

St. Andrews Presbyterian Church



March 6, 2022

First Sunday in Lent

ORDER OF WORSHIP

March 6, 2022

10:30 A.M.

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

"Eucharistia"

RICHARD PURVIS

"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.)

OPENING LITANY FOR LENT (Responsive)

Liturgist

For forty days and nights the rain fell, and the waters covered the face of the earth.

Lead us, O Lord, from death to life.

For forty years the people wandered, seeking the land of God's promise.

Lead us, O Lord, from death to life.

Moses spent forty days on the mountain, learning the commandments of God.

Lead us, O Lord, from death to life.

Elijah traveled forty days in the wilderness to hear the voice of God in the silence.

Lead us, O Lord, from death to life.

Jonah cried out to the people of Ninevah: Repent, or in forty days you will perish.

Lead us, O Lord, from death to life.

Jesus fasted and prayed for forty days and was tested by the devil.

Lead us, O Lord, from death to life.

OPENING PRAYER

THE LENTEN WREATH – THE FIRST CANDLE IS EXTINGUISHED Jennifer and Ernie Abel

In this season of Lent we reflect on the meaning of our lives and on our journey of faith. The candles are burning now, but in the weeks to come the light will slowly fade to darkness. For in retelling the story of Jesus' betrayal, suffering, and death, we find that God brings transformation and new possibility out of darkness. We walk with Christ to the cross, letting go of all that holds us back from new life. *(Silence)*

As we extinguish this light, we let go of fear: fear of failure, fear of rejection, fear of illness or death, fear of meaninglessness. *(A candle is extinguished.)*

Loving God, as we journey through this holy season, give us the courage to walk toward you, to step out in faith, and to let go of fear. Open our hearts so that we may love fully and allow ourselves to be fully loved. Through Christ, we pray. Amen.

*HYMN 166

"Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days"

ST. FLAVIAN

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PARDON

This is the proof of God's great love: that while we were sinners, Christ died for us. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

God of mercy, we begin this Lenten season in confession. We do not live according to your ways, but according to our own. We condone violence, participate in systems of injustice, and use power to our own advantage at the expense of others. Forgive us, we pray, when we are tempted to follow paths other than those you set before us. Teach us your commandments; help us to turn from evil in its many guises, and turn us toward your kingdom drawing near. In covenantal love, remember us, we pray, in Christ's name. Amen.

Silent Confession

*KYRIE

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

Listen, so that you may live: the steadfast love of the Lord never fails.

In the name of 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*)

SINGING WITH THE CHILDREN: "Jesus Loves Me"

(Hymn 188)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE PSALM: Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16 (Unison)

You who live in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty, will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust."

Because you have made the LORD your refuge, the Most High your dwelling place, no evil shall befall you, no scourge come near your tent.

For God will command God's angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways.

On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone. You will tread on the lion and the adder, the young lion and the serpent you will trample under foot.

Those who love me, I will deliver; I will protect those who know my name. When they call to me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble, I will rescue them and honor them. With long life I will satisfy them, and show them my salvation.

SOLO

"You Who Dwell in the Shelter of the Lord"

ON EAGLE'S WINGS

THE GOSPEL READING: Luke 4:1-13

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Chris.

ANTHEM

"God Be In My Head"

M. SCHWIEZER

THE HEBREW TESTAMENT READING: Deuteronomy 26:1-11

The Word of the God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"First Fruits = Gratitude"

THE RESPONSE

*HYMN 712

"As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought"

FOREST GREEN

*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.

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

"Our Father in Heaven"

PAUL MANZ

*DOXOLOGY/Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow (607)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

*PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

THE EUCHARIST

THE INVITATION TO THE TABLE

THE PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING (Responsive, Congregation please read **bold** print.)

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is truly right and our greatest joy,...who forever sing to the glory of your name:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

You are holy, O God of majesty...that our lives proclaim the One crucified and risen:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Gracious God...with the Holy Spirit in the holy church, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE SHARING OF THE MEAL

(To receive communion when you come forward, please open your hands and a portion of bread will be given to you to partake.

Then pick up a small cup from the tray and partake. As you return to your seat, there will be a basket in which you can place your cup.

If you would like a server to come to you, please raise your hand.)

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (Unison)

Thank you, gracious God, for giving us bread for the journey of these forty days. As we travel through the wilderness, help us to share your grace with others and draw us ever closer to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE SENDING

*HYMN 165 "The Glory of These Forty Days" ERHALT UNS, HERR

*LENTEN COVENANT OF THE CONGREGATION (Unison)

As God's own people, we covenant to be merciful in action, kindly in heart, humble in mind. We pledge to always be ready to forgive as freely as the Lord has forgiven us. And above everything else, we will offer love and never forget to be thankful for what God has done for us.

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "At the Lamb's High Fest We Sing" WILBUR HELD

*Those who are able, please stand.

PARTICIPANTS IN WORSHIP

The Rev. Dr. Anne Hébert, Pastor
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Special Support for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

Within the past week, over 100,000 Ukrainian refugees have been welcomed into Poland for safety and needed services from the conflict. Most of the help for this sudden exit is being provided by volunteers by setting up tents, providing meals and arranging for shelter. Our church is being represented



among the volunteers and services. The Presbyterian Disaster Assistance agency, which we have helped to support through our offerings for One Great Hour of Sharing, is responding to this refugee crisis in tangible ways. Working with the Polish and Ukrainian churches, the Presbyterian Church (USA) is providing volunteers and resources to this recent chaotic situation.

The Session of St. Andrews is inviting members to respond to a special offering TODAY, designated for refugee assistance in Poland. Contributions can be made in the worship offering (Special envelopes are available or through the church's website, "benziestandrews.com"). Your gift will ease the burden for many Ukrainian families coping with the uncertainty of this aggression.



Jack Harnish
on the Life and Times of E. Stanley Jones



Does a preacher from the previous century have anything to say to this generation? Yes! His clarion call to justice and loving community was shaped by his friendship with Mahatma Gandhi and influenced the life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

The Adult Education Ministry Team is excited to offer a Lenten study of Rev. Jack Harnish's newly published book, *30 Days with E. Stanley Jones*.

Our author will be introducing us to his book on March 9, 2022 at 10:30AM on Zoom. Following this interview, Rev. Harnish will lead us in a weekly discussion of our reading. Discussions will be via ZOOM and on the following dates:

Week 1: Wednesday, March 16 at 10:30AM

Week 2: Wednesday, March 23 at 10:30AM

Week 3: Wednesday, March 30 at 10:30AM

Week 4: Wednesday, April 6 at 10:30AM

We hope you will join us as we discover E. Stanley Jones, a pastor described as the "greatest missionary since Saint Paul" as well as a statesman, the founder of Christian ashrams, an interfaith leader and a spokesman for peace, racial inclusion and social justice.

This Week at St. Andrews

Today

- 9:00 Bible Study
- 10:30 Worship
- 11:45 Coffee Hour
- 4:00 A.A./Al-Anon Serenity Group
- 6:30 Benzie Chorus Rehearsal

Tuesday, Mar. 8

- 1:00 Membership Mtg
- 5:00 Building & Grounds Mtg

Wednesday, Mar. 9

- 10:30 Lenten Book Introduction
with Jack Harnish
- 12:30 PEO Group
- 1:00 Session Mtg
- 3:00 BACN Exec Mtg
- 4:30 Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, Mar. 3

- 9:00 Men's group breakfast

Sunday, Mar. 6

- 9:00 Bible Study
- 10:30 Worship
- 11:45 Coffee Hour
- 4:00 A.A./Al-Anon Serenity Group
- 6:30 Benzie Chorus Rehearsal