

# Welcome to First-St Andrew's UNITED CHURCH

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## New Member Sunday

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, if able.

## Gathering Music:

Be Still, My Soul  
Canon in 3 Parts  
Quartetto in F Major  
Più Non Si Trovano  
Arioso

FSA Strings, Igor Saika - director  
Jean Sibelius  
Henry Purcell  
Alessandro Scarlatti  
W.A. Mozart  
J.S. Bach

*Violin I - Doug Gordon, Quinn Tufts, Kathleen Klyn-Hesselink  
Violin II - Leslie Carroll-Frey, Natalie Lampman  
Viola - Peter Bartley  
Cello - Igor Saika, Bruce Richardson*

## Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Dr. Joshua Lawrence (he/him)

## Acknowledging the Traditional Territory

## Lighting the Christ Candle & Peace Candle

**Candle Lighting Music:** VU #581 When We Are Living

SOMOS DEL SEÑOR

**Call to Worship:** (*Inspired by 1 Corinthians 12*)

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One: The body is one, even though it has many parts.

**ALL: All the parts—many though they are—comprise a single body.**

One: If the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," does that make it any less a part of the body.

**ALL: If the ear should say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," would that make it any less a part of the body?**

One: If one member suffers, all the members suffer with it.

**ALL: If one member is honored, all the members share its joy.**

One: You, then, are the body of Christ.

**ALL: Each of you is a member of it.**

## Opening Prayer:

\***Hymn:** VU #577 I've Got Peace Like a River

PEACE LIKE A RIVER

*Children and youth come forward during the singing of the last verse*

## Children's Time:

Christina Lindsay (she/her) 2

## Welcoming a New Member

**Statement of Purpose:**

Rev. Dr. Joshua Lawrence

**Presentation of New Member:** Karin Symonds

**Commitment of New Member**

**Congregational Commitment:**

**One:** Dear friends in Christ, let us pledge to Karin our support and care. As your siblings in Christ, we rejoice in the gifts you bring to us. We pledge to you our love and our support.

**ALL:** **With God's help, we will together live out the mission and ministry of Christ's church.**

**Statement of Faith:** A New Creed (unison)

**We are not alone,  
we live in God's world.**

**We believe in God:  
who has created and is creating,  
who has come in Jesus,  
the Word made flesh,  
to reconcile and make new,  
who works in us and others  
by the Spirit.**

**We trust in God.**

**We are called to be the Church:  
to celebrate God's presence,  
to live with respect in Creation,  
to love and serve others,  
to seek justice and resist evil,  
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,  
our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death,  
God is with us.  
We are not alone.**

**Thanks be to God.**

**Final Welcome**

*Children leave for Sunday School*

**Scripture:** Acts 1: 6-8

Tyler Koustrup (he/him)

**Musical Response:** I Waited for the Lord  
Duet: Madeline Berman, soprano & Daryn Nowlin, mezzo-soprano;  
Choir; Chris Fischer (they/them), piano

Felix Mendelssohn

**Scripture:** Hebrews 5: 7-14

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**Sermon:** "Whatever Happened to Long-suffering?"

**Musical Reflection:** Be Thou My Vision

Arr. Ariana Miller, Seleiya Miller  
& Matthias Miller

Duet: Madeline Berman, soprano & Daryn Nowlin, mezzo-soprano;  
FSA Strings, Chris Fischer - conductor

**Prayers of the People**

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**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 Ground (from "Sunrise Mass")  
Choir; FSA Strings, Chris Fischer - conductor

Ola Gjeilo

*(sung in Latin)*

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Blessed is he who comes.

Hosanna in the highest.

Lamb of God, Who take away the sins of the world.

Grant us peace.

**Gratitude:**

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**\*Hymn:** VU #512 Lord, You Give the Great Commission

ABBOT'S LEIGH

**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:**

The Gift of Love

FSA Strings, Igor Saika - director  
Scottish Folk Song

**The Leadership in Today's Service Includes:**

Welcoming Ushers: Frank & Sarah Kearney

Narthex Co-ordinator: Charlotte Oldham

Service Support: Ron Bradley

Tech Team: Andrew Richardson, Kathryn Skelly, Jim Silcox and Chris Wood

Coffee and Conversation: Membership & Nurture Committee

Gift Card Table: Margo Christodoulou and Winifred Wake

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