

WELCOME!

We're glad you are here! We are a friendly, active congregation, and you will find many ways to serve and grow here. Stop by the Welcome Center for a packet of church information or to ask more about Saint Andrews!

Please sign the register found in your seat this morning so that we may have a record of your presence.

If you would like the church to contact you, just let a greeter know, or fill out a guest card in your seat 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. An usher can guide you.

After the Children's Message, children age 4 through 2nd grade are invited to sit with their families or join together to sit on the front row!

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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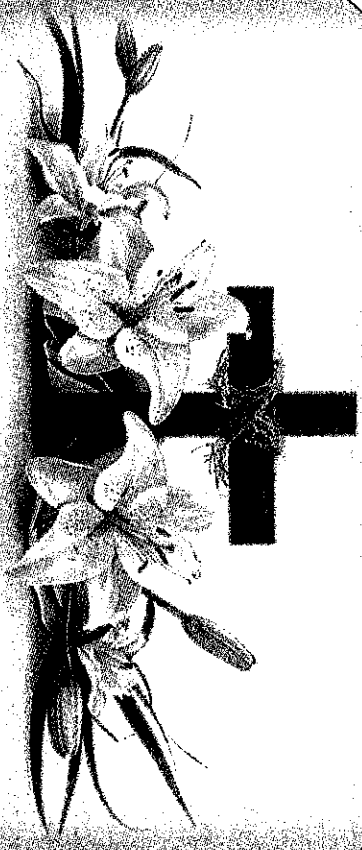
Today's Musicians:

Dr. Jeanie Wozencraft-Onnelas, Choir Director/Pianist
Mr. Phil Anthony, Soloist/Guitarist
Ms. Eila Gabrlov, Organist/Pianist

Praise Team: Mr. Jeff Olson, Guitarist
Mrs. Glenda Harrell, Mrs. Elaine Jenkins, Mr. Dennis Will

We are all ministers of the Gospel!

Resources used from umcdiscipleship.com, reworship.com, ministrymatters.com, and UMC Book of Worship.



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Enter to Worship.
Depart to Serve.

Sunday, April 20, 2024
11:00 a.m. Worship

Easter

ORDER OF WORSHIP

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

ANTHEM (see insert)

I Come to the Garden Alone

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

*PROCESSIONAL HYMNS #304 *Easter People, Raise Your Voices*

#310 *He Lives*

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Look where our Lenten journey has brought us!

We walked the seashore and the hills with Jesus; we went to the upper room and to the Garden of Sorrows, we stood at the cross and hid in a room out of our fear.

Now we are here, in the splendor and beauty of this place!

Everything is bursting with life. Jesus is alive! He is risen!

Hallelujah!

Hallelujah! Amen!

*OPENING PRAYER

Living God, on this most joyous day, we offer our thanks and praise to you – creator of heaven and earth, creator and lover of all humanity. We bless you for creating the whole world, for your promises to your people Israel, and for the life we know in Jesus Christ your Son.

We praise you for Christ Jesus, your Word Incarnate made flesh. Born of Mary, he shares our life. Eating with sinners, he welcomes us. Leading his followers, he guides us. Dying on the cross, he rescues us. Risen from the dead, he gives new life.

Most resilient God, source of all that is eternally raised up, we give you thanks for your unspeakable gift of Christ Jesus. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT I #33 (insert)

PRAYERFUL SHARING AND PRAYING TOGETHER

SCRIPTURE (NRSV¹ue)

John 20:1-18

ANTHEM (see insert)

Christ Is Risen

SCRIPTURE (NRSV¹ue)

1 Corinthians 15:19-26

SERMON

With All Your Heart: Believe

INVITATION, CONFESSION, PARDON #12

*PASSING THE PEACE

*HYMN #303

The Day of Resurrection

CELEBRATING OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY (see insert)

King of Glory

*DOXOLOGY #95

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

*OFFERING PRAYER

from Psalm 118

Radiant God, whose love endures forever, we gather today in the light of resurrection hope, offering these gifts as a response to the abundant grace we have received. In this period of spiritual renewal, may our giving reflect the joy of the empty tomb and the promise of life everlasting.

Transform our offerings into acts of love that bring light to the world, just as Christ's light dawned in our hearts. We dedicate these gifts to your service, trusting that, in your hands, they will bring forth new life. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING #13

THE LORD'S PRAYER #895

HYMN #98

To God Be the Glory

HYMN #312

Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*HYMN #302

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

*BLESSING

*SENDING FORTH (insert)

Hallelujah Chorus

Blessings to you this Easter Day!

The Resurrection of Jesus

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus's head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed, for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

Jesus Appears to Mary Magdalene

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb, and she saw two angels in white sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not touch me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord," and she told them that he had said these things to her.

1 Corinthians 15:19-26

NRSVae

If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. For since death came through a human, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human, for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. But each in its own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

Easter is a time of joy and renewal. Followers of Jesus saw their darkest days replaced with the miracle of hope and eternal life. Christians today take time for self-examination and reflection during Lent. "Going dark" for a few weeks prepares us to fully experience those first rays of resurrection light on Easter.

EASTER PRAYER

When everything was dark
and it seemed that the sun would never shine again,
your love broke through.

Your love was too strong,
too wide,
too deep,
for death to hold.

The sparks cast by your love
dance and spread
and burst forth
with resurrection light.

Gracious God,
We praise you for the light of new life
made possible through Jesus.

We praise you for the light of new life
that shone on the first witnesses of resurrection.
We praise you for the light of new life
that continues to shine in our hearts today.

We pray that the Easter light of life, hope and joy,
will live in us each day,
and that we will be bearers of that light
into the lives of others.
Amen.

*This prayer was composed by
the Rev. Michaela Youngson,
the Methodist Church of Britain.*

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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

Family of Don Aldridge	Karin Garner	Linda Morrow	Rebekah Sandell
Frances Austin	Linda Garrison	Ron Morrow	Ed Sheffield
Addy Bader	Alex Graham	Tom O'Quinn	Jackie Sheffield
Mary Ellen Creech	Eric Grush	Ed Reid	Karin Stocks
Ann Deese	Ed Kezar	Debra Riggsbee	Mose Stocks
Bob Deese	Charles Long	Estes Riggsbee	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, April 13 Total Worship Attendance 138

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
Sunday, Apr. 20	Sunrise Service	6:30am	Meditation Path
	Sunday School Classes	9:45am	Various Classrooms
	Worship Service	11:00am	Sanctuary

UPCOMING MEETINGS & CLASSES			
Date	Activity/Meeting	Time	Location
Apr. 21	Church Office Closed for Easter Monday		
Apr. 21	Bless This Child	4:00pm	Sewing Room
Apr. 23	Citizenship Class	6:00pm	Citizenship Classroom
Apr. 25	Mission Madness	6:00pm	FLC
Apr. 26	Craftin' Friendly	9:00am	FLC Hallway
Apr. 26	Relay for Life	1:00pm	Lake Benson Park
Apr. 27	Worship Crew Meeting	1:00pm	FLC Room 6

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

20	Jackie Sheffield	25	Brenna Garner	1	Peggy Adams
21	Mary Foster	26	Ed D'Amadio	3	John Turner
21	Stephen Bader	26	Judith Russo	5	Rebekah Sandell
23	Gary Shook	29	Brian Wiggs	6	Parker Watson

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Easter Lilies

If you ordered a lily, you may take it home after the 11am Easter Morning Service. Lilies that are not picked up by 3pm on Tuesday will be distributed to shut-ins on Wednesday.

Mission Madness – Friday, April 25, 6-8pm

Join us for food and fellowship, fun and games, and an opportunity to give back to our community. We will gather for a light meal before we cover the topic for the night. Families and friends are welcome!

Relay for Life – April 26, 2025, 1:00pm, Lake Benson Park

Relay For Life is more than a walk – it's a chance to come together in your local community to celebrate cancer survivors and remember loved ones lost. We would love to see you at the event! Consider a luminary, torch, donation, contribute an item to sell, or sponsorship. If you have questions, contact Rhonda Gillespy, 919-592-5594 or rhondagillespy@yahoo.com.

GARNER AREA MINISTRIES FOOD BANK

Cereal, Macaroni & Cheese

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR TODAY

Psalms 118:1-2, 14-24; Acts 10:34-43; 1 Corinthians 15:19-26; John 20:1-18