

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

Community and Belonging Series | Want to learn more about what it means to be part of the Saint Andrew community? Join us for one or all of the following sessions to connect with others and join the conversation, Sundays at 9am in the Fellowship Hall.

- **April 26th** - Caring for SAPC - Property and Hospitality
- **May 3rd** - Learning at SAPC - Spiritual Formation
- **May 10th** - Neighbors at SAPC - Mission and Outreach
- **May 31st** - Being Presbyterian - Church Life and Leadership

Fellowship at Harvest Gap | Join us after worship this **today (4/26)** for fun and fellowship at Harvest Gap Brewery. Order some lunch and chat with friends while the kids get to enjoy the playground. Look for the SAPC banner and **drop by anytime between 11:30-1.**

Serve Sunday | May 17th is Serve Sunday! That means we will not have worship in the Sanctuary. Instead, gather at 9:30am for a potluck breakfast followed by a sending prayer at 10am. You can sign up to go out into the community to participate in projects with our mission partners or stay on campus to participate. We look forward to serving with you!

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 26	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)
May 3	9:00 a	Dads with Donuts (Grades 6-12)
	10:00 a	Worship
	10:15 a	Children's Church (Pre-K – Grade 2)



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 USING "FEASTING ON THE WORD WORSHIP COMPANION: LITURGIES FOR YEAR A" AND REFLECTIONS ON THE BOOK "HOPE FOR CYNICS" BY JAMIL ZAKI

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HOPE FOR CYNICS

APRIL 26, 2026

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GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

REV. AMANDA KEMERY

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Sisters and brothers, let us gather together with glad and generous hearts.

All: For many signs and wonders are being done among us.

One: Let us break bread together and share our lives in common.

All: We come to find a seat at the table where we are known.

One: We strive to hold all things in common, looking out for whoever was in need.

All: We come to trade our scarcity for God's abundance.

One: Day by day, they grew in number and in grace.

All: Let us worship the God who calls us into community!

*HYMN 401

Gather Us In

GATHER US IN

INVITATION TO THE CONFESSION

MARCIA OWENS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we confess that we like the *idea* of community more than the *practice* of it. We often wait for others to prove they are trustworthy before we offer our own hearts. We have let the world's cynicism convince us that everyone is out for themselves, and so we keep our resources and our lives to ourselves. Forgive us for our fear and lead us back into your fold. Remind us that your kingdom is built on the radical trust of people who belong to one another. Amen.

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

One: In the family of God, you are not a stranger or a guest; you are a beloved member of the body.

Christ has broken down the walls of suspicion and invited us into a new way of being.

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and set free to trust again. Amen!

*GLORIA – HYMN 582

Glory to God

*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

MARCIA OWENS

FIRST READING

John 10:1-10

SECOND READING

Acts 2:42-47

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 Takes a Village?

REV. AMANDA KEMERY

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN 409

God Is Here

ABBOT'S LEIGH

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

MARCIA OWENS

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. We live out this faith together, trusting in the Spirit to hear the voices of those 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. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

One: God of the community,

All: hear our prayer.

OFFERING OURSELVES, OUR TIME, AND OUR TALENTS

ANTHEM

"Honey in the Rock"

BROOKE LIGERTWOOD

*DOXOLOGY – HYMN 609

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN 761

Called as Partners in Christ's Service

BEECHER

CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE



One of many murals depicting the strengths of the Harrison neighborhood in Minneapolis, a creation of the arts ministry of Redeemer Lutheran Church.

The murals answered the question, "What would you like to see grow in your neighborhood?" The mural-painting project gave neighbors the chance to build community with one another and foster a sense of pride in the neighborhood.