



# St. Andrews-Covenant Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

Welcome to Worship! | February 22, 2026 | 1st Sunday in Lent

## GATHERING

**Prelude** *Lamb of God*

Twila Paris arr. Lloyd Larson

**Welcome**

**\*Call to Worship<sup>†</sup>**

Rev. Parker Lucas

The good news of the gospel is:  
**manna in the desert,  
water turned into wine,  
love after loss,  
forgiveness after pain.**

The good news of the gospel is:  
**release for the captive,  
hope for the hopeless,  
mourning turned to dancing,  
and strangers turned to friends.**

So come on in.

There's no time to waste!

This surprising good news is here for you.

**Let us worship this good-news God.**

**\*Hymn 611** *Joyful Joyful, We Adore Thee*

**Call to Confession**

**Prayer of Confession**

Loving God, somewhere along the way we picked up the message that in order to be faithful, we have to be serious. We have to pray on our knees without ceasing. We have to be somber in worship and quiet in our studies. We have to check our wiggles and our questions at the door. But then you say the kingdom of God is like a mustard seed—unruly and untamed. You turn water into wine—surprising and extravagant. And all of a sudden, we wonder: Can we be like that mustard seed? Can we be faithful and unruly? Can we be playful and curious? Can we be messy and still be yours? We know the answer already. The Spirit whispers: of course, of course, of course. Forgive our doubt. Pull us closer into your embrace. With faith like a mustard seed, we pray.

**Moment for Reflection and Silent Confession**

**Assurance of Forgiveness**

**\*Sung Response 582** *Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me*

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<sup>†</sup>Please stand in body or in spirit.

**\*Sharing the Peace of Christ**

The Peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

**WORD**

**Prayer for Illumination**

**First Lesson** Matthew 13:31-32

**Second Lesson** John 2:1-11

**Sermon** *The good news is...so good it catches us by surprise* Rev. Katherine B. Harrington

**\*Hymn 250** *In the Bulb There Is a Flower (Hymn of Promise)*

**\*Affirmation of Faith** Apostles' Creed (hymnal, p. 35)

**Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer**

**THANKSGIVING**

**Offering**

**Offertory** *A Lenten Meditation*

arr. Andrew Bowen and Julie Cortez

**\*Doxology 606**

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**SENDING**

**\*Hymn 839** *Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!*

**\*Charge and Benediction**

**Postlude** *Prelude in D Minor, BWV 935*

J.S. Bach

**Worship Leaders**

Senior Pastor, Rev. Katherine B. Harrington  
Associate Pastor, Rev. Parker Lucas  
Director of Music, Cindy Litzinger  
Pianist, Sara Bryant

Handbells, Beth Davis and Meryl Frank  
Production Coordinator, Jim Fox  
Lay Reader, Scott Murray

†Liturgy by Rev. Sarah A. Speed | A Sanctified Art LLC

**Our Mission**

*Inspiring one another to love Jesus by staying faithfully present in our community.*

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