

ST. ANDREW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God. -Micah 6:8



Worship Bulletin
Sunday, February 1st, 2026

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Liturgist, Theo McCarey

Leader: Come and worship God.
Come if you are weary or hopeful,

**People: confident or uncertain,
carrying joy or carrying grief.**

Leader: Jesus calls blessed those the world often overlooks—

**People: the poor in spirit,
those who mourn,
the meek and the merciful,
the ones who hunger for what is right.**

Leader: The wisdom of God may not look like the wisdom of the world,
but it leads to life, grace, and peace.

**People: So let us gather with open hearts and open hands,
trusting that God meets us here.
Let us worship God together.**

Hymn #311 - *Here, O Lord, Your Servants Gather

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, you bless the poor in spirit, the meek, the merciful, and the peacemakers, yet we confess that we often seek blessing on our own terms. We trust in strength more than humility, in being right more than being loving, in success more than faithfulness. We cling to the wisdom of the world and turn away from the wisdom of the cross. We confess that we overlook those who mourn, ignore cries for justice, and resist the cost of mercy and peace. We boast in what we have done rather than in what you have done for us in Christ. Forgive us, O God. By your Spirit, empty us of pride and reshape us by your grace. Teach us to hunger and thirst for righteousness, to walk gently with one another, and to follow Jesus in the way that leads to life.

(Time for silent prayer and confession)

Assurance of Forgiveness

Passing the Peace

Leader: God makes peace within us.

People: Let us claim it.

Leader: God makes peace between us.

People: Let us share it.

Leader: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you!

Please share signs of peace (ex. a wave, handshake, or high five) with each other.

A Word for God's Children

Erica Russell

Anthem

In Christ Alone

Annie and Michael Hedgpeth

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture – Matthew 5:1-12

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. **2 And he began to speak and taught them, saying:**

3 “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

4 “Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

5 “Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

6 “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

7 “Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

8 “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

9 “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

10 “Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

11 “Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. 12 Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Scripture – 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written,

"I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scholar? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of the proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews ask for signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to abolish things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God. In contrast, God is why you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

The Rev. Jacqueline Decker Vanderpol

A Moment for Silent Reflection

Hymn #839 - *Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine!

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*Song of Dedication



Glo - ry be to our Cre - a - tor, Praise to our Re - deem-er Lord,
Glo - ry be to our Sus - tain - er, Ev - er three- and ev - er one,
From the fruits that we are gi - ven, we re - turn these gifts to you.

*Prayer of Dedication

Communion

Invitation to the Table

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Our loving God, who is in Heaven, hallowed be Your name, Your kingdom come, Your 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 Yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen!

Words of Institution

In-person worshippers will come forward to one of two stations. Please take a piece of bread (all are gluten free) and an individual cup of juice. After partaking of the elements, please leave the empty cup on one of the tables at the side. The pastor will serve communion to those unable to come forward. Those worshipping by Zoom are encouraged to have bread and cup, so you can join in celebrating communion.

Prayer after Communion

*Hymn #536 - *Rise, O Church, Like Christ Arisen*

Benediction

Postlude

*Stand as able

The prayers have been adapted from a prayer by Christine Jerrett.
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In the liturgical calendar, green symbolizes growth, life, hope, and vitality. Green represents a time for the followers of Christ to mature in their faith, drawing from the promise of new life and the steady, hopeful unfolding of God's work.

St. Andrew At-A-Glance

- **February 1** - Youth Group, Symposium on Spirituality and the Environment at Har HaShem
- **February 4** - Noon Prayer Service
- **February 5** - Women's Crafts and Conversation
- **February 7** - HomeAhead Open Donation Hours
- **February 8** - Hybrid Worship, Souper Bowl of Caring Collection, Nursery, Choir Rehearsal, Adult Education, Sunday School, Youth Group, Potluck for Families with Children and Youth at the Vanderpol Home
- **February 11** - Noon Prayer Service
- **February 12** - Serve Dinner to the Unhoused with Community Table
- **February 14** - Men's Pancake Breakfast
- **February 15** - Jazz Brunch - Hybrid Worship, All-Church Lunch, Nursery, Adult Education, Sunday School

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New Here?

As most people in Colorado are aware, aspen trees aren't individual trees but are connected underground by a complex root system. Given how many trees can be connected, these petite, beautiful trees can join together into mighty organisms. In fact, the largest organism in the world is a single Quaking Aspen in Utah. When we're at our best, the church functions in much the same way: we are connected, and we come together to be nourished, fed, and refreshed even though we live our lives in distinct places. We recognize that our life "above the soil" is only possible when we tend to our life "below the soil," and we realize that without the trunk and branches, the roots don't really serve much of a purpose. Our life of faith is most robust when we balance both dimensions: the interconnectedness that helps nourish our roots and the expression of faith that only comes through wide-reaching branches. That's the kind of worship and service we nurture.



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