

## 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

**Belonging @ SAPC** | Are you interested in becoming an official member of SAPC? 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

<b>April 19</b>	9:00 a	Dads with Donuts (Grades 6-12)
	<b>10:00 a</b>	<b>Worship</b>
	10:15 a	Children's Church (Pre-K – Grade 2)
	6:00 p	Youth Group Dinner (Minis + MS + HS)
<b>April 26</b>	6:30 p	Youth Group (MS + HS)
	9:00 a	Dads with Donuts (Grades 6-12)
	<b>10:00 a</b>	<b>Worship</b>
	10:15 a	Children's Church (Pre-K – Grade 2) + Minis (Grade 3 – Grade 5)



**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

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HOPE FOR CYNICS: WE HAD HOPED

APRIL 19, 2026

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## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

CHORAL PRELUDE

"Hymn of Promise"

ST. ANDREW CHOIR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

REV. AMANDA KEMERY

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We walk along the road, and the air feels heavy.

**All: We say to one another, "We had hoped..."**

One: We carry the weight of what didn't happen and what went wrong.

**All: Our eyes are downcast, and the horizon feels small.**

One: But look—a stranger joins the journey. A conversation begins.

**All: Our hearts begin to flicker; our spirits begin to stir.**

One: Let us worship the God who meets us on the road!

**All: Let us open our eyes to the surprise of grace!**

\*HYMN 393

O Day of Rest and Gladness

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INVITATION TO THE CONFESSION

LISA MASSEY

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of the Journey, we confess that we are quick to recount our disappointments that we miss your presence in the stranger. We confess that our cynicism has become a habit—a way of walking that expects the worst and ignores the beautiful. Forgive us for when we value our "rightness" over our curiosity. Soften our hearts, stay with us through the evening, and break bread with us until our eyes are finally opened. Amen.**

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

One: The road doesn't end in disappointment. Even when we are walking the wrong way, Christ is walking with us.

**All: Our hearts were burning even before we knew his name. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and invited back to the table. Thanks be to God!**

