

Fourth Sunday After The Epiphany, January 29, 2023

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church

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GATHERING

Prelude

Ringling of the Bell

Welcome

Call the Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting to Order/Prayer for the Meeting

A Time to Center and Centering Prayer

Today, O God.

Just today.

We come to this place carrying multitudes,
but we pray you would focus us just on today.

In our deep breath, help us slow down,
for we have been rushing about and borrowing worry.

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In our exhale, help us let go,
for we have been holding more than we can carry.

...

In this pause, give us a glimpse of your more excellent way.

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Clear the chaos and clutter,
that in this space, you might move freely in us.

...

Quiet the plans and the lists and the what-ifs,
that we may know what it is to be satisfied,
even for a moment.

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Amen.

Music plays as the Christ Candle is lit.

***Call to Worship**

In the kingdom of heaven,

there is plenty.

In the kingdom of heaven,

everyone and everything is in God's care.

In the kingdom of heaven,

no one is out on their own.

The kingdom of heaven has come near,

and we come to re-orient our lives in it.

***Opening Hymn** *Lord of All Hopefulness* Glory to God #683

Call to Confession

For our confession today, we will sit in silence together. We are invited to reflect on the ministry of St. Andrew's in 2022 and our participation in it. Let us offer to God any regrets, any disappointments, any grief, any struggle, any wounds.

Silent Prayers of Confession

In Jesus' name ***Amen.***

Assurance of Forgiveness

Friends, anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.

The old life has gone and a new life begun.

Know that we are forgiven, and be at peace.

Alleluia. Amen.

***Response of Praise** *We Are Forgiven* Glory to God #447

***The Peace of Christ**

Though this past year presented challenges to continued connection, our connection in Christ is yet strong.

And we make it stronger every time we share peace with one another.

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

THE WORD

Song of Preparation

Listen to the Word that God Has Spoken

Glory to God #455

A Reading from the Book of Psalms *Psalms 20:7*
Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. ***Thanks be to God.***

Conversation with the Younger Church

A Reading from the Gospel According to Matthew *Matthew 6:19-34*
Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. ***Thanks be to God.***

Sermon *Pastor Sarah*

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Silent Reflection on the Word Preached

Song *In My Life Lord* *Glory to God #468*

Worshipping God with our Tithes and Offerings

Invitation to Generosity

Offertory

Prayer of Dedication

Lord we give you today what is already yours.

You provide so much for us,

blessings pressed down,

shaken together,

running over.

Thank you for giving us the ability to give,

and cheerful hearts to do it. Amen.

Sung Response of Praise *Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me*
Glory to God #582

Remembering the Church Triumphant

*We will lift up the names of those who died in 2023, giving thanks to God for their lives. After the list of names, please respond **Thanks be to God.***

Lifting our 2022 Ministry to God in Prayer

Hear now our prayers of thanksgiving for the ministry of St. Andrew's in 2022:
The congregation is invited to silently, by prayer card, by chat, or by unmuting and speaking aloud or simply speaking aloud thanksgiving for some aspect of our ministry in 2022— perhaps something read in the report, or something remembered.

Lord in your mercy. ***Hear our prayers.***

Hear now our prayers of concern arising from our ministry in 2022:

The congregation is invited to silently, by chat, or by unmuting and speaking aloud voice prayers of concern regarding the ministry of St. Andrew's in 2022:

Lord in your mercy. ***Hear our prayers.***

Hear now the other particular concerns of the congregation today:
Prayer concerns shared in chat or on prayer cards will be shared at this time.
Lord in your mercy. ***Hear our prayers.***

The Lord's Prayer

SENDING

Our Ministry in Christ

Semi-annual meeting of the Congregation Continues

Questions about the 2022 Ministry Reports

Clerk's Report- By-laws amendment

Electing a Nominating Committee for 2023

Stewardship Report

Terms of Call for Pastor Sarah for 2023

Foundation Annual Report

Closing Prayer

Announcements

Charge and Benediction

And All God's People Say...

Postlude

Worship Sources:

Centering Prayer and Call to Worship by the Rev. Terri Peterson and shared with the Bible Worm Collective. Prayer of Dedication by Carol Penner and shared at <https://pilgrimwr.unitingchurch.org.au/?p=836>