

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

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 and **email Pastor Amanda if you are interested in connecting with a small group at amanda@standrew-pres.org.**

Game Night! - March 7, 7-9 pm | Join us for a fun night of fellowship! Bring an appetizer to share and your favorite games. We hope to see you there!

CALENDAR

March 1	9:00 a	Dads with Donuts (6th-12th Grade)
	10:00 a	Worship with Communion
	10:15 a	Children's Church (Prek-2nd)
	6-8:00 p	Youth Group (MS + HS)
March 7	7:00 p	Game Night!
March 8	9:00 a	Dads with Donuts (6th-12th Grade)
	10:00 a	Worship with Communion
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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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THE GOOD NEWS IS...
GREAT LOVE FOR GOD & NEIGHBOR

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GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

REV. AMANDA KEMERY

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Tell me something good!

All: God loves you more than you could imagine.

One: Tell me something good!

All: God loves all of creation more than you could imagine.

One: Tell me something good!

All: God's love meets us in this service of worship. We are not alone.

One: This is good news indeed!

All: Let us worship our compassionate God.

*HYMN 409

God Is Here!

ABBOT'S LEIGH

INVITATION TO THE CONFESSION

KEVIN BUREL

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God,
did we see you hungry and give you something
to eat?**

**Did we see you thirsty and give you something
to drink?**

**Did we see you alone and offer you
compassion?**

Or did we cross the street?

Did we avert our eyes?

Did we come up with every excuse in the book?

**God, we long to be people who love our
neighbors
with the same overwhelming love that you
have for them.**

**But we must admit, we have a long way to go.
Forgive us for the times when we let bias,
scarcity, or fear
get in the way of love. Wash us clean and give
us the courage to try again.**

**With hope for a better tomorrow we pray,
Amen.**

KYRIE - HYMN 579

Lord, Have Mercy

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

One: Join me in this good-news declaration:

All: We are seen. We are forgiven. We are invited to try again. Thanks be to God for this unending love.

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

KEVIN BUREL

FIRST LESSON

Luke 7:36-50

SECOND LESSON

Matthew 25:35-40

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

Love First

REV. AMANDA KEMERY

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN 201

A Prophet Woman Broke a Jar

HOW CAN I KEEP
FROM SINGING

KEVIN BUREL

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**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.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING OURSELVES, OUR TIME, AND OUR TALENTS

ANTHEM

"Sacred Ground"

HARLAN/ELLER

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

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN 182

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

KINGSFOLD

CHARGE AND BLESSING

REV. AMANDA KEMERY

POSTLUDE



"LL COOL J"

BY NICOLETTE FAISON

"Ladies love Cool Jesus. For real. Women absolutely loved Jesus, and the woman with the alabaster jar is a great example of that. The woman was intimately entwined with the feet of Jesus, her hair entangled with his leg. She released tears that would nourish his toes as the rich oil replenished his skin. To be cared for, to be seen, to be loved, that is something good."

Look - In the artwork, notice how deconstructed details are entwined together.

What parts of the image draw your attention the most?