may the grace, mercy, and peace of God be with you now and forevermore.

All: Amen.

POSTLUDE



**“CHRIST SHOWS HIMSELF TO THOMAS”
BY ROWAN & IRENE Lecompte**

Closeup of Jesus and Thomas in the upper room, a mosaic located in the National Cathedral, one of 6 panels depicting Jesus’ appearances after the resurrection.