

# St. Andrews Presbyterian Church



Jesus said,  
“The water I give will be an artesian spring within,  
gushing fountains of endless life.”

March 8, 2026

# Third Sunday in Lent

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

March 8, 2026

10:30 A.M.

### **THE GATHERING**

PRELUDE

"Sweet Hour of Prayer"  
"Be still and know that I am God."  
(Please use this time to prepare for worship in silence.)

Bradford/Line  
*Psalm 46:10*

WORDS OF WELCOME AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISCIPLESHIP

Minute for Mission – Diane Mahoney

PASSING THE PEACE

"...I was a stranger and you welcomed me."  
The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.  
(The people may greet each other in the spirit of Christ.)

*Matthew 25:35b*

**And also with you.**

CHORAL INTROIT

"Lord Jesus, Think on Me"

Southwell

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7)

Liturgist

O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!  
**Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to God with songs of praise!**  
O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!  
**For God is our God, and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep of God's hand.**

THE LENTEN WREATH – LETTING GO OF MISERY

Kay Gossens and Gloria Boyd

Misery comes in many forms: Misery over a past wound; misery of a dead-end job or no job; misery over a relationship; misery because of an illness of mind, body or spirit; misery from grief, anxiety, or sadness. Often this misery is no fault of our own. Yet sadness holds us back, prevents us from moving forward or living into the abundance God desires for us. We are called to let go of our jars of misery and embrace the living waters that only Christ can offer. *(Silence)*

As we extinguish this candle, we let go of our misery. We lay down our containers of despair and sadness and embrace a new future found in relationship with Christ.  
*(A candle is extinguished.)*

**God of hope and joy, help us to remember the promise that you are with us always. As we continue the journey toward the cross, remind us of your presence and your abundance. Help our hearts to find rest in you. Amen**

\*HYMN 475

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

NETTLETON

\*CONFESSION AND PARDON

God does not wait for us to be righteous, pure, or perfect. Christ died for us while we were still sinners. We do not have to hide our sin from God, but can face it with Jesus, who heals us, teaches us, and leads us to new life.

**Reconciling God, compassionate Christ, sacred Spirit, we realize that we have often resembled enemy agents more than ministers of reconciliation. With angry words and vindictive actions we have harmed others. We have**

**dehumanized people we do not wish to understand. We distance ourselves from people who disappoint us or remind us of our own human frailty. Forgive us, O God; lift us to a higher, holier purpose. Help us to draw as close to each other as you drew to Christ. Help us to regard persons from the vantage point of the cross where all hostility was conquered, all forgiveness assured. Through Christ, we pray.**

Silent Confession

\*KYRIE

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

We know that God is with us even in our sufferings, for suffering produces endurance, endurance produces character, character produces hope, **and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts. 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

THE HEBREW TESTAMENT READING: Exodus 17:1-7

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

CHORAL ANTHEM

"Just as I Am"

Chilcott

THE GOSPEL READING: John 4:1-42

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

"Putting Down Our Invisible Baggage"

### ***THE RESPONSE***

\*HYMN 182

"I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"

KINGSFOLD

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: (Unison)

**We believe in one body, the church,  
one Holy Spirit,  
one hope to which we are called,  
one Lord Jesus,  
one faith,  
one baptism,  
one God and father of all,  
who is over all and through all and in all. Amen.**

\*GLORIA PATRI (Hymn 581)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

"Be Thou My Vision"

Irish Folk Tune/Carter

\*DOXOLOGY (See Insert)

\*PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

***THE SENDING***

\*HYMN 450

"Be Thou My Vision"

SLANE

\*BENEDICTION (Responsive)

May the God who gave water to the people in the wilderness  
pour upon you the fullness of God's blessings.  
May your faith be grounded upon the rock which cannot move.  
May your love be as bountiful as the living water of Christ,  
which sustains you every hour of every day.

**We go out in God's peace,**

In the name of the Holy One: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

\*POSTLUDE

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

Nettleton/Raney


\*All who are able, please stand.

(You are welcome to be seated for the postlude or to leave the sanctuary directly after the benediction. Because our worship is primarily toward God and in response to God's grace in Jesus Christ, we refrain from applause. In our culture, applause is how we show appreciation for a performance. However, in worship, we are the "performers" for God. Thus, our singing, the music played, a solo or any other musical offering is an offering to God.)

**PARTICIPANTS IN WORSHIP**

The Rev. Dr. Anne Hébert, Pastor  
Pat Sheafor, Liturgist  
Mac and Marilyn Whisner, Ushers  
Judy McQuilkin, Sue Sheffield, Greeters  
Kay Gossens, Gloria Boyd, Lenten Readers  
Diane Pharr, Online Digital Greeter  
Michael Beery, Music Director  
Polly Mauer, Pianist

*OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY*

<p><b>Today</b>            9:00 Adult Ed Bible Study            10:30 Worship            11:30 Coffee Hour            4:00 A.A./Al-Anon Serenity Group</p> <p><b>Monday, March 9</b>            2:00 Grief Group            3:00 Readers' Theater Rehearsal            3:30 Adult Ed MT Mtg</p> <p><b>Tuesday, March 10</b>            3:00 Lenten Study, "Pause"            5:00 Building and Grounds Mtg</p>	<p><b>Wednesday, March 11</b>            12:30 Centering Prayer            2:30 Arts on the Hill Mtg            4:00 Choir Rehearsal</p> <p><b>Thursday, March 12</b>            2:00 Adult Ed- "Words of Love"</p> <p><b>Friday, March 13</b>            9:00 Men's Breakfast @ Platte River Inn</p> <p><b>Sunday, March 15</b>            9:00 Adult Ed Bible Study            10:30 Worship            11:30 St. Patrick's Potluck             4:00 A.A./Al-Anon Serenity Group</p>
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*PRAYER LIST*

<p><b>MILITARY:</b> All of our US Military deployed and their families.</p> <p><b>INTERNATIONAL PEACEMAKERS :</b>            Rev. Jerome Bizimana &amp; the people of Rwanda</p> <p>Rev. Butros Zaour &amp; family &amp;            Majd Lahham, Damascus, Syria</p> <p><b>MISSION CO-WORKERS:</b>            Mark Adams &amp; Miriam Maldonado Escobar,            &amp; their children: Cindy Yessenia, Anna Flor            &amp; Nathan—Frontera de Cristo; Douglas AZ</p> <p>Efi Latsoudi &amp; Lesvos Solidarity, Greece</p>	<p><b>MEMBERS AND FRIENDS</b></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 <del>Trane</del></td> <td>John Sappington</td> </tr> <tr> <td>(daughter of Jennifer and Ernie Abel)</td> <td></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 <del>Trane</del>	John Sappington	(daughter of Jennifer and Ernie Abel)	
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## St. Patrick's Day Potluck Sunday March 15th

Immediately following Service in Edwards Hall.

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

Sign-up sheet will be in the Gathering space for the additional goodies we will require to compliment the Potluck.

Be sure to sign up early! Get your Irish On!!!  
 Thank you, Fellowship



BACN Red Bags will be available for pick up after the service today or on March 15th. Please return it filled with canned goods on Sunday, March 22nd. We can help our neighbors shop at the BACN Food

Pantry for food in a familiar, welcoming environment that feels and operates like a grocery store. Neighbors can visit the pantry twice a month for supplemental food, based on their household size.

*Matthew 25:35 "for I was hungry and you gave me food..."*

## DINE OUT FOR BACN



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.

**A. Papano's Beulah—Wednesday, March 11, 2026, All Day**

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

**Rock's Landing—Wednesday, June 17, 2026**

# Lenten Doxology

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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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