

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.

- **May 3rd** - Learning at SAPC - Spiritual Formation
- **May 10th** - Neighbors at SAPC - Mission and Outreach
- **May 31st** - Being Presbyterian - Church Life and Leadership

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!

Screen on the Green Outdoor Movie Night | May 29th @ 7:30pm | Join us for the first movie in our **Animated Faith summer series!** Every Friday from May 29th through June 26th, we'll be gathering at dusk on the front lawn for some big-screen fun. Bring your blankets, lawn chairs, and your favorite snacks/drinks—we'll provide the fresh popcorn! On Sundays, we'll use the movie of the week to engage Scripture in worship. Bring your neighbors and friends to enjoy the fun!

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? We are embarking on a 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

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



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 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: HOPEFUL SKEPTICISM

MAY 3, 2026

* INDICATES TO STAND

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

"Celebration #1"

ST. ANDREW RINGERS

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

REV. AMANDA KEMERY

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Don't be troubled. Trust in God.

All: We come to find our home in the One who knows us.

One: In God's house, there is room for everyone.

All: There is room for our questions and room for our doubts.

One: Christ is the way, the truth, and the life.

All: Not a wall to keep us out, but a path to lead us home.

One: Let us worship the God who shows us who we truly are!

All: Let us worship God together!

*HYMN 305

Come Sing, O Church, in Joy

DARWALL'S 148TH

INVITATION TO THE CONFESSION

DEBBIE STAFFORD

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we confess that we have mistaken our opinions for our identity. We have tied ourselves so tightly to labels and our personal certainties that we have forgotten how to be curious. When we are challenged, we react with fear instead of love. We confess that we are often more committed to being "right" than to being like you. Forgive us for the ways we have used our beliefs as weapons and our labels as shields. Untie the knots of our defensiveness. Help us to find our refuge in you alone, that we might have the courage to listen, the humility to learn, and the freedom to grow. Amen.

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

One: Our future is in God's hands. We are not defined by our mistakes or our labels, but by the love of

Christ. This is the good news:

All: We are forgiven, we are loved, and we are free. Thanks be to God!

*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

DEBBIE STAFFORD

FIRST READING

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

SECOND READING

John 14:1-14

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

The Way of the Hopeful Skeptic

REV. AMANDA KEMERY

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN 515

I Come with Joy

DOVE OF PEACE

REFLECTION & PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

See prompts listed on the next page or on the slides.

MARCIA OWENS

OFFERING OURSELVES, OUR TIME, AND OUR TALENTS

OFFERTORY

“Celebrations”

ST. ANDREW RINGERS

*DOXOLOGY – HYMN 609

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HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them 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

MUSIC

“Shout to the Lord”

DARLENE ZSCHECH

PRAYER

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN 319

Shout to the North

SMITH

See Slides for Lyrics

CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

“Celebration”

ST. ANDREW RINGERS



CHRISTIAN MURAL, ANONYMOUS

Wiltshire, UK

REFLECTION PROMPTS

NAME ONE BELIEF THAT HAS SHAPED YOUR LIFE

NAME A VALUE THAT MATTERS TO YOU

NAME ONE DESIRED ACTION

NAME ONE COMMITMENT