

St. Andrews Presbyterian Church



Jesus Mural: Faith, Hope, Love, and Peace
Chicago

January 26, 2025

3rd Sunday after Epiphany

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10:30 A.M.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

"The Love of Jesus Medley"

arr. Hayes

"Be still and know that I am God."

Psalm 46:10

(Please use this time to prepare for worship in silence.)

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

Liturgist

God built the heavens, the earth, and everything in them.

God calls us to be builders as well.

God calls us to build our lives:

to restore broken places and continue to grow.

God calls us to build our faith:

to study the Word and ponder its interpretation.

God calls us to build our community:

to build bridges of understanding and systems of justice.

God calls us to build history by fulfilling the promises of Scripture:

to preach the good news of God's love and liberation for all people.

OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN 462

"I Love to Tell the Story"

HANKEY

*CONFESSION AND PARDON

Let us confess our sin as an offering of our trust in God's love and forgiveness.

Let us pray:

O God who travels with us, you know who we are. We long for life that is full and free. We long to know the truth, and we want to leave behind the things that hold us back. We want to move forward in faith, but the way often seems fraught with problems and dangers. We stand in helpless fear before the complexities of our past and the hiddenness of our future. Stand beside us, gentle Christ. Walk before us, brave Jesus. Call us into life, Holy Spirit. Amen.

Silent Confession

*KYRIE

Lord, have mercy,

Christ, have mercy,

Lord, have mercy upon us.

God's word does not come to condemn us, but to make us wise, reviving our souls and rejoicing our hearts. **God's Word has been fulfilled among us in Jesus Christ, who sets us free to live in accord with God's own jubilee. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Amen.**

THE WORD

CHILDREN'S TIME

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Traditional)

(Page 35, *Glory to God Hymnal*)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE EPISTLE: I Corinthians 12:12-31a

Happy are those who delight in God's word.

Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC

"I Love to Tell the Story"

arr. Raney

THE GOSPEL READING: Luke 4:14-21

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

"Jesus' Mission"

THE RESPONSE

*HYMN 300

"We are One in the Spirit"

THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(From *A Brief Statement of Faith*)

In a broken and fearful world God's Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, Come, Lord Jesus! Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI (Hymn 609; Tune: Lasst Uns Erfreuen)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures high and low.

Alleluia, alleluia! Praise God in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one.

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

arr. Raney

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

*PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

THE SENDING

*HYMN 496

"Listen, God Is Calling"

NENO LAKE MUNGU

*COVENANT OF THE CONGREGATION (Unison)

Let us go forth into the world in peace, have courage, hold on to what is good, return to no person evil for evil, strengthen the fainthearted, support the weak, help the suffering, honor all persons, love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"They'll Know We are Christians by Our Love"

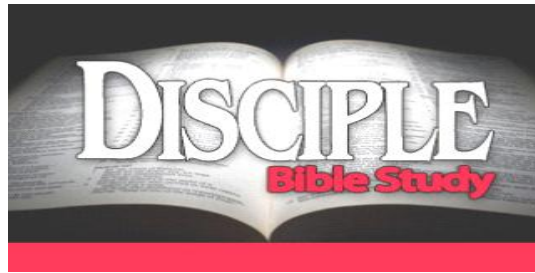
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PARTICIPANTS IN WORSHIP

The Rev. Dr. Anne Hébert, Pastor
Dennis Keeney, Liturgist
Jim and Elaine Trent, Ushers
Pete and Marilyn Brager, Greeters
Michael Beery, Music Director
Polly Mauer, Pianist



Flowers today are to celebrate Rev. Anne's birthday (Jan. 21) and the birth of her first granddaughter, Ivy Jane.



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.

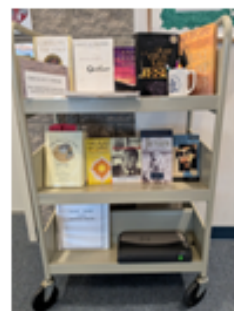


The second class is for anyone who has completed Disciple I. **Disciple II will cover Genesis and Exodus.** (Next winter/spring, we'll cover Luke and Acts.) It will take place **online on Thursdays from 2:00 to 4:00.** Disciple II goes into more detail about these two fundamental books of the Pentateuch. 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.

GOOD GRIEF

Granger E.
Westberg

A Companion for Every Loss

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.