

Welcome to First-St Andrew's UNITED CHURCH



June 7, 2026
**“Weapons
of the Weak”**
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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Gathering Music: Aseda Nyinaa Ye Wode Yaw Sekyi-Baidoo
Small Ensemble: Aaron Ansah, Louis Frimpong, Nancy Nti, Michael Aseidu, Philip Sika
& Chris Fischer (they/them), piano

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.

Outreach Moment: Liz Galbraith

Acknowledging the Traditional Territory Rev. Dr. Joshua Lawrence

Lighting the Candles

Candle Lighting Music: MV #104 Mungu ni mwema (Know That God Is Good) Traditional, Congo
with Jess Huber (he/him), shaker & Janis Wallace (she/her), djembe

Opening Prayer: Rev. Dr. Joshua Lawrence

God of the downtrodden and despised, many of us who gather today do not have this experience. Many of us have not been ridiculed for our language or presentation. But some of us have. And since there are those in this world who continue to be disparaged, may we stand in solidarity with them. Stepping out of what we thought we had to be, what we thought everyone had to be. We step into the myriad expressions of divine creativity that make this world such a beautiful place. And we recommit ourselves to the work of justice for all, especially those who continue to face discrimination and displacement because of who you have created them to be. Amen

***Hymn:** VU #221 Sing Praise to God, Who Has Shaped LOBE DEN HERREN

Children & Youth leave for Worship and Wonder.

Scripture: Ruth 3: 1-18

Chris Wood (he/him)

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

Musical Reflection: Patiently Have I Waited for the Lord (Oratorio de Noël, Op.12)
Solo: Chris Wood, tenor Camille Saint-Saëns

Patiently, patiently have I waited for the Lord,
patiently, patiently, patiently have I waited for the Lord,
have I waited, have I waited for the Lord.

And lo! he heard my cry, and lo! he heard my cry,
and lo! he heard, and lo! he heard, and lo! he heard,
and lo! he heard my cry.

***Scripture:** Matthew 13: 31-35

Rev. Dr. Joshua Lawrence

Sermon: "Weapons of the Weak"

***Hymn:** MV #120 My Soul Cries Out
with Jess Huber, tambourine & Janis Wallace, bodhran

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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: Alleluia
Choir

Elaine Hagenberg

Alleluia,
All shall be Amen and Alleluia,
All shall be Amen.
We shall rest and we shall see,
We shall see and we shall know.
We shall know and we shall love,
Behold our end which is no end,
Alleluia,
All shall be Amen, amen!

Gratitude:

Rev. Dr. Joshua Lawrence

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

FAITHFULNESS

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: Now Thank We All Our God
Chris Fischer, organ

Egil Hovland

The Leadership in Today's Service Includes:

Welcoming Ushers: Kwabena Kyei, Karen Reese & Jo Ann Silcox
Narthex Co-ordinator: Carol Riddell-Elson
Service Support: George Jolink
Tech Team: Robin Neaves, Merran Neville, Jim Silcox, Kathryn Skelly & Allison Wyant
Coffee & Conversation: Membership & Nurture Committee
Gift Card Table: Margo Christodoulou and Barb Ridgewell

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