

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
MAY 18, 2025
10:00 AM

Lay Leader - Marianne Hardesty

Prelude

Welcome

~ GATHERED IN CHRIST ~

Call to Worship (Adapted from Psalm 148:7-14)

Lay Leader

Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps, fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind fulfilling his command!

Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars! Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds! Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth! Young men and women alike, old and young together! Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted; his glory is above earth and heaven. He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his faithful, for the people of Israel who are close to him. Praise the Lord!

*Praise Songs

Opening Prayer

Invitation to Confession

Hear the words of Jesus. "And this is the confidence we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him."

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, we have read of your vast creation; yet we focus on minor details of living. We worry about what we should eat or drink, and what we should wear. We forget the work of your hands. We celebrate sunsets or sunrises, but we forget that you made the sun by speaking it into existence! Dear Father, raise our vision, lift our hearts, raise our spirits, grow our faith. Cause us to turn away from vain things so that we can wholly worship you along with everything your voice spoke into existence. May we go out this morning, leaving our cares behind. May we serve cheerfully and without fear of giving our best. May we consider others better than ourselves as we love all of your people, no matter what their differences may be. Write the words of this psalm on our hearts. Fill us with joy as we spread the news that you are creator and ruler of everything that is! In the name of Jesus, we pray, Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

***Gloria Patri**

***Passing of the Peace**

~ FED BY CHRIST ~

Prayer for Illumination

From rough words, God, make something useful. To stubborn ears, bring truth. To tired eyes, bring light. Reveal yourself to your seeking people. We ask in Jesus' name. Amen.

First Scripture Reading: Acts 11:1-18

Anthem

Second Scripture Reading: Revelation 21:1-6; John 13:31-35

Sermon - "Catch the vision!"

Pastor Deb Trevino

*Affirmation of Faith - The Apostles Creed

*Hymn - GTG #288 - Spirit of the Living God

Our Offering

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

~ SENT BY CHRIST ~

*Song of Sending - GTG #300 - We Are One in the Spirit

*Charge and Blessing

*Sung Response

*Those who are able may stand

PRAYERS OF JOY AND CONCERN

JOYS

- Cindy Stonebraker is home and feeling better.
- Happy Birthday: Peter Schweitzer (24th)

CONCERNS

- Prayers for Rick Hardy, diagnosed a second time in the left lung this time with lung cancer. He's starting radiation treatments Monday the 19th.
- Please keep Sal Favazza in your prayers. He is under palliative care right now and he is not doing well.
- Prayers for Craig Linton recently diagnosed with lung cancer.
- Amy Klair continues to struggle with health concerns; please continue to pray for her.
- Please pray for Cindy Stonebraker and her husband. He is struggling with dementia and Cindy is caring for him.

CONTINUED PRAYER CONCERNS

Kylar Kelly, Peter McCormick, Carol Wilson, Lynn Hughey, Klair Family, Patrick Lewis, Larry Parker, Cindy Reph, Sparks Family, Kristine, Cross Family, Nancy Mitchell, Jeffrey Annand

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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- The deacons are collecting funds for Laundry for the Lord in May. This worthwhile program, spearheaded by Kingswood Methodist Church, offers an opportunity for a homeless individual to receive a voucher to wash and dry a load of laundry at Brookside Laundromat. It includes the detergent and a dryer sheet too. The vouchers are distributed to those in need by Newark Empowerment Center. We all recognize the

importance of clean clothing. It increases job opportunities and improves self confidence. The vouchers are \$6.75. We will happily accept any donations you are able to share each Sunday in May at coffee hour. Thank you for your support.

- St. Andrew's is updating our website! Visit us at www.standrewsnewark.org for the latest on worship, special events, Bible Study, and more! As part of rebooting our web presence, we are collecting more recent pictures of life in the congregation to share with our online audience. WE WANT TO RESPECT YOUR PRIVACY. If you would rather NOT have your picture (or pictures of your family) posted on our website, please contact the office at officemanagerstandrews@gmail.com.
- Six busy bags are available in the narthex for your little ones.

CALENDAR

18	Sunday	Worship Service	10:00am
		Laikos International (3.5hrs)	12:30pm
20	Tuesday	Esther Circle	7:00pm
21	Wednesday	Bible Study	7:00pm
		Laikos International (2hrs)	7:00pm
22	Thursday	Praise Band	6:00pm
24	Saturday	Laikos International (3hrs)	10:00am
		<i>Beacon Deadline</i>	
25	Sunday	Worship Service	10:00am
		Laikos International (3.5hrs)	12:30pm

STAFF

Temp. Supply Pastor: Rev. Matt Waters

Office Manager: Courtney Lyons

Co-Treasurers: Darrell DiStefano, Julie Guns, & Winnie Wagner

Organist: Carol Stiltz

Choir Director: Gene Stiltz

SESSION MEMBERS

2025 - (Ends 12/31/25)

Darrell DiStefano (term 1)

Cliff Wood (term 1)

2026 - (Ends 12/31/26)

Myron Hardesty (term 1)

Winnie Wagner (term 2)

2027 - (Ends 12/31/27)

Heather Favazza (term 2)

Dave Trevino (term 2)

BOARD OF DEACONS

2025 - (Ends 12/31/25)

Kay DiStefano (term 2)

Matt Kupelian (term 2)

Brenda Saulsbury (term 2)

2026 - (Ends 12/31/26)

Diane Bart (term 1)

Sue Staudt (term 1)

Danielle Wood (term 1)

2027 - (Ends 12/31/27)

Julie Guns (term 2)

Linda DiMartine (term 1)

MISSION STATEMENT

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, a congregation of believers in Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior, pledges to share the love of GOD within our church family, the local community, and the world. To this end, we shall...

- Worship GOD through preaching of the Word, celebration of the Sacraments, prayer, and music.
- Project our Christian love by nurturing one another.
- Witness the love of Christ to all the world.

VISION STATEMENT

To be a church that boldly proclaims the Good News of Jesus Christ; depends on the Holy Spirit, reflects the composition of the community, and reaches out in partnership through ministries of love, caring, music and teaching to make and prepare disciples to love and serve the Lord.

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