

# *St. Andrews Presbyterian Church*

March 19, 2023 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent

~ *Our Values* ~ Christ First – Inviting – Joyful – Open-Minded

~ *Our Mission Statement* ~ Inspired by the love of Christ, we are building a community that invites our neighbors into a relationship with God and each other.

*Welcome to St. Andrews*—we’re glad to have you worship with us.

Visitors, please fill out a blue “Welcome” card – we’d love to get to know you!

You will find yellow prayer cards in the pews if you have a request or a celebration you would like to share...an usher will come by to collect them.

Please sign the friendship register (on the center aisle) to record your attendance with us.

Gathering Music

*God So Loved*

Welcome and Announcements

\*Call to Worship

Jesus opened the eyes of a man born blind.

**Open our eyes, Savior of the world. Take away our blindness.**

Jesus came into the world, giving sight to those who know they are blind, and blinding those who think they can see.

**Show us, Savior of the world, the truth of our condition.**

Sisters and brothers, come, let us worship God!

\*Song

*Open the Eyes of My Heart*

\*Prayer of Confession

**Eternal God,**

**in whom we live and move and have our being,**

**whose face is hidden from us by our sins,**

**and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts:**

**Cleanse us from all our offenses,**

**and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires,**

**that with reverent and humble hearts**

**we may draw near to you, confessing our faults,**

**confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and strength;**

**through Jesus Christ your Son and our Lord.**

Silent Prayers

\*Assurance of Pardon

\*Passing of the Peace *May the Peace of Christ be with you all, and also with you.*

Prayer for Illumination

Liturgist: Maggie Beatty

**God, source of all light, by your Word you give light to the soul. Pour out upon us the spirit of wisdom and understanding that, being taught by you in Holy Scripture, our hearts and minds may be opened to know the things that pertain to life and holiness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Psalm 23

\*Hymn 280

*Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound*

John 9:1-41

Meditation

*Who's The Real Sinner Here?*

Rev. Ivo Meilands

\*Song

*This Is Amazing Grace*

\*Affirmation of Faith

*Romans 8:1, 28, 38-39*

Liturgist: Maggie Beatty

**We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus; for we know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to God's purpose. We are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

\*Response

*Open My Eyes That I May See*

Hymn 324 Vs. 1

\*Presenting Our Offerings

Liturgist: Maggie Beatty

Prayer of Dedication

**Loving God, grant that our tithes and offerings reflect hearts of praise and hands of generosity through the wonder-working power of the Holy Spirit. Bless them and use them for the benefit of your Kingdom here on earth. Amen.**

Choir Anthem

*Just a Closer Walk*

arr. Jack Schrader

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

\*Hymn 404

*Precious Lord, Take My Hand*

\*Charge and Benediction

\*Postlude

*Rev. Ivo Meilands is honorably retired after nearly 20 years of service in the Presbytery of West Jersey (now the Presbytery for Southern New Jersey). He then served as long term pulpit supply in several New Jersey churches. He now serves as a pulpit supply pastor in the Presbytery of Carlisle. Ivo enjoys playing golf and working out at the gym (gotta keep them old bones moving). Ivo and his wife Patricia reside in Palmyra, Pa. They are the proud parents of two daughters, Reverend Pamela Meilands and Karen Meilands, a senior Art Director for an advertising firm in Chicago, Illinois. Ivo and Patricia spend some of their time taking care of their grand-dogs, Kaiser (the sweetest German Shepherd ever), and Karl Barkh (the noisiest and craziest long-haired Dachshund ever). They have cherished their time getting to know the folks at St. Andrews.*

**Ways to support the ministries of the church:**

1. Mail a check. If you have offering envelopes, they're self-addressed & just need a stamp.
2. Online giving. <https://onrealm.org/standrewslebanon/-/give/now>
3. Text a gift: SAPC \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to 73256

*All services are in the sanctuary and streamed @ [www.standrewslebanon.org/watchlive](http://www.standrewslebanon.org/watchlive)*

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## THIS WEEK AT ST. ANDREWS

- Sun. March 19** 9AM Sunday School  
10AM Worship  
11:15AM **Pot-Luck O' the Irish Luncheon**, Snyder Hall  
3:30PM Youth Singers/Ringers  
4-6PM EPYC (6<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> Gr.)/Trailblazers (1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Gr.)
- Tue. March 21** 9-10AM Sew & Sew  
1PM Staff Meeting  
1:30PM Band Together  
7PM Committee Night – C.E., Mission, Property
- Wed. March 22** 6:30PM Praise Team  
7PM Wed. Evening Bible Study (WEBS) in Chapel  
7:30PM Chancel Choir
- Sun. March 26** 9AM Sunday School  
10AM Worship  
11AM Adult Sunday School Class on Psalms in Chapel  
3:30PM Youth Singers/Ringers  
4-6PM EPYC (6<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> Gr.)/Trailblazers (1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Gr.)

**TODAY: Pot-Luck O' The Irish Luncheon** – Join us after worship in Snyder Hall.

**Chancel Flowers** - given by Carla and Bob Dowd in memory of their parents.

**Mission Spotlight** for March is Instant Brown Rice, Chicken Broth, Brown Gravy.

**Lent Scavenger Hunt** continues! Get a clue each week through Palm Sunday!

**The WEBS group** (*Wed. Eve. Bible Study*) will begin a Lenten study on the last words of Jesus. The study began on March 1st at 7:00 pm in the Chapel. No book is necessary. Contact Ken Gries with any questions.

**Lenten Devotionals** are available in the Gathering Area! Pick up one for you or a friend!

**April Newsletter** articles are welcome to the office between now and March 24<sup>th</sup>!