# ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



# EASTER COMMUNION SERVICE APRIL 20, 2025 10:00 AM

Lay Leader - Marianne Hardesty

Prelude

Welcome

## ~ GATHERED IN CHRIST ~

Call to Worship (Adapted from Psalm 118)

Lay Leader

ONE: O, give thanks to the Lord, for God's love is good!

ALL: God's steadfast love endures forever!

ONE: Let Israel say, "God's steadfast love endures forever."

ALL: The Lord is my strength and my might. God has become my salvation.

ONE: I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the Lord. ALL: I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

ONE: The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

ALL: This is the day that the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Praise Songs

**Opening Prayer** 

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession

When it comes to a Creator so large, our memories are so small. We observe the stars, the trees, and even our own hands. It is all so wonderfully made. We have arms to put to work, and to hold each other close. We have elbows and knees that use our bones as levers, by which we navigate the world around us. To observe what God has grown, we need not look far. And yet, in the garden, we seek dead things. When we are offered the green, and the lush, and the living, we opt for what is manufactured, and chemical, and dead. Forgive us, God, for the times we substitute plastic for paradise. Give us eyes to see you in the world around us. Help us to see you in the eyes of others.

Assurance of Pardon

\*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.

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 65:17-25

Anthem

Gospel Reading: John 20:1-18

Sermon - "Garden Party"

Rev. Matt Waters

\*Affirmation of Faith - The Apostles Creed

Our Offering \*Doxology \*Prayer of Dedication \*Communion Hymn - Lord of the Dance

The Lord's Supper

**Communion Prayer** 

Lord's Prayer

Communion of the People

Prayer after Communion

#### ~ SENT BY CHRIST ~

\*Song of Sending - Christ the Lord is Risen Today

\*Charge and Blessing

\*Those who are able may stand

### PRAYERS OF JOY AND CONCERN

# <u>JOYS</u>

- Jesus is Risen!
- Happy Birthday: Carol Stiltz (26th)
- Happy Anniversary: Rick & Ann Hardy (25th)

### **CONCERNS**

- Prayers of comfort for the family of Ginny D'Ambro. A memorial service will be held for Ginny at 11:00 am on Friday, May 2, at Spicer-Mullikin Funeral Home, 1000 North DuPont Parkway, New Castle, with graveside service immediately following at Gracelawn Memorial Park. 2220 North DuPont Highway, New Castle.
- Grant Hardy was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. Prayers for healing and strength as he goes through chemo treatments, with surgery to follow.

### **CONTINUED PRAYER CONCERNS**

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

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## <u>NEW</u>

• The deacons would like to thank everyone for helping us provide Easter dinner to 15 families! Your kindness and generosity are truly a blessing!

### <u>CONTINUED</u>

• Six busy bags are available in the narthex for your little ones.

20	Sunday	Easter Sunrise Service (lawn)	6:15am
		Pancake Breakfast (St. Andrew's)	7:00am
		Easter Worship Service (sanctuary)	10:00am
		Laikos International (3.5hrs)	12:30pm
23	Wednesday	Bible Study	7:00pm
		Laikos International (2hrs)	7:00pm
24	Thursday	Praise Band	6:00pm
		Choir	6:30pm
		Emergency Medicine Support Group	7:30pm
		Beacon Deadline	11:59pm
19	Saturday	Laikos International (3hrs)	10:00am
		Laikos International (2hrs)	7:00pm
20	Sunday	Worship Service	10:00am
		Laikos International (3.5hrs)	12:30pm

# CALENDAR

#### <u>STAFF</u>

Temp. Supply Pastor: Rev. Matt WatersOrOffice Manager: Courtney LyonsClCo-Treasurers: Darrell DiStefano, Julie Guns, & Winnie Wagner

Organist: Carol Stiltz Choir Director: Gene Stiltz

#### 2025 - (Ends 12/31/25) Darrell DiStefano (term 1) Cliff Wood (term 1)

#### SESSION MEMBERS

2026 - (Ends 12/31/26) Myron Hardesty (term 1) Winnie Wagner (term 2) <u>2027 - (Ends 12/31/27)</u> Heather Favazza (term 2) Dave Trevino (term 2)

2025 - (Ends 12/31/25) Kay DiStefano (term 2) Matt Kupelian (term 2) Brenda Saulsbury (term 2)

#### BOARD OF DEACONS

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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