

St. Andrews Presbyterian Church



March 22, 2026

5th Sunday in Lent

March 22, 2026

10:30 A.M.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

Prelude on "Morecambe"
"Be still and know that I am God."
(Please use this time to prepare for worship in silence.)

arr. Atkinson
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.)

CHORAL INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist

The Spirit of God has brought us here.
God has set us down here, though our bones are tired.
Can these dry bones live?
Yes! The Breath of God will revive us! The Word of God will awaken us!
Out of the depths, we cry to you, O God.
And God answers: Follow my welcoming and life-giving Spirit!

THE LENTEN WREATH – LETTING GO OF WEALTH

Bill and Suzie Anderson

We live in a world that tells us we never have enough. We seek more: more money, bigger houses, newer cars and the latest technology. Fearing scarcity, we squirrel away our possessions and store up our own treasures. We worship money instead of God. When we let go of our wealth and acknowledge that it all belongs to God, we learn to trust and rely on God, who desires that all have enough. (*Silence*)

As we extinguish this light, we let go of our wealth. We let go of our constant need for more, the illusion that possessions make us self-sufficient, and admit our need for God. (*A candle is extinguished.*)

Creator God, remind us again that the world and all that is in it is yours. Teach us to relax our hold on possessions and to cling to you instead. Help us use the gifts you've given us wisely and share them generously, joyfully trusting in your abundance. Amen.

*HYMN 688

"Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart"

MORECAMBE

*CONFESSION AND PARDON

Jesus calls us to enter the joy of discipleship, the joy of following his Way.
But sin clings closely, and we struggle to respond fully to Christ's invitation.
Let us seek God's forgiveness so that we may know more deeply the joy God intends.

God of resurrection, we know the power of death. We have seen its works, we have felt its sting. We have been to the valley of despair, and we have felt like there was no chance for life. We do not believe in your power to resurrect. We do not believe in your power to redeem our pain and fashion something beautiful in this world. Forgive us. We cry from the depths – however faint our call may be, we pray you hear our voice. Amen.

Silent Confession

*KYRIE

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

Relentlessly, God seeks us out. With abundant grace and boundless mercy, God finds us and grants us the breath of life. This is good news!

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen.

THE WORD

CHILDREN'S TIME

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Traditional)

(Page 35, *Glory to God Hymnal*)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Liturgist

THE EPISTLE READING: Romans 8:6-11

Happy are those who delight in God's word.

Thanks be to God.

CHORAL ANTHEM

"Dry Bones"

Spiritual

THE HEBREW TESTAMENT READING: Ezekiel 37:1-14

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Down in the Valley"

THE RESPONSE

*HYMN 285

"Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song"

BRIDEGROOM

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: (Unison)

(From *Declaration of Faith*, 6.2)

The Word which was with God from the beginning was embodied in Jesus Christ. We hold that what God says to us and does for us centers in Jesus Christ our living Lord as he is remembered, known, and expected. In Christ, God's Word of acceptance takes flesh: By grace through faith we are set right with God, adopted as children of God, not because of anything we have done, but because of what Christ has done. In Christ, God's Word of demand is lived out: To love God and neighbor as he did is what God requires of us. The Spirit adds no different Word from God, but leads us deeper into the truth of God uttered in Jesus Christ. Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI (Hymn 581)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD
OFFERTORY
*DOXOLOGY (See below)
*PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

"Bridegroom"

arr. Hobby

THE SENDING

*HYMN 291

"Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness"

SPIRIT

*BENEDICTION

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God who opens every grave,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit – the very breath of life – be with us all.
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Amen.

*POSTLUDE

"Fugue in d Minor"

J.S. Bach

Lenten Doxology

10.10.10.10.10.10

R. G. Huff

FINLANDIA
Jean Sibelius



O suf-f'ring Je - sus, in these for - ty days. We view your sor - row,
share in your dis - tress. Our Len - ten songs are filled with mu - ted praise;
Yet by your pas - sion, we are tru - ly blessed. We praise the Fa - ther!
Praise to our God, and
We praise you, the Son! — We praise the Spir - it, our God, Three in One.
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PARTICIPANTS IN WORSHIP

The Rev. Dr. Anne Hébert, Pastor
 Mac Whisner, Liturgist
 Al and Bonnie Garbrecht, Ushers
 JoAnne Beare, Dave Jahr, Greeters
 Bill and Suzie Anderson, Lenten Readers
 Diane Pharr, Online Digital Greeter
 Michael Beery, Music Director
 Lawrence Smith, Organist

OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY

<p>Today 9:00 Adult Ed Bible Study 10:30 Worship 11:30 St. Patrick’s Day Potluck 4:00 A.A./Al-Anon Group</p>  <p>Monday, March 23 2:00 Grief Group</p> <p>Tuesday, March 24 3:00 Lenten Study, “Pause”</p>	<p>Wednesday, March 25 12:30 Centering Prayer Group 2:00 Session 4:00 Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>Friday, March 27 9:00 Men’s Breakfast @ Platte River Inn</p> <p>Sunday, March 29 9:00 Adult Ed Bible Study 10:30 Worship—Palm Sunday 11:30 Coffee Hour 4:00 A.A./Al-Anon 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>Bob Nelson</td> <td>The Navin Family</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Tim Bergstrom</td> <td>Tim, Sarah, Tilly and Family</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Joel Hough</td> <td>Peter Navin</td> </tr> <tr> <td>John Warren Robey</td> <td>Linda Koch</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Kristin Lehoullier</td> <td>Evelyn Sengelaub</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Suzie Anderson</td> <td>Laura and Bryan Sheffield</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Cathy Lane</td> <td>Martha Campbell</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Vickie Smith</td> <td>Gwen Baarstad</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Bobbie Edwards</td> <td>Dottie Patterson</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Lea Tranel <small>(daughter of Jennifer and Ernie Abel)</small></td> <td>John Sappington</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Merlin Trausch</td> </tr> </table>	Bob Nelson	The Navin Family	Tim Bergstrom	Tim, Sarah, Tilly and Family	Joel Hough	Peter Navin	John Warren Robey	Linda Koch	Kristin Lehoullier	Evelyn Sengelaub	Suzie Anderson	Laura and Bryan Sheffield	Cathy Lane	Martha Campbell	Vickie Smith	Gwen Baarstad	Bobbie Edwards	Dottie Patterson	Lea Tranel <small>(daughter of Jennifer and Ernie Abel)</small>	John Sappington		Merlin Trausch
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St. Patrick's Day Potluck TODAY!

Immediately following Worship in Edwards Hall.

Large Corned Beef Rubeen Casserole
Fixings for Corned Beef Sandwiches will be
supplied.

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

Thank you, Fellowship MT



Do good in your community by letting someone else do the cooking. During Dine Out for BACN days, 10% of meal proceeds are donated to BACN.

St. Ambrose Cellars—Monday, April 13, 2026, 12:00pm-7:30pm

Rock's Landing—Wednesday, June 17, 2026

			
Palm Sunday March 29 10:30 AM	Maundy Thursday April 2 Noon	Good Friday April 3 Noon	Easter Sunday April 5 10:30 AM