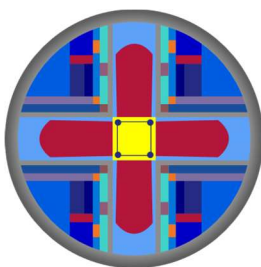


We are imperfect believers, passionate
about sharing the love of Christ:
by **Connecting**, **Growing**, and **Serving**.



St. Andrews
Presbyterian Church

A Service of Worship for the Lord's Day

Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 30, 2023

We Gather to Worship God

Welcome to St. Andrews Presbyterian Church! If you are visiting, please complete a Visitor's Card found in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate. Prayer cards are also available, and we invite you to list your concerns and place them in the offering plate as well. Our Minister and our Prayer Team will pray for your concerns.

*Congregation stands as noted

Chiming of the Hour and Introit

Call to Worship

Leader: The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

People: The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

Leader: One thing I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after:

People: To behold the beauty of the LORD, and to inquire in his temple.

Leader: "Come," my heart says, "seek his face!"

People: Your face, LORD, do I seek.

Leader: O Lord God of our salvation, we worship and adore you,

People: We will sing your praises for ever and ever. Amen!

Invocation and 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.

*Opening Hymn #321

"The Church's One Foundation"

We Acknowledge Our Brokenness and Seek Reconciliation with God

Preparing Our Hearts for Confession - "Confession"

Words/Music by Kenneth Jones

Lord, I come before you, asking your forgiveness. I am broken, I have faltered. I have turned from you.

Create in me a new heart. Fill me with your love. Grant that I receive your grace, I pray.

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Amen.

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

O Lord God of grace and mercy, we flee to your redeeming love today. We acknowledge that we imitate the world too much, and the Lord Jesus too little. We confess that we are too often "case hardened" when we see the suffering of others. There is so much to do, we get overwhelmed. We are tempted to do little or nothing. Yet, you have decided to need us for your work. Let us hear your voice today. Grant that our hearts may be filled with your love. And at the last, give us the joy of reaching out with your strength to bring healing to a shattered world.

Time of Silent Reflection and Personal Prayer of Confession

Leader: And all the people of Christ say,

People: Amen.

***Assurance of Pardon**

Leader: We have mercy and forgiveness in what God has done through Jesus and the Cross. Give thanks for God's Amazing Grace. .

People: (In response sing the first verse of Amazing Grace) – Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me. I once was lost but now am found, was blind, but now, I see.

***Passing of the Peace**

Leader: Grace to you, and peace from God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

We Respond to God's Faithfulness in Our Life

Offering Our Lives to Jesus through Our Time, Gifts, and Resources

Offertory

***Doxology (#606)**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***Prayer of Dedication**

(Children that have not yet finished 1st Grade are dismissed at this time for Children's Church)

God's Word Is Read and Proclaimed

Special Music

"Be Still"
Mary McDonald

Chancel Choir

Scripture Reading

Acts 2:42-47

Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

Proclamation of God's Word

"Church: Bride of Christ"

Jeff Gilstrap

Responding to God's Word

***Affirmation of Our Faith (Apostle's Creed – Unison)**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, the Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived of the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He arose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from whence He shall come

to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting.

*Responsive Hymn #506

“Look Who Gathers at Christ’s Table!”

Preparing Our Hearts for Prayer (#471)

“O Lord, Hear My Prayer”

O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer. When I call answer me.
O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and listen to me.

Time of Reflection, Meditation, Personal Prayer

Karlee Tate

Sending Out Into the World

*Sending Hymn #320

“The Church of Christ in Every Age”

*Charge and Blessing

*Congregational Benediction #246 (v.1)

“Christ Is Alive!”

*Postlude

Thank you for choosing to worship with us today. We hope you were blessed so you can go and be a witness to Christ’s love in the world. May your spirits be renewed for the days ahead.



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