

“We have found the Messiah, Jesus Christ, who brings us truth and grace.”

- John 1: 41, 16

**GATHERING MUSIC**

Dr. William Holda

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Jackie Farmer

**GATHERING AROUND THE WORD****ORGAN PRELUDE**

“It is Well With My Soul”

VILLE DU HAVRE

**\*UNITY HYMN:** (to the tune of “The Church’s One Foundation”)

**In Unity, we gather to worship and rejoice.**

**From our own faith traditions, we pray with one strong voice:**

**Lord, help us love each other and serve all those in need,  
and live as your disciples – in heart and word and deed.**

**\* CALL TO WORSHIP**

**Sing a new song, a song of thanks and praise,  
for God has done wondrous deeds, and is great beyond compare!**

**\*HYMN – No. 408**

“There’s a Sweet, Sweet Spirit”

SWEET, SWEET SPIRIT

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Let us confess our sins to God, for the Holy One is steadfast in love  
and always ready to forgive.

**Mothering God, we have chased after foolish things,  
and spent our strength on vanity; our labor has been in vain.  
Deliver us from arrogance and forgive our self-concern,  
that we may find our reward with you, as servants of your dream.  
Through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.**

**\*Declaration of Forgiveness**

Beloved, you are forgiven in Christ,  
the Lamb who bears our sin.

Happy are those who put their trust in God,  
and delight to do God’s will,  
for God makes our footing sure  
upon the rock of Christ.

**\*SHARING THE PEACE AND FELLOWSHIP OF CHRIST.**

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, may we accept forgiveness for ourselves,  
And genuinely forgive one another.

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**And also with you.**

*(The people may exchange appropriate signs of greeting and fellowship)*

**ENGAGING WITH THE WORD**

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

Alan Peters

Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove: Open our ears to the truth of your word,  
that the testimony of Christ may be strengthened among us  
and the glad news of deliverance revealed. **Amen.**

**SCRIPTURE TEXTS**

**Hebrew Lesson:** Isaiah 49:1-7

The Lord bless the reading of these words.

**The Lord bless the hearing of these words that we may treasure them always.**  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Epistle Lesson:** I Corinthians 1: 1-9

And the Word became flesh and lived among us.

**Full of Grace and Truth, thanks be to God.**

**\*Hymn – No. 442**

**“Just As I Am, without One Plea”**

WOODWORTH

**\*Gospel Lesson:** John 1:29-42

Now God has spoken to us through Jesus Christ the Son.

**Thanks be to you O Christ; Praise be to you, O Christ.**  
**Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

Rev. Stan Larson

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

### **ASCIPTION OF PRAISE**

Eph. 3:20,21

Now to the One who by the power at work within us  
is able to do far more abundantly than all we can ask or imagine,  
to God be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations,  
forever and ever. Amen.

### **\*THE AFFIRMATION OF OUR FAITH – A BRIEF STATEMENT OF FAITH PC(USA)**

**In life and in death, we belong to God.**

**Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God,  
the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.**

**We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus was crucified,  
suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world.**

**God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life,  
breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.  
We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father.**

**In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people  
to bless all families of the earth.**

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life.  
In a broken and fearful world, the 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.**

**With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in  
death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

## INSTALLATION AND COMMISSION OF NEW CHURCH OFFICERS

### **PRESENTATION OF OFFICERS-ELECT FOR THE CLASS OF 2028**

Representing the one, holy, catholic, and apostolic church, the ruling session of Saint Andrew Presbyterian Church ordains Kate Day to the office of ruling elder. The session also installs Katie Seager and Joyce Sandvik to active service, having previously been ordained as ruling elders.

## **CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS TO RULING ELDERS ELECT**

Do you trust in Jesus Christ your Savior, acknowledge him Lord of all and Head of the Church, and through him believe in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?

**I do.**

Do you accept the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be, by the Holy Spirit, the unique and authoritative witness to Jesus Christ in the Church universal, and God's Word to you?

**I do.**

Do you sincerely receive and adopt the essential tenets of the Reformed faith as expressed in the confessions of our church as authentic and reliable expositions of what Scripture leads us to believe and do, and will you be instructed and led by those confessions as you lead the people of God?

**I do and I will.**

Will you fulfill your office in obedience to Jesus Christ, under the authority of Scripture, and be continually guided by our confessions?

**I will.**

Will you be governed by our church's polity, and will you abide by its discipline?

Will you be a friend among your colleagues in ministry, working with them, subject to the ordering of God's Word and Spirit?

**I will.**

Will you in your own life seek to follow the Lord Jesus Christ, love your neighbors, and work for the reconciliation of the world?

**I will.**

Do you promise to further the peace, unity, and purity of the church?

**I do.**

Will you pray for and seek to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love?

**I will.**

Will you be a faithful ruling elder, watching over the people, providing for their worship, nurture, and service?

Will you share in government and discipline, serving in councils of the church, and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?

**I will.**

## QUESTIONS TO THE CONGREGATION

Do we, the members of the church, accept Joyce, Katie, and Kate as ruling elders, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ?

**We do.**

Do we agree to pray for them to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the Church?

**We do.**

## \*LAYING ON OF HANDS IN PRAYER

(Please feel free to come and pray for these new servants by coming forward to lay your hand upon them, or to pray for them as you are and where you are.)

## JOYS AND CONCERNS

## PRAYERS AND THANKSGIVING

## CALL TO COMMITMENT AND DISCIPLESHIP

**\*HYMN – No. 606**

**“Doxology”**

OLD HUNDREDTH

## SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

### The Invitation

#### Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

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.**

...Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with choirs of angels and with all the faithful of every time and place, 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 the One who comes in  
the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

### **\*THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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 (trespasses),  
as we forgive our debtors (those who trespass against us);  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

### **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

### **BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND SHARING OF THE CUP**

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Help us, O God, to be obedient to your call to love all your children,  
to do justice and show mercy, and to live in peace with your whole creation.  
Guide us through the desert of life, quench our thirst with the living waters,  
satisfy our hunger with the bread of heaven. Give us strength to serve you  
faithfully until the promised day of resurrection, **Amen.**

### **GOING FORTH TO LIVE THE WORD**

**\*HYMN – No. 726**

**“Will You Come and Follow Me”**

KELVINGROVE

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**\*ORGAN POSTLUDE**

**“Now Thank We All Our God”**

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Welcome friends!** May the welcome you feel here be worthy of the gracious God that we serve. In this service, an asterisk (\*) invites you to stand as health allows. Material printed in **bold** is for the congregation to sing or say. Let us worship God!



**CUMC members**, please mark your attendance today using the QR code here.

**St. Andrew members**, please mark your attendance and note prayer concerns in the Friendship Registers in each pew.

This morning, we will install our **new church officers**. Welcome, and thank you to the following for serving: Elders-elect Joyce Sandvik, Katie Seager, and Kate Day, as well as Trustee Tom Burns.

**Join us at 6:00 p.m. for our Wednesday Night Live Dinner!** This week's menu includes King Ranch chicken, a side dish, salad, dessert, and a beverage for \$10 per adult, with reduced prices for children. Please sign up by 11:30 p.m. on Monday via the e-newsletter, on St. Andrew's website, or in the Narthex on Sunday morning.

The **church office will be closed on Monday** in observance of MLK Jr.'s birthday.

The **stated session meeting** is Tuesday, January 20, at 4:00 pm in the Calvin Room.

**Women's Bible Study** meets on Tuesday, January 27, at 10:30 am in the Fellowship Hall.

**The Souper Bowl** of Caring 2026 Food Drive has begun! We are collecting canned goods, soup, and other non-perishable food items for Longview Community Ministries. The collection runs through Super Bowl Sunday, February 8.

We have an opportunity to serve **breakfast at Newgate on Saturday, January 31**, at 7:00 am. Five volunteers are needed that morning. Please wear a hat. For more information, please contact Steve Crane at [scranepara1@gmail.com](mailto:scranepara1@gmail.com) or at 903-452-2925.

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***As Saint Andrew we are called to worship, serve God,  
reflect the love of Christ, and grow in our discipleship.***