

St. Andrews Presbyterian Church



Detail of 'The Golden Rule' mosaic at the United Nations
After Norman Rockwell by Coop Mosaic Artistico Veneziano
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February 23, 2025

7th Sunday after Epiphany

February 23, 2025

10:30 A.M.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

"Gather Us In"

arr. Cotter

"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.)

CHORAL INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist

Take delight in the Lord who satisfies the desires of your heart.

Commit your way to the Lord and trust in God's actions.

Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for God.

Praise the Lord who is our salvation and our refuge in times of trouble!

OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN 401

"Here in This Place"

GATHER US IN

*CONFESSION AND PARDON

If we claim to be sinless, we're just fooling ourselves, and we know it isn't true. But if we confess our sin, our faithful and just God will forgive us and cleanse us of all wrongdoing. Trusting in God's sure mercy, let us confess our sin:

Almighty God, you call us to shine as lights in a dark world, but we have failed to reflect your goodness and mercy. We have not trusted your promises or followed your ways. Forgive us for loving only those who love us; showing kindness only to those who are kind to us; giving only when we expect to receive. Fill our hearts with your selfless love; transform our lives by your matchless grace; empower us by your Holy Spirit that, as committed disciples of our Lord Jesus Christ, we may fulfill your will in word and deed, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Silent Confession

KYRIE (Sung)

Lord, have mercy,

Christ, have mercy,

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Because Christ has been raised from the dead, sin and death do not have the last word! Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection, we are forgiven! **Thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.**

THE WORD

TIME FOR OUR YOUNGEST DISCIPLES

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Traditional) (Page 35, *Glory to God Hymnal*)

**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 in to temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE HEBREW TESTAMENT READING: Genesis 45:3-11, 15
The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM "The Road Home"

arr. Stephen Paulus

THE EPISTLE READING: 1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 51-58
This is the word of faith that we proclaim.

Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL READING: Luke 6:27-38
The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON "God's Intentions"

THE RESPONSE

*HYMN 753 "Make Me a Channel of Your Peace"

PRAYER OF ST FRANCIS

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (The Apostles' Creed)

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the
Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was
crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose
again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right
hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge
the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic
church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the
resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*GLORIA PATRI (Hymn 581)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY "Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love"
*DOXOLOGY/Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow (592)
*PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Ghana Folk Song

THE SENDING

*HYMN 543 "God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me"

GREEN TYLER

*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.

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Shout to the Lord"

Zschech

PARTICIPANTS IN WORSHIP

Rev. Margie Osborn, Guest Pastor
Judy Harnish, Liturgist
Scott and Ellen Gravelie, Ushers
David, Kim, Mya, Ava, Greeters
Ruby and Skylar Anderson, Acolytes
Michael Beery, Music Director
Polly Mauer, Pianist

Words for Meditation

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,
show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.

Kneels at the feet of his friends,
silently washes their feet,
Master who acts as a slave to them.

Neighbors are wealthy and poor,
varied in color and race,
neighbors are near us and far away.

These are the ones we should serve,
these are the ones we should love,
all these are neighbors to us and you.

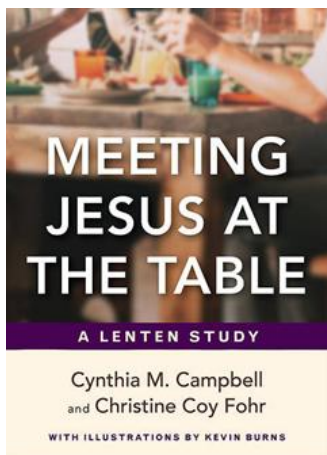
Loving puts us on our knees,
silently washing their feet,
this is the way we should live with you.

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>Monday, February 24 2:00 Grief Group</p> <p>Tuesday, February 25 3:00 Disciple I Bible Study (Red Book)</p>	<p>Wednesday, February 26 12:30 Centering Prayer Group 2:00 Session Mtg 4:30 Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>Thursday, February 27 2:00 Disciple II Bible Study (Green Book)</p> <p>Friday, February 28 9:00 Men's Breakfast at Platte River Inn</p> <p>Sunday, March 2 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 border="0"> <tr> <td>Jason Janowiak</td> <td>Britta Baarstad</td> </tr> <tr> <td>John Bentley</td> <td>Linda Koch</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Greg McGavran</td> <td>Evelyn Sengelaub</td> </tr> <tr> <td>George Marsh</td> <td>Laura and Bryan Sheffield</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Roger Sattler</td> <td>Martha Campbell</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Steve Chapman</td> <td>Jim Boehm</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Bob Nelson</td> <td>Jay Marsh</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Tim Bergstrom</td> <td>Gwen Baarstad</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Barb Alldredge</td> <td>Kristian Webster</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Susan Eldred</td> <td>Dale Williams</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Kay Gossens</td> <td>Ro Gregory</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sally Keeney</td> <td>Paul Walters</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Pierce Anderson</td> <td>Family of Margaret Beery</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Kristin Lehoullier</td> <td>Family of Richard Pharr</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Nathan Carrick</td> <td>Emmalee Sheffield</td> </tr> </table>	Jason Janowiak	Britta Baarstad	John Bentley	Linda Koch	Greg McGavran	Evelyn Sengelaub	George Marsh	Laura and Bryan Sheffield	Roger Sattler	Martha Campbell	Steve Chapman	Jim Boehm	Bob Nelson	Jay Marsh	Tim Bergstrom	Gwen Baarstad	Barb Alldredge	Kristian Webster	Susan Eldred	Dale Williams	Kay Gossens	Ro Gregory	Sally Keeney	Paul Walters	Pierce Anderson	Family of Margaret Beery	Kristin Lehoullier	Family of Richard Pharr	Nathan Carrick	Emmalee Sheffield
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Join us during Lent as we discuss

MEETING JESUS AT THE TABLE

by Cynthia M. Campbell and Christine Coy Fohr

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