

St. Andrews Presbyterian Church



January 19, 2025

2nd Sunday after Epiphany

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10:30 A.M.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

"When Morning Gilds the Skies"
"Be still and know that I am God."
(Please use this time to prepare for worship in silence.)

Barnby
Psalm 46:10

WORDS OF WELCOME AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISCIPLESHIP

PASSING THE PEACE "...I was a stranger and you welcomed me." *Matthew 25:35b*
The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**
(The people may greet each other in the spirit of Christ.)

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 36:7-9)

Liturgist

How precious is your steadfast love, O God!
May all people take refuge in the shadow of your wings.
**We feast on the abundance of your house,
and you give us drink from the river of your delights.**
For with you is the fountain of life;
in your light we see light.

OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN 393 "O Day of Rest and Gladness" ES FLOG EIN KLEINS WALDVÖGELEIN

*CONFESSION AND PARDON

Who among us has not been enticed and led astray by idols? All of us come with need to confess. Let us do so with trust in God's endless desire to forgive.

Loving Lord, we long to be your faithful people, but our good intentions run out and we come up empty. For all the ways we fall short in sin, forgive us, Gracious One. Change us – like water into wine – to become what the world lacks, that our community, our nation, our church, and all creation may know your justice and love. Amen.

Silent Confession

*KYRIE (Sung)

**Lord, have mercy,
Christ, have mercy,
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

God has lifted you up from all that has pushed you down. Gone are old names of derision: Forsaken, Desolate, Loser, Nobody. Through the gifts of the Holy Spirit, God calls you by new names: Wise, Knowing, Faithful, Healer, Prophet, Mystic. Hear, believe, and trust your new name: **In Jesus Christ, my name is Forgiven. Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Amen.**

THE WORD

TIME FOR OUR YOUNGEST DISCIPLES
THE LORD'S PRAYER (Traditional)

(Page 35, *Glory to God Hymnal*)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE HEBREW TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 62:1-5
Powerful and full of majesty is the voice of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC "Lord, I Want to be a Christian" Traditional Spiritual

THE GOSPEL READING: John 2:1-11
The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON "The Buoyancy of Hope"

THE RESPONSE

*HYMN 761 "Called as Partners in Christ's Service" BEECHER

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison) (Adapted from the *Confession of 1967*, 9.15)
God's sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of the human mind. Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness. But God reveals divine love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful people. The power of God's love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of God's love. Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI (Hymn 581)

COMMISSIONING OF FRONTERA DE CRISTO MISSION TEAM
Questions of Commitment to Mission Team
Question to Congregation

Members of this household of faith, you have heard the promises of our siblings in Christ who have answered God's call to take this trip. Let us affirm our intention to live in covenant with them. Will those who are comfortable doing so rise and witness to the commitment we now make?

We gather in celebration of the joy that is ours to be partners with you in the Border Mission Trip to which you are called. We promise to love you, honor your commitment and pray for you, that together we may be a faithful church of Jesus Christ.

Response 69 Refrain from "Here I Am, Lord"
Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

HYMN TO ENTER PRAYER 465 (Verse 1)

What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit; O what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry everything to God in prayer.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

"El Shaddai"

Card/Thompson

*DOXOLOGY/Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow (606)

*PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

THE SENDING

*HYMN 821

"My Life Flows On"

HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING

*BENEDICTION (*The Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.*)

**Keep us, God, in perfect peace.
Help us to walk together,
pray together,
sing together,
and live together
until that day when all God's children
- Black, White, Red, Brown and Yellow -
will rejoice in one common band of humanity
in the reign of our Lord and of our God...
Amen.**

POSTLUDE

"Thy Word"

Smith/Grant



PARTICIPANTS IN WORSHIP

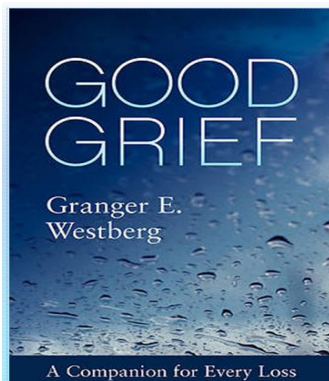
The Rev. Dr. Anne Hébert, Pastor
Marjorie Groenwald, Liturgist
Marty Havlin, Barb Newman, Ushers
Pat and Bob Graham, Greeters
Michael Beery, Music Director
Polly Mauer, Pianist

OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY

<p>Today 9:00 Sunday Bible Study 10:30 Worship 11:30 Coffee Hour 4:00 A.A./Al-Anon Serenity Group</p> <p>Tuesday, January 21 2:00 Finance Mtg 3:00 Disciple I Bible Study— Will Amstutz</p>	<p>Wednesday, January 22 12:30 Centering Prayer Group 4:30 NO Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>Friday, January 24 9:00 Men's Breakfast at Platte River Inn</p> <p>Saturday, January 25 12:30 Baby Shower</p> <p>Sunday, January 26 9:00 Sunday Bible Study 10:30 Worship 11:30 Coffee Hour 4:00 A.A./Al-Anon Serenity Group</p>
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PRAYER LIST

<p>MILITARY: All of our US Military deployed and their families.</p> <p>INTERNATIONAL PEACEMAKERS : Rev. Jerome Bizimana & the people of Rwanda Rev. Butros Zaour & family & Majd Lahham, Damascus, Syria</p> <p>MISSION CO-WORKERS: Mark Adams & Miriam Maldonado Escobar, & their children: Cindy Yessenia, Anna Flor & Nathan—Frontera de Cristo; Douglas AZ Efi Latsoudi & Lesvos Solidarity, Greece</p>	<p>MEMBERS AND FRIENDS</p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;"> Jason Janowiak John Bentley Greg McGavran George Marsh Roger Sattler Steve Chapman Bob Nelson Brent Walsworth Tim Bergstrom Peggy Hawley Barb Alldredge Richard Pharr Mike Perry Susan Eldred Kay Gossens </td> <td style="width: 50%;"> Britta Baarstad Linda Koch Evelyn Sengelau Laura and Bryan Sheffield Martha Campbell Jim Boehm Jay Marsh Bill Alldredge (<i>Barb's Son</i>) Gwen Baarstad Kristian Webster Dale Williams Ro Gregory Family of Margaret Evans Family of Margaret Beery </td> </tr> </table>	Jason Janowiak John Bentley Greg McGavran George Marsh Roger Sattler Steve Chapman Bob Nelson Brent Walsworth Tim Bergstrom Peggy Hawley Barb Alldredge Richard Pharr Mike Perry Susan Eldred Kay Gossens	Britta Baarstad Linda Koch Evelyn Sengelau Laura and Bryan Sheffield Martha Campbell Jim Boehm Jay Marsh Bill Alldredge (<i>Barb's Son</i>) Gwen Baarstad Kristian Webster Dale Williams Ro Gregory Family of Margaret Evans Family of Margaret Beery
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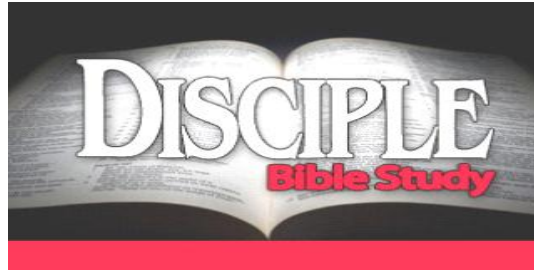


GOOD GRIEF
 by Granger E. Westberg

Grief Group meets Mondays at
 2PM

Talk with Rev. Anne or call the
 church office for information.

Good Grief by Granger E. Westberg offers timeless wisdom and is a proven companion in times of loss.



DISCIPLE BIBLE STUDY

Beginning in January, we will engage in such imagining as we explore the New Testament through the format of DISCIPLE Bible Study. At least 45 people at St. Andrews have taken part in this study and have benefited from it. If you would like to take part, please sign up in the Gathering Space or via the link in the January Newsletter.

Our class will meet weekly via Zoom on Tuesdays, 3-5pm.



The second class is for anyone who has completed Disciple I. **Disciple II will cover Genesis and Exodus.** (Next winter/spring, we'll cover Luke and Acts.) It will take place **online on Thursdays from 2:00 to 4:00.** Disciple II goes into more detail about these two fundamental books of the Pentateuch. There is less reading than Disciple I, which you may be glad to hear! It will be in a similar format and will require the purchase of a manual. **The class begins Thursday, January 30th,** and goes through May 22nd (except for Holy Week.)

The cost of the study manual is \$25 with the Adult Ed Ministry Team paying the remaining cost. In addition to signing up, please let Deb know if you need a Study Manual. Some may have completed part of the study already and will not need a manual-(For Disciple I Class). You will need a Disciple II Study guide if taking that class).

CHECK OUT A BOOK FROM THE BOOK NOOK

Who is Jesus? The latest selections on the book cart offer many different perspectives on the person of Jesus:

"Just Give Me Jesus" and *"Expecting Jesus"*, by Anne Graham Lotz, daughter of Billy Graham - Discovering who Jesus really is and the signs and hope of his return.

"The Humor of Christ", by Elton Trueblood - challenges the stereotype of a somber Jesus.

"Just Like Jesus", by Max Lucado- how do we transform into the likeness of Jesus.

"Jesus and the Disinherited", by Howard Thurman -Jesus's life and suffering point to a solution for hatred.

"Beautiful Outlaw", by John Eldredge- opens our eyes to the personality of Jesus.

"Christ the Lord, Out of Egypt" by Anne Rice- a novel imagining Jesus's childhood.

"Meeting Jesus Again for the First Time," by Marcus Borg, moves from the doctrine of Jesus towards a relationship with the Spirit of God.

"Jesus", by John Crossman - a revolutionary biography.

