



August 9, 2026
**“Wondering
and
Wandering”**
10:30 am



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Welcome



Together we all make up the family of First-St. Andrew's.
If you are new to the family, please know that
you are always welcome here.

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Bold type indicates congregational response. * indicates to stand in body or spirit

Singing Solidarity

MV #77 Be Still and Know
TLUS #127 We Resist
TLUS #118 It's Not Enough
MV #92 Like a Rock

Chris Fischer (they, them)
John L. Bell
Mark A. Miller
Paul M. Vasile
Linnea Good

Gathering (Candle lighting) Music: MV #161 I Have Called You by Your Name KELLY
Omit verse 2

Welcome and Announcements

Jess Huber (he/him),
Candidate for Ordained Ministry

One: God is with us,
ALL: all the time,
One: and all the time,
ALL: God is with us.

*Sharing the Peace of Christ

Acknowledging the Traditional Territory

Jess Huber

Opening Prayer:

One: Ever present God, we come before you this day to be in relationship with
each other and with you;
ALL: We are grateful for the opportunity to gather together.
One: Help us know that we can bring our full selves into this space;
ALL: We come as we are, complete and cherished.
One: Forgive us for the times when we forgot that you are always near;
ALL: We call on your love to guide us.
One: Hear us as we wonder, as we try to make sense of your Word;
ALL: Give us the tools to discover and discern.
One: Remind us that faith is an action verb, something we do, not just say;
ALL: Help us show rather than tell.

One: As we gather to worship, help us be open to transformation by encounters with your Word. Help us lean into tension: we are always already enough, made in your image, loved without question, and we can make space for growth, for change. Forgive us for the times when we closed our hearts, refused awakening, when we were ruled by fear. Help us to discern the difference between developing faith and following along. Assure us that we can bring all of our questions, and doubts into this space where we gather in trust. We pray this in the name of the One who led with love. Amen.

***Hymn:** VU #409 Morning Has Broken

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Children & Youth leave for Worship & Wonder

Scripture: Genesis 37: 1-4, 12-28

Paul Merritt

One: A Word of God for all people,
ALL: thanks be to God.

Musical Reflection: Sonata No. 4 in D Major
Claire Jones-Fright (she/her), violin & Chris Fischer, piano

G.F. Handel

***Scripture:** Romans 10: 5-15

Jess Huber

Sermon: "Wondering and Wandering"

***Hymn:** VU #389 God is Here

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***Prayers of the People:**

One: God of action,
ALL: hear our prayer.

***Prayer of Jesus:** (*unison*)

Loving God, who is in heaven, sacred is your name. Your reign come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, and deliver us from evil, for yours is the reign, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever, Amen.

Musical Offering: How Beautiful Are the Feet (Romans 10: 15) from *Messiah*
Claire Jones-Fright, soprano & Chris Fischer, piano

G.F. Handel

How beautiful are the feet
of them that preach the gospel of peace,
and bring glad tidings of good things!

Gratitude:

Jess Huber

***Hymn:** VU #691 Though Ancient Walls

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Blessing:

**The light of God surrounds us;
The love of God enfolds us;
The power of God protects us;
The presence of God watches over us;
Wherever we are, God is!**

Sending Music Gavotte
Claire Jones-Fright, violin & Chris Fischer, piano

J. Ph. Rameau

The Leadership in Today's Service Includes:

Welcoming Ushers: Frank & Sara Kearney and David McKane
Narthex Co-ordinator: Frank & Sara Kearney
Service Support: George Jolink
Tech Team: Derik Koustrup, Jim Silcox, Kathryn Skelly and Chris Wood
Lemonade on the Lawn: Membership & Nurture Committee
Gift Card Table: David & Winnifred Wake

We thank God for all those who share their gifts and talents.