



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

Welcome to Worship! | February 8, 2026 | 5th Sunday after Epiphany

GATHERING

Prelude *Andante from Sonata in F-sharp, Op. 78*

Ludwig van Beethoven

Welcome

Moment for Mission

***Call to Worship**

Rev. Katherine B. Harrington

If we come here hoping You will confirm all our beliefs and values,

convince us that our thoughts are not Your thoughts.

If we come here uncertain we are welcome,

embrace us in Your loving arms.

If we come here longing for Your Word,

open our ears to hear it.

If we come here merely out of habit,

meet us as we are and transform us into what You call us to be.

However we come here, let us now worship God!

***Hymn 610** *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

(Come forward with your 5-Cents-A-Meal Offering)

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of the spirit of kindness, in the glory of earth and sea and stars, in the kaleidoscope of color and shade and shapeliness, in the patterns of humor and tenderness and touch, we celebrate your generosity. Forgive us when we forget the gift in our every breath, the care that sustains our every moment, the grace that can transform our every day. Set us free from the prison of grudging hearts, mean desires, and resentful spirits. Give us the courage to act with justice and generosity, and draw us into love that does not calculate or keep score.

Moment for Reflection and Silent Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

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

***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 Genesis 21:14-21

Second Lesson Matthew 4:1-11

Sermon *Wilderness Encounters*

Rev. Parker Lucas

***Hymn 331** *God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand*

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

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

THANKSGIVING

Offering

Offertory *Every Time I Think About Jesus*

arr. L. L. Fleming

Every time I think about Jesus, surely he died on Calvary. Every time I talk about Jesus, surely he rose up from the grave. Every time I shout about Jesus, surely he rose up from the grave.

***Doxology 606**

***Prayer of Dedication**

SENDING

***Hymn 20** *All Things Bright and Beautiful*

***Charge and Benediction**

Congregational Response Hymn 300 *We Are One in the Spirit (Refrain)*
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

Postlude *Rondo from Sonatina in A*

W. A. Mozart

Worship Leaders

Senior Pastor, Rev. Katherine B. Harrington
Associate Pastor, Rev. Parker Lucas
Director of Music, Cindy Litzinger
Choir Director, Angela Burns

Pianist, Sara Bryant
Adult Choir
Production Coordinator, Jim Fox
Lay Reader, Lisa Bohbrink

Our Mission

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