

## 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

**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

**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](mailto:amanda@standrew-pres.org).**

## CALENDAR

<b>February 15</b>	9:00 a <b>10:00 a</b> 10:15 a	Dads with Donuts (6th-12th Grade) <b>Worship</b> Children's Church (Prek-2nd)
<b>February 18</b>	5:45 p 6:30 p	Pancake Supper <b>Ash Wednesday Service</b>
<b>February 22</b>	9:00 a <b>10:00 a</b> 10:15 a	Dads with Donuts (6th-12th Grade) <b>Worship</b> Children's Church (Prek-2nd)



**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  
ART | HOCHHALTER, CARA B.. “JUST A TOUCH,” FROM ART IN THE CHRISTIAN TRADITION, A PROJECT OF THE VANDERBILT DIVINITY LIBRARY, NASHVILLE, TN.

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## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

“Due Tramonti”

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

REV. AMANDA KEMERY

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We gather in a world of barriers and boundaries.

**All: But we seek a community spacious enough for everyone.**

One: We reach out in faith through the crowd.

**All: We find the power that makes us whole.**

One: We come ready to move our feet.

**All: Let us live the truth we proclaim.**

\*HYMN 797

We Cannot Measure How You Heal

YE BANKS AND BRAES

INVITATION TO THE CONFESSION

LYNN KREPICH

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Compassionate God, we confess that we are often perpetual skeptics. We have built walls where you opened doors, and we have labeled people "unworthy" to justify our own exclusions. We have spiritualized the world's problems because it's easier than reaching out to touch the brokenness. Forgive us for the ways we keep out those whom your Gospel lets in. Forgive us for waiting to feel like we believe before acting as if we do. Move our feet toward justice, that our hearts might catch up. Hold our stories in your love and help us live into the miracle of your grace. Amen.**

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

One: You are forgiven, you are whole, and you are beloved.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

GLORIA (HYMN 582)

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

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Mark 5:21-43

LYNN KREPICH

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

As If

REV. AMANDA KEMERY

BLACK HISTORY INSPIRATION

WORSHIPHOUSE MEDIA

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

\*HYMN 462

I Love to Tell the Story

HANKEY

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

LYNN KREPICH

**We acknowledge that the miracles of Christ are a declaration of God's love for everyone—expressed in the systematic inclusion of the excluded and the marginalized. We trust that in Jesus Christ, God has acted to heal the sick, bind up the brokenhearted, eat with outcasts, and call all into a new life of grace. We affirm that the church must stand where the Lord stands—against injustice and with the wronged—trusting that God's inclusive love is the greatest miracle of all. We commit ourselves to act in faith, trusting that as we move our feet, our hearts will find their home in God. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

One: God of Mercy...

All: **Hear our prayer.**

OFFERING OURSELVES, OUR TIME, AND OUR TALENTS

ANTHEM

DOXOLOGY

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

NATALIE MARTZ

## BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

\*HYMN 772

Live into Hope

TRURO

CHARGE AND BLESSING

REV. AMANDA KEMERY

POSTLUDE

"We Will Glorify"  
*arr. Hayes*



### "JUST A TOUCH" BY THE REV. CARA B. HOCHHALTER

"THIS STORY DEMONSTRATES THE TANGIBILITY OF GOD'S HEALING POWER. THE WOMAN WAS CONVINCED THAT IF SHE COULD ONLY TOUCH THE FRINGE OF JESUS' CLOAK, SHE MIGHT BE HEALED. AMAZINGLY, JESUS FEELS THIS INTERACTION OF TOUCH AND HEALING, EVEN AS THE CROWD PUSHES IN ON HIM. ONE TIME, WHEN I HAD MINOR SURGERY I HELD A LITTLE PIECE OF PAPER IN MY HAND WITH A PRAYER WRITTEN ON IT. IT WAS BY CHRISTINA ROSSETTI: 'OPEN WIDE THE WINDOW OF MY SPIRIT AND FILL ME FULL OF LIGHT.' BEFORE THE ANESTHESIA, I ASKED THE DOCTOR WHAT I SHOULD DO WITH MY PRAYER. HE SAID, 'HOW ABOUT IF I PUT IT IN MY SHIRT POCKET?' IT WAS A BEAUTIFUL, TANGIBLE ACT THAT AFFIRMED A PLACE FOR PRAYER IN HEALING..."