

## 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.

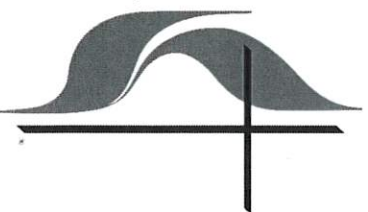
After the Children's Message, children age 4 through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade are invited to Children's Church located in the Family Life Center, Room 5. One of our capable volunteers will meet you at the back of the Sanctuary to walk with you, and the children will return to us before the end of our service.

**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.**

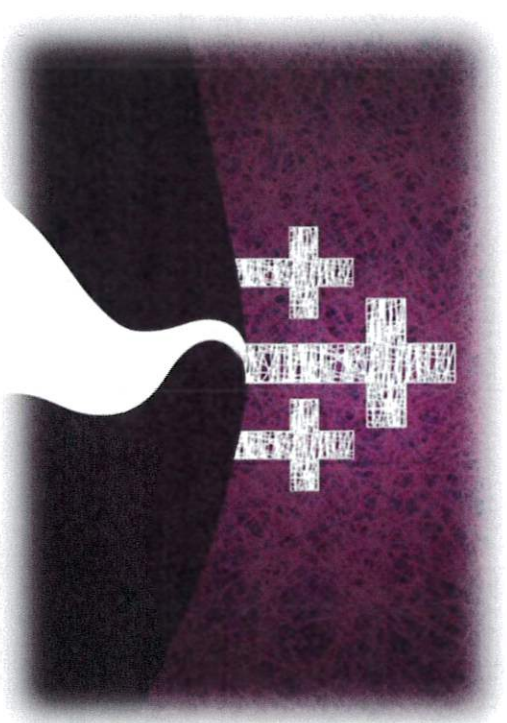
Saint Andrews United Methodist Church  
1201 Maxwell Drive – Raleigh, NC 27603  
919-772-4410 CCLI #1701151  
churchoffice@saintandrewsumc.org  
www.saintandrewsumc.org

Rev. Elizabeth A. Gaines, Pastor  
Ms. Stacey Byrd, Family Ministries Coordinator  
Dr. Jeanie Wozencraft-Ornellas, Interim Choir Director  
Ms. Luba Egorova, Guest Accompanist  
Mrs. Trisha Keen, Nursery Care  
We are all ministers of the Gospel!



*Resources used from umcdiscipleship.com, re:worship.com,  
ministrymatters.com, and UM Book of Worship.*

# Come Home



## Saint Andrews

### United Methodist Church

1201 Maxwell Drive – Raleigh, NC 27603

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

Sunday, March 30, 2025  
11:00 a.m. Worship

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent**

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

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

PRELUDE #405

*Seek Ye First*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*CHIMING THE TRINITY

\*BRINGING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO OUR MIDST

\*CHORAL CALL #347

*Spirit Song*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, let us celebrate the forgiving, reconciling love of God.  
**For once we were lost and felt so far away; now we have been found and welcomed home.**

Know that God's love is lavished upon you forever.

**We rejoice at the news of forgiveness and hope!**

Come, let us celebrate and praise the God of Love.

\*OPENING PRAYER

How incredible is your love, O God! We have been made new in your love and reconciled to you and to each other in peace and joy. Be with us this day as we hear your words of comfort and hope. Guide our lives that we may serve you more fully all of our days. Amen.

\*HYMN #388

*O Come and Dwell in Me*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Almighty God, by your Holy Spirit, illumine the sacred page, we pray, that our minds may be open to receive your Word, our hearts taught to love it, and our wills strengthened to obey it; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

NRSVue

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

NRSVue

This is the Word of God for the People of God. **Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM

*I Will Lift My Eyes*

D&J Perry

SERMON

*With All Your Heart: Come Home*

\*RESPONSIVE LITANY (insert)

Psalms 32

\*GLORIA PATRI #70

*Glory Be to the Father*

\*PASSING THE PEACE

The Lord be with you. **And also with you!**

\*HYMN #294

*Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed*

PRAYERFUL SHARING

PRAYING TOGETHER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER #895

CELEBRATING OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY #349

*Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus*

\*DOXOLOGY #95

*Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

\*OFFERING PRAYER

Gracious God, our refuge and restorer, we bring these gifts as a sign of our return to you. Like the prodigal, we long to feel your embrace and live in the light of your grace. As we observe this holy time of Lent, may our offerings reflect hearts that are turning back to you. Clear the clogs in our lives that separate us from you and one another and help us see the rainbow of your promise even in our struggles. Bless these gifts and our lives so that we may share your steadfast love with the world. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

\*HYMN #348

*Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling*

\*RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBER

\*BLESSING

\*CARRYING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

\*BENEDICTION HYMN

*A Closing Prayer*

Besig

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 #369

*Blessed Assurance*

March 30, 2025

## 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

28	LeRena Thornton	5	Beverly Lemley	7	Rick Wilson
1	Cathy Olsen	5	Alex Graham	9	Robin Pleasant
3	Pete Lanning	6	Paul Neighbors	10	Heather Wurr
4	Sharon Andrews	7	Martin Palmer	10	Debbie White

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

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES! 9:45am in "The Balcony" (upstairs)

**Youth Class** led by Ms. Stacey: Join in as we learn about "The Passion," Grades 6-12.

**Adult Class** led by Jim Frick: Come learn about the Lenten season and what it means to journey toward resurrection. This class is open to all adults.

### Confirmation Class – Today, 3pm-5pm (Meeting Center)

From creation to our personal salvation, we will cover a range of topics and enjoy conversation about our faith journey. Whether you are already a member, would like a Methodism refresher course, or are exploring baptism and membership, all are welcome!

### Need Volunteers for Fish Fry – April 18

Volunteers needed for: prepping, cooking & serving (childcare available!)

**Fish Fry Meal ticket order envelopes are available by the signup sheets!**

**\*\* MEALS MUST BE ORDERED IN ADVANCE \*\***

**United Women in Faith will be selling Easter Lilies for Easter!** \$15 each, the deadline is April 5th. They will be available to take home after the Easter Service on April 20. Forms will be available for the next several weeks.

### GARNER AREA MINISTRIES FOOD BANK

Cereal, snacks for spring break, peanut butter.

### SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR TODAY

Joshua 5:9-12; Psalm 32; 2 Corinthians 5:16-21; Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

## Saint Andrews United Methodist Church

[www.SaintAndrewsUMC.org](http://www.SaintAndrewsUMC.org) ~ 919-772-4410

### 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 Garner	Ron Morrow	Ed Sheffield
Frances Austin	Linda Garrison	Tom O'Quinn	Jackie Sheffield
Addy Bader	Eric Grush	Ed Reid	Karin Stocks
Mary Ellen Creech	Ed Kezar	Debra Riggsbee	Mose Stocks
Ann Deese	Charles Long	Estes Riggsbee	LaRena Thornton
Bob Deese	Dennis Marlowe	Sandy Rutledge	Holland Ware
David Fels	Mary Marlowe	Anne Safrit	Linda Wiggs
Melinda Fels	Linda Morrow	Rebekah Sandell	

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

**By our presence** Sunday, Mar. 23 Total Worship Attendance ..... 117

**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
	Confirmation Class	3:00pm	Meeting Center
	Youth	5:00pm	The Balcony

### UPCOMING MEETINGS & CLASSES

Date	Activity/Meeting	Time	Location
Mar. 31	Trustee Meeting	7:00pm	Meeting Center
Apr. 3	Lunch & Learn	12:00pm	Meeting Center
Apr. 3	Last Supper Drama Practice	6:30pm	FLC
Apr. 7	Wesleyan Well Wishers	10:00am	Meeting Center
Apr. 10	Last Supper Drama Practice	6:30pm	FLC