

WELCOME!

We are a friendly, active congregation, and you will find many ways to serve and grow here.

Please sign the register found in your seat so that we may have a record of your presence. If you would like the church to contact you, please let a greeter know, or fill out a guest card in the pew and drop it in the offering plate.

SERVICE NOTES

Parents: To comply with our Safe Sanctuaries Policies, we ask that you accompany your children if they need to leave the Sanctuary for any reason.

A safe, loving, and fully staffed nursery for children age 3 and under is available in the Family Life Center, Room 1.

After the Children's Message, children age 4 through 2nd grade are invited to Children's Church located in the Family Life Center, Room 5. One of our capable volunteers will meet you at the back of the Sanctuary to walk with you, and the children will return to us before the end of our service.

Large print hymnals are available for your convenience.

Assistive listening devices are available at the sound booth.

Please ask an usher or greeter for any needed assistance.

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Mrs. Trisha Keen, Nursery Care

We are all ministers of the Gospel!

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**Enter to Worship.
Depart to Serve.**

Sunday, February 23, 2025
11:00 a.m. Worship

7th Sunday after Epiphany

ORDER OF WORSHIP

* = You are invited to stand. **Bold** = All voices.

PRELUDE #164	<i>Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life</i>
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS	
*CHIMING THE TRINITY	
*BRINGING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO OUR MIDST	
*CHORAL CALL #144 vs 1, 3	<i>This is My Father's World</i>
*CALL TO WORSHIP	
Love is an all or nothing proposition.	
Only by loving our enemies as well as our friends do we live as children of the Most High.	
Come today and learn the ways of life.	
We have come to follow Jesus and worship our Holy God.	
Bless those who curse you, and pray for those who persecute you.	
We will do unto others as we would have them do unto us.	
*OPENING PRAYER	
Holy God, you are an inexhaustible source of love and life. Be with us in our time of worship as we seek the love it takes to walk in the ways of your Son. Help us love our enemies and bless those who wrong us, for we cannot do so alone. Teach us the joy of treating others with all the same respect and goodness with which we hope to be treated. May our every word and deed make known that we are your beloved children and vessels of your love. Amen.	
*HYMN #508	<i>Faith, While Trees Are Still in Blossom</i>
PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION	
Guide us, O God, by your Word and Spirit, that in your light we may see light, in your truth find wisdom, and in your will discover your peace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.	
SCRIPTURE	Luke 6:27-38
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE	
SCRIPTURE	1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50

ANTHEM by Peter C. Lurking	<i>The Lord Bless You and Keep You</i>
SERMON	
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (insert)	
*GLORIA PATRI #70	
*PASSING THE PEACE	
*HYMN #332	<i>Spirit of Faith, Come Down</i>
PRAYERFUL SHARING	
PRAYING TOGETHER	
THE LORD'S PRAYER #895	
CELEBRATING OUR GIFTS	
OFFERTORY #544	<i>Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song</i>
*DOXOLOGY #95	
*OFFERING PRAYER	
Merciful God, who calls us to love beyond measure, we offer these gifts as a sign of our commitment to your teachings. Help us love our enemies, do good to those who hate us, and bless those who curse us. May our offerings bring healing and hope, reflecting your boundless grace in our community. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.	
*HYMN #98	<i>To God Be the Glory</i>
*BLESSING	
*CARRYING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD	
*HYMN by Don Besig	<i>A Closing Prayer</i>
The time has come, O Lord, for us to leave this place; guide us and protect us and lead us in thy Grace. Wherever life may take us as we go our separate ways, help us share with others the things we've shared today. May the peace of God, the Father, and the love of Christ, His Son, guide us in the days ahead and strengthen us each one. May the blessing of the Spirit fill us from within; God bless us and return us to this fellowship once again. Amen.	
*CHIMING THE TRINITY	
*POSTLUDE #89	
<i>Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee</i>	

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH FOR THE SEASON AFTER EPIPHANY

**We believe in God,
the creator of all things,
the giver of life and breath.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ,
born Emmanuel, God with us,
baptized and revealed
the most beloved Son of God.**

**He sought to heal humanity
by taking our brokenness upon himself,
suffering for us, dying for us
and being raised from the dead for our sake
and for the sake of all the world.
We believe that he will come again.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
continually poured out
refreshing our lives,
leading us into a new day,
ever-birthing the church,
the body of Christ in the world.**

**This Spirit is our soul companion
and counselor of truth
reminding us of the gift of faith,
the ever presence of God
and the promise of eternal life.**

**Thanks be to God!
Amen.**

Rev. Dr. Amanda Burr, UMC Elder

1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50 – The mystery of the resurrection

But someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?" Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. But God gives it a body as he has chosen and to each kind of seed its own body. So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable; what is raised is imperishable. It is sown in dishonor; it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness; it is raised in power. It is sown a physical body; it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body.

Thus it is written, "The first man, Adam, became a living being"; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. But it is not the spiritual that is first but the physical and then the spiritual. The first man was from the earth, made of dust; the second man is from heaven. As was one of dust, so are those who are of the dust, and as is one of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. Just as we have borne the image of the one of dust, we will also bear the image of the one of heaven. What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

Luke 6:27-38 – Love your enemies

"But I say to you who are listening: Love your enemies; do good to those who hate you; bless those who curse you; pray for those who mistreat you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who asks of you, and if anyone takes away what is yours, do not ask for it back again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

"If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you expect to receive payment, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. Instead, love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. "Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap, for the measure you give will be the measure you get back."

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SUPPORTING THE CHURCH

When we join the church, we are asked: Will you be loyal to The United Methodist Church, and uphold it by your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service, and your witness? Here's how we are doing that!

By our prayers

Don Aldridge	Karin Gainer	Linda Morrow	Rebekah Sandell
Frances Austin	Linda Garrison	Ron Morrow	Ed Sheffield
Addy Bader	Vicki Graham	Tom O'Quinn	Jackie Sheffield
Mary Ellen Creech	Eric Grush	Ed Reid	Corothy Sims
Ann Deese	Ed Kezar	Debra Rigsbee	Mose Stocks
Bob Deese	Charles Long	Estes Rigsbee	LaRena Thornton
David Felts	Dennis Marlowe	Sandy Rutledge	Holland Ware
Melinda Felts	Mary Marlowe	Anne Safrit	Linda Wiggs

Prayer requests remain on the list for 30 days unless an update has been provided.

By our presence Sunday, Feb. 16 Total Worship Attendance 110

By our gifts Your gifts may be placed in the offering plates, mailed, brought to the church office, or at: <https://abundant.co/saintandrewsumc/give>

By our service and witness

TODAY

Activity/Meeting	Time	Location
Worship Service	9:00am	FLC Great Room
Sunday School Classes	9:45am	Various Classrooms
Worship Service	11:00am	Sanctuary
Children's Worship	11:15am	Meeting Center
Youth	5:00pm	The Balcony

UPCOMING MEETINGS & CLASSES

Date	Activity/Meeting	Time	Location
Feb. 25	Love Lunch	12:00pm	Meeting Center
Feb. 27	Lunch & Learn	12:00pm	Meeting Center
Feb. 27	Sewing Class	7:00pm	Sewing Room
Feb. 28	Mission Madness	6:00pm	FLC

ONGOING GATHERINGS

Group	Meeting Date	Time	Location
Women's Basketball	Mondays	6:30-8:00pm	FLC Great Room
Pickleball and Walking	Tuesdays	7-8:30pm	FLC Great Room
Walking in Grace	Wednesdays	9:30am	Path or CC Room
Stretch Classes	Wednesdays	9:30am/10:45am	FLC Great Room
Choir Practice	Wednesdays	7-8:00pm	Sanctuary
Praise Team Practice	Thursdays	6:30pm	FLC Great Room

CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS

16	Charles Long	29	Jim Frick	7	Laura Ware
22	Beth Wise	3	Scott Allen	9	David Giles
24	Mose Stocks	5	Don Stranad	10	Lisa Reinhard
26	Amanda Driscoll	6	Becky LaCroix	11	Jim Sowislo

Is your birthday missing? Contact the church office to add your special day!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Love Lunch – Tuesday, February 25, 12pm

Our quarterly Love Lunch is scheduled for this Tuesday in the Meeting Center. This time together offers us an opportunity to talk about our loved ones who have died during our lifetimes. Whether you want to join in the conversation with someone special in mind, or you just want to support your church family, you are invited to this wonderful time of sharing! Bring a favorite dish or side that you enjoy for a shared lunch.

Mission Madness! – Friday, February 28, 6-8pm

Once a month, we get together on a Friday night from 6pm-8pm to learn, talk about different missions, create something with our hands, and have some fun together. We will gather for a light meal before we cover the topic for the night.

Mark Your Calendars! (More details will be coming soon!)

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper – March 4
Ash Wednesday Service – March 5
Good Friday Fish Fry – April 18

GARNER AREA MINISTRIES FOOD BANK

Boxed Pasta & Canned Meat (chicken, tuna, chili, etc.)

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR TODAY

Genesis 45:3-11, 15; Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40;
1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50; Luke 6:27-38