

# St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church



## *“Crossroads”*

**March 5th, 2023**

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**SUNDAY SHEPHERD**

Wanda Smithingell

**GATHERING FOR WORSHIP**

**PRELUDE**

St. Andrew's Legacy Carillon

**PRAISE TO GOD**

**WELCOME**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Pastor: I lift up my eyes to the hills, from where will my help come?

**People: My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.**

Pastor: He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber.

**People: He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.**

Pastor: The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade at your right hand.

**People: The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.**

Pastor: The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.

**People: The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forever more. Let us worship God!**

**HYMN # 139**

*"Great Is Thy Faithfulness" v 1 – 3*

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God, my Father;

There is no shadow of turning with Thee.

Thou changest not; Thy compassions they fail not.

As Thou has been, Thou forever wilt be.

Refrain: Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!

Morning by morning new mercies I see;

All I have needed thy hand hath provided.

Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,

Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above,

Join with all nature in manifold witness

To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love. [Refrain]

Pardon for sin and an peace that endureth,

Thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide.

Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow —

Blessings all mine with ten thousand beside! [Refrain]

**WORD OF THE WEEK**

## CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, we come before you in need of forgiveness and grace. You call us to trust in you completely, but we do not. We are timid and fearful as we follow your lead. We justify our actions and words, though we know they are not what you require. We struggle to understand the new life Christ offers, preferring old habits to risky change. Forgive us, we pray. Help us to be born again into the life of Christ, trusting that you have included us by grace in the family of faith. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

**\*RESPONSE: HYMN # 812**

*"Glory Be to The Father"*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Ghost: as it was in the beginning,  
is now and ever shall be, world without end.

Amen, amen.

### PASSING OF THE PEACE

Pastor: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.

The peace of Christ be with you all

**People: And also with you.**

## PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

### PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Bob Nicholas

### SCRIPTURES

Bob Nicholas

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 12:1-4a

Epistle Reading: Romans 4:13-17

Gospel Reading: John 3:4-12

Reader: This is the WORD of the LORD for His people.

**People: Thanks be to GOD!**

### MESSAGE

*"Crossroads"*

Pastor Linda Graham

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:** The Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again, He ascended into heaven. He is seated at the right hand of the Father, and He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

**HYMN # 539**

*"My Faith Looks Up To Thee" v 1 – 4*

My faith looks up to Thee, Thou, Lamb of Calvary.  
Savior divine!

Now hear me while I pray, Take all my guilt away.  
O let me from this day Be wholly Thine!

May Thy rich grace impart Strength to my fainting heart,  
My zeal inspire;

As Thou hast died for me, O may my love to Thee  
Pure, warm, and changeless be A living fire!

While life's dark maze I tread, And griefs around me spread,  
Be Thou my guide;

Bid darkness turn to day, Wipe sorrow's tears away,  
Nor let me ever stray From Thee aside.

When ends life's transient dream, When death's cold, sullen stream  
Shall o'er me roll,

Blest Savior, then, in love, Fear and distrust remove;  
O bear me safe above, A ransomed soul!

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom 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 kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

**CALL TO OFFERING**

**\*RESPONSE HYMN # 815**

*"Doxology"*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise Him, all creatures here below.

Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host.

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

Amen.

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**Gracious God, we dedicate to you not only these gifts, but also ourselves, in deep gratitude- for your call on our lives, your guidance in the baptismal journey, and for blessing us that we may be a blessing to others. Accept what we bring for your own good purposes.**

**In Christ we pray. Amen.**

**RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD**

**HYMN # 676**

*"O Jesus I Have Promised" v 1 - 4*

O Jesus, I have promised  
To serve Thee to the end;  
Be Thou forever near me,  
My Master and my Friend;  
I shall not fear the battle  
If Thou art by my side,  
Nor wander from the pathway  
If Thou wilt be my guide.

O let me feel Thee near me,  
The world is ever near;  
I see the sights that dazzle,  
The tempting sounds I hear:  
My foes are ever near me,  
Around me and within;  
But, Jesus, draw Thou nearer,  
And shield my soul from sin.

O let me hear Thee speaking  
In accents clear and still,  
Above the storms of passion,  
The murmurs of self-will.  
O speak to reassure me,  
To hasten or control;  
O speak, and make me listen,  
Thou guardian of my soul.

O Jesus, Thou hast promised  
To all who follow Thee,  
That where Thou art in glory  
There shall Thy servant be;  
And, Jesus, I have promised  
To serve Thee to the end;  
O give me grace to follow,  
My Master and my Friend.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CHARGE & BLESSING**

**POSTLUDE**

St. Andrew's Legacy Carillon

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## March Lectionary

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|---|-------------------------|--|----------------------------|--|
| <b>Second Sunday in Lent</b><br>March 5, 2023     | <u>Genesis 12:1-4a</u>  | <u>Psalm 121</u>                                     | <u>Romans 4:1-5, 13-17</u> | <u>John 3:1-17</u><br><b>or</b><br><u>Matthew 17:1-9</u> |
| <b>Third Sunday in Lent</b><br>March 12, 2023     | <u>Exodus 17:1-7</u>    | <u>Psalm 95</u>                                      | <u>Romans 5:1-11</u>       | <u>John 4:5-42</u>                                       |
| <b>Fourth Sunday in Lent</b><br>March 19, 2023    | <u>1 Samuel 16:1-13</u> | <u>Psalm 23</u>                                      | <u>Ephesians 5:8-14</u>    | <u>John 9:1-41</u>                                       |
| <b>Annunciation of the Lord</b><br>March 25, 2023 | <u>Isaiah 7:10-14</u>   | <u>Psalm 45</u><br><b>or</b><br><u>Psalm 40:5-10</u> | <u>Hebrews 10:4-10</u>     | <u>Luke 1:26-38</u>                                      |
| <b>Fifth Sunday in Lent</b><br>March 26, 2023     | <u>Ezekiel 37:1-14</u>  | <u>Psalm 130</u>                                     | <u>Romans 8:6-11</u>       | <u>John 11:1-45</u>                                      |