St. Andrews Presbyterian Church

April 6, 2025 5th 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 worshipers.

Children's Bulletin **Pictures**

Gathering Around the WORD

My Faith Looks Up to Thee Prelude

by Robert Lau

Welcome and Announcements

Morning Prayer

Great and loving God, we come before you emptied of all that would distract, seeking all that would redeem. Meet us here. Enliven our hearts and minds, and give peace to our souls. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

*Hymn 280

Amazing Grace

*Prayer of Confession

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy wring out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, for I am ready to know and be rid of my sin. You desire truth in the inward being: therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.

Silent Prayers

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





^{*}Assurance of Pardon

^{*}Passing of the Peace

God Is So Good Youth Ring & Sing

Proclaiming the WORD

Coming to Christ as a Child

Rob Cochran

Prayer for Illumination

David Overholt

Lord Jesus, teach us your paths, and help us to know your ways. For you are the One who brings salvation; for you we wait all day long. Amen.

Psalm 51 NRSV

*Song Give Us Clean Hands

Luke 7:36-8:3 ESV

Meditation Responding to Forgiveness

Pastor Robin

Responding to the WORD

*Hymn 85 What Wondrous Love Is This

*Affirmation of Faith From: A Brief Statement of Faith

David Overholt

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.

*Song

Come To The Table











Presenting Our Offerings

Prayer of Dedication

David Overholt

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to you and to the care and redemption of all that you have made. For the sake of him who gave himself for us—Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Offertory Anthem

Mercy

Craig Courtney



Sealing and Bearing the WORD into the World

The Sacrament of Communion

Invitation

Prayers around the Table 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.

Words of Institution

Communion of God's People

You are invited to come forward and receive communion.

If it is best for you to stay seated, let the ushers know-communion will be brought to you. If you are at home, please find something to be the bread and the cup for you.

Prayer after Communion

*Song

You Are My King (Amazing Love)



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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^{*}Charge and Benediction

^{*}Sending Song

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANDREWS

Sun. Apr 6 8:45-11AM Nursery Available

9AM Sunday School for all / 10AM Worship

11AM Help Stuff Easter Eggs

3:30PM Ring & Sing; 4-6PM EPYC/Trailblazers Youth Groups

Mon. Apr 7 7PM Admin. & Personnel Mtg.

Tue. Apr 8 9AM Sew & Sew

1:30PM Band Together & 1:30PM Staff Meeting

6PM Knitting Guild / 6:30 PEO Mtg.

Wed. Apr 9 6PM Praise Team Rehearsal

6:45PM Handbell Rehearsal 7PM WEBS Bible Study

7:30PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thu. Apr 10 2PM Grief Support Group - Chapel

Fri. Apr 11 9:15AM Fellowship Walking Group @ S. Hills Park

Sat. Apr 12 12PM Free Noon Meal – lead by Deacons (Kathy Crager)

Sun. Apr 13 Palm Sunday 8:45-11AM Nursery Available

9AM Sunday School for all / 10AM Worship

3:30PM Ring & Sing; 4-6PM EPYC/Trailblazers Youth Groups

Chancel Flowers given by Barry Kohr in memory of his father, Charles Sweitzer

Help Stuff Easter Eggs today after worship! In the Library (for Apr 20 Egg Hunt)

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

Join us for **Holy Week Worship:** <u>Palm Sunday</u> Apr 13 @ 10AM, <u>Maundy Thursday</u>. Apr 17 @ 7PM, <u>Good Friday</u> 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, communion & meditative music by the Choir.

New Era: Thu. April 24, 10:30AM Men's Rescue Mission guided tour – Sign up!!

Getting to Know St. Andrews - April 27th after worship, Pastor Robin will lead a gathering for all who would like to get to know St. Andrews. Light lunch will be served. If you'd like to know more about us or are interested in membership, come and be a part of this gathering. Please RSVP to the church office by Easter Sunday, April 20th.

Concert Date Change: LHS Choir Concert has changed to May 16th!



A Journal of Forgiveness: April 6-13

"Therefore I tell you, her sins, which are many, are forgiven – for she loved much. But he who is forgiven little, loves little." Luke 7:47

This week write down what you need forgiveness from.

Also write who and what you will forgive (or need to forgive).

Bring back next Sunday (Palm Sun.) - to offer to God

I need forgiveness from:	 I will forgive: