

St. Andrews Presbyterian Church

March 30, 2025 4th Sunday in Lent

Christ First Inviting Joyful Open-Minded

*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. It is a joy to worship together!

Please sign the friendship register on the center aisle.

If you have a prayer request or a joy to lift up, find a yellow prayer card in the pews.

An usher will come by to collect them.

Nursery care is available during worship for younger children. As children grow, they grow into our worship together. Children of all ages are welcome in worship. We have

‘Church in a Bag’ in the narthex to engage younger worshippers.

Children’s
Bulletin
Pictures

Gathering Around the WORD

Gathering Music

Holy Forever



Welcome and Announcements



Morning Prayer

**O God, our Rock and our resting place,
we come to you, out of another busy week,
out of our struggles to be meaningful in our world,
out of our desire to know you as the center of our being.
Meet us here and now, we pray. Amen.**

*Song

Good Good Father

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*Prayer of Confession

**Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry,
too real to hide, and too deep to undo.
Forgive what our lips hesitate to name,
And what our hearts can no longer bear.
Set us free from a past that we cannot change;
open to us a future in which we can be changed;
and grant us grace to grow more and more
in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, we pray.**



Silent Prayers

*Assurance of Pardon

*Passing of the Peace

May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

Proclaiming the WORD

Coming to Christ as a Child

Rob Cochran

Special Music

All Things Bright and Beautiful
Bells of St. Andrews

arr. Barbara Kinyon



Prayer for Illumination

Lorna Everhart

**Lord God, you have declared that your kingdom is among us.
Open our eyes to see it, our ears to hear it, our hearts to hold it,
our hands to serve it. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**



Malachi 3:16-18 NRSV



*Hymn 275

God of Our Life



Luke 7:18-35 ESV



Meditation

A Letter For Another Generation

Pastor Robin



Responding to the WORD

*Song

Goodness of God

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*Affirmation of Faith From: A Brief Statement of Faith Lorna Everhart

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community.

But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation.

Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.

Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

*Sung Response

This Is My Father's World

Hymn 293



Presenting Our Offerings
Prayer of Dedication

Lorna Everhart

Lord Jesus Christ, accept this offering of your people. Remember in your love those who have brought it and those for whom it is given, and so follow it with your blessing. May this offering promote peace and goodwill among all people, and cultivate Your Kingdom. Amen.

Offertory

In Moments of Quiet

by Victor Johnson



Bearing the WORD into the World

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 363

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me



*Charge and Benediction

*Postlude

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

by Jason Payne

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

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THIS WEEK AT ST. ANDREWS

- Sun. Mar 30** 8:45-11AM Nursery Available
9AM Sunday School for all / 10AM Worship
11AM Class on Psalms
3:30PM Ring & Sing and 4PM EPYC/Trailblazers Youth Groups
- Mon. Mar 31** 7PM Follow-Ship Group
- Tue. Apr 1** 9AM Sew & Sew
1:30PM Band Together & 1:30PM Staff Meeting
7PM Session Mtg.
- Wed. Apr 2** 6PM Praise Team Rehearsal
6:45 Handbell Rehearsal
7PM WEBS Bible Study
7:30PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- Thu. Apr 3** 2PM Follow-Ship Group
- Fri. Apr 4** 9:15AM Fellowship Walking Group @ S. Hills Park
- Sun. Apr 6** 8:45-11AM Nursery Available
9AM Sunday School for all / 10AM Worship
11AM Class on Psalms
3:30PM Ring & Sing; 4-6PM EPYC/Trailblazers Youth Groups

Chancel Flowers given by Perry Latshaw in memory of her mother, Polly W. Ehrgood

April Mission Spotlight: Adult and children's toothpaste, 5 oz or larger

Help Stuff Easter Eggs! Sun. April 6 @11:30am in the Library (for Apr 20 Egg Hunt)
Donations of individually wrapped candies are appreciated!

Join us for **Holy Week Worship:** Palm Sun. Apr 13 @ 10AM, Maundy Thu. Apr 17 @ 7PM, Good Friday Apr 18 @ 7PM and Easter Sunday, April 20 @10AM followed by an Easter Egg Hunt @11:15AM!

Come to **The Living Last Supper on Maundy Thursday, April 17th @ 7PM.** An evening of monologues by Disciples, around the table, communion & meditative music by the Chancel Choir.

March 30-April 6 – Lenten Journal page is below:

A Letter from One Generation to Another:

March 30 -April 6

“To what then shall I compare the people of this generation, and what are they like?” Luke 7:31

As one of this generation, write a letter to another generation in your family. Choose whoever the Spirit puts on your heart; a child, grandchild, parent, or grandparent.

In the letter, share your story of faith. Don't ask them to believe, *just share why you believe in Jesus. Share why faith is meaningful to you.* Write it and wait for the Spirit to tell you to send it. If the time to send it is unknown, place it with your living will.

As you consider writing, *who* has the Spirit put on your heart?

Find space without time pressure, and write freely, let your thoughts pour out.

Set it aside.

On another day: read, edit and write letting your words fill in from your heart and your free writing.

Prayerfully consider what is best to do with this letter from your heart.

Will you give, save or hold in trust?

Reflections: