

Welcome to First-St Andrew's UNITED CHURCH



March 22, 2026 “Where’s My Accompanist?!” Fifth Sunday in Lent 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

Gathering Music: Fantasy on 'Hyfrydol' ('Love Divine, All Loves Excelling')
Laudamus Bells; Richard Frank, director arr. Hal Hopson

Welcome and Announcements Rev. Dr. Joshua Lawrence (he/him)

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

Stewardship in Lent: The money you give to FSA nurtures our bodies and souls. *Having the resources to support our community of faith is Stewardship in Action.*

Acknowledging the Traditional Territory Rev. Dr. Joshua Lawrence

Lighting the Candles

Candle Lighting Music: MV #161 I Have Called You by Your Name - vs. 1, 3 & 4 KELLY

Call to Worship: Rev. Dr. Joshua Lawrence

One: Come let us gather in the presence of the Holy.
ALL: The One who does not stand apart but walks beside.
One: We come heavy with the weight of events both near and far.
ALL: We are reminded that the Creator does not watch from a distance but enters fully into our living.
One: The One to whom we listen, to whom we are committed, is not known by conquest or domination.
ALL: But by tending to those the world has forgotten. The overlooked and denied.
One: So let us worship the Holy One who stands with those in need.
ALL: Not above us but beside us in the struggle.

Opening Prayer:

Present and patient One, we do not enter this space as subjects before a sovereign, or as vanquished before a conqueror. We come as those who have felt your nearness in the middle of the night, in the shared meal, in the hand extended across difference. We acknowledge that we have inherited a language about you shaped by empire and war, but we also know that much of this language was born in the struggle of an oppressed people reaching for dignity and survival. So let us remember those other images—scenes of caring, protection, and uplift. As we gather during our Lenten journey, strip from us every image of divine power that serves domination. Reawaken in us the vision of the trembling interconnection of all things, the fragile beauty of what is. We pray in the name of the One who accompanied us all the way to death, and beyond. Amen.

***Hymn:** VU #288 Great Is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS

Children & Youth come forward, receive a candle from Pastor Joshua, then go to Worship and Wonder.

Scripture: Psalm 68: 4-11

David Wake (he/him)

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

Sung Response: TLUS #91 In Life, in Death
Sung in unison, then 4-part round

Bruce Harding

In life, in death, in life be - yond death, God is
with us. We are not a - lone.

***Scripture:** Matthew 26: 6-13

Rev. Dr. Joshua Lawrence

Sermon: "Where's My Accompanist?!"

***Hymn:** VU #641 Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song - omit vs. 3

L'ARCHE HYMN

Prayers of the People:

Rev. Dr. Joshua Lawrence

One: Living Breath, in our holding and our releasing

ALL: hear our prayer.

Prayer of Jesus: (unison)

Our Creator, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kin-dom come, thy will be done, on Earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil for thine is the kin-dom, the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Musical Offering: The Deer's Cry
Choir

Arvo Pärt

Christ with me,
Christ before me, Christ behind me,
Christ beneath me, Christ in me, Christ on my right,
Christ above me, Christ in me, Christ on my left,
Christ when I lie down, Christ in me,
Christ when I arise, Christ when I sit down,
Christ in the heart of everyone who thinks of me,
Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me,
Christ in every eye that sees me,
Christ in every ear that hears me.
Christ with me.

Gratitude:

Rev. Dr. Joshua Lawrence

***Hymn:** VU #647 Travel On, Travel On

TRAVEL ON

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: Postlude in D Minor
Chris Fischer, organ

Charles V. Stanford

The Leadership in Today's Service Includes:

Welcoming Ushers: John Anderson, David Flynn and Larry Niles

Narthex Co-ordinator: Carol Riddell-Elson

Service Support: George Jolink

Tech Team: Robin Neaves, Jim Silcox, Kathryn & Rebecca Skelly and Chris Wood

Coffee & Conversation: No Coffee & Conversation today

Gift Card Table: Heather Vouvalidis and Pam Salmoni

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