

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH OF THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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9:00 am Faith Formation

10:15 am Worship Service

March 15, 2026

Liturgist: Ron Grace

Fourth Sunday in Lent

PRELUDE

GREETING

*If able, please rise in body or spirit*

CALL TO WORSHIP

God loves the field mouse.

**God loves the crows that take flight when church bells ring.**

God loves the baby, cooing in the back pew.

**God loves the child who rocks and claps.**

God loves the one with wrinkled hands and soft eyes.

**God loves the bumblebees and the tabby cats.**

God loves those who walk, crawl, and roll.

**God loves the giant oaks and the evergreens,  
standing strong over all of us.**

God loves the young, the impressionable, and the earnest.

**There is no bit of creation that God does not love.**

This is the good news of the gospel.

Hymn #95 Praise Him! Praise Him!

*Please be seated.*

CALL TO CONFESSION

Family of Faith, every week we need to be reminded of God's abundant grace. Every week we need to be reminded of God's love. Every week we need to be reminded that we too can grow and change. So, join me in this moment of honesty as we seek transformation.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God said, "When a foreigner resides among you in your land, do not mistreat them."

**Holy God, we confess, we have mistreated the immigrants in our land.**

Jesus said, "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God."

**We confess, we have clung to guns and war more than we have pursued peace.**

God said, "When you gather the grapes of your vineyard, do not glean what is left; it shall be for the alien, the orphan, and the widow."

**We confess, we have hoarded our resources and failed to care for our neighbors.**

Jesus said, "Let the children come to me, and do not stop them."

**We confess, we have gatekept the good news in unfair ways.**

**Forgive us for not being your good news in the world.**

Prayer Response #490

Hear Our Prayer, O Lord

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Fortunately for all of us, God also said,

"Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; you are mine."

**By God's grace, despite our sin and shortcomings, we are redeemed, claimed, forgiven,  
and loved.**

May this good news change our lives!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy One, sometimes the simplest of your commands are the hardest for us to hear. You say, "Love your enemy." "Turn the other cheek." "Care for the widow and the orphan." And we want to know: How? When? Where? Today as we turn to your word, open space in us to simply hear your truth for what it is. Open space in our hearts to dream new dreams, to imagine new realities, to draw closer to you and closer to love. With hope for a better tomorrow, we listen, we pray. Amen.

SCRIPTURE: Deuteronomy 24:17-22

Matthew 19:13-15

The word of the Lord.

**Blessed are they that hear the word of God and keep it.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

*If able, please rise in body or spirit.*

Hymn #623            The Church of Christ in Every Age

*Please be seated.*

Koinonia Time (community; communion; fellowship; intimacy)  
(Please date, sign, and pass the pew pad to your neighbors)

Sharing Joys and Concerns  
Prayers of Intercession

Lord's Prayer  
**Our Creator/Mother/Father/Spirit, 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.**

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY  
Our lives overflow with the goodness of God. Sharing what we have so abundantly received, we bring now our tithes and offerings to God, with gladness and gratitude.

OFFERTORY  
*Please stand in body or in spirit*

OFFERTORY RESPONSE  
**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, you heavenly host.  
Praise Creator, Christ and Spirit, One. Amen**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION  
**In gratitude for all that you have done for us, we offer our thanks and praise. We long to live as your children doing what is pleasing to you. Take our gifts and One Great Hour of**

**Sharing offerings and use them to welcome our vulnerable neighbors and provide for their care with love, for they are your children, too. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

Hymn #93            Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

BENEDICTION  
Go into the world to share the good news, working for justice, caring for the last, the least and the lost among us and bless the children of God with the presence of Christ. Amen.

Postlude  
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**Head Ushers for March are Angela Stofflet and Herb Volk**  
**Today's Ushers are Lee Metzger and Ruth Yothers**  
**Altar Guild the month of March are Karen Gossard and Lois-Ann Barndt**

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**2026 Consistory**  
Elders: Ron Grace, Tara Howell, Doris Lindmeier, Karen Peterson  
Deacons: Amanda Duffy (President), Cindy Grace, Lance Ide, Erin Rush, Evie Starkey, Angela Stofflet (Secretary), Herb Volk (V. President)  
Jen Flexer (Treasurer)



**Tree of Life Lenten Series**

St. Andrew's UCC, St. Stephen's UCC, Perkasio and St. Paul's UCC, Sellersville are joining together for the Lenten season. Beginning with Ash Wednesday and each Wednesday until Holy Week we'll be meeting twice a day to eat together and share in a Lenten experience. Then we'll come together for Maundy Thursday and Good Friday.

Choose the time of day that works best for you:

Midday Gatherings: 11:30 AM- 1 PM Bring a brown bag lunch.

Evening Gatherings: 5:30-7 PM Soup and sandwich meal provided by host church.

**Ash Wednesday with the Imposition of Ashes**

February 18 Midday and Evening Gathering St. Stephen's UCC

**Midweek Gatherings**

|             |                              |                   |
|-------------|------------------------------|-------------------|
| February 25 | Midday and Evening Gathering | St. Andrew's UCC  |
| March 4     | Midday and Evening Gathering | St. Paul's UCC    |
| March 11    | Midday and Evening Gathering | St. Andrew's      |
| March 18    | Midday and Evening Gathering | St. Paul's UCC    |
| March 25    | Midday and Evening Gathering | St. Stephen's UCC |

**Holy Week - Evening Gatherings Only**

|         |                 |                  |
|---------|-----------------|------------------|
| April 2 | Maundy Thursday | St. Paul's UCC   |
| April 3 | Good Friday     | St. Andrew's UCC |

**Locations**

|                   |                                     |
|-------------------|-------------------------------------|
| St. Andrew's UCC  | 615 E. Walnut St. Perkasio          |
| St. Paul's UCC    | 104 Green St. Sellersville          |
| St. Stephen's UCC | 110 N. 6 <sup>th</sup> St. Perkasio |

JESUS CHRIST

95 Praise Him! Praise Him!

1 Praise him! Praise him! Je - sus, our bless - ed Re - deem - er! Sing, O  
 2 Praise him! Praise him! Je - sus, our bless - ed Re - deem - er! For our  
 3 Praise him! Praise him! Je - sus, our bless - ed Re - deem - er! Heaven - ly

earth, his won - der - ful love pro - claim! Hail him! Hail him!  
 sins he suf - ered, and bled, and died; he our rock, our  
 por - tals loud with ho - san - nas ring! Je - sus, Sav - ior,

High - est arch - an - gels in glo - ry; strength and hon - or give to his  
 hope of e - ter - nal sal - va - tion. Hail him, hail him, Je - sus the  
 reign - eth for - ev - er and ev - er. Crown him, crown him, Proph - et and

ho - ly name! Like a shep - herd Je - sus will guard his chil - dren,  
 cru - ci - fied. Sound his prais - es! Je - sus who bore our sor - rows;  
 Priest and King! Christ is com - ing, o - ver the world vic - to - rious,

WORDS: Fanny J. Crosby (1820-1915)  
 MUSIC: Chester G. Allen (1838-1878)

JOYFUL SONG  
 12.10.12.10.11.10.11.10.

JESUS CHRIST

*Refrain*

in his arms he car-ries them all day long:  
love un-bound-ed, won-der-ful, deep, and strong: Praise him! Praise him!  
power and glo-ry un-to the Lord be-long:

Tell of his ex-cel-lent great-ness. Praise him, praise him, ev-er in joy-ful song!

PRAYER & DEVOTION

490 Hear Our Prayer, O Lord

Hear our prayer, O Lord, hear our prayer, O Lord; in -  
cline thine ear to us, and grant us thy peace. A - men.

# The Church of Christ in Every Age 623

1 The church of Christ in ev - ery age, be - set by  
 2 A - cross the world, a - cross the street, the vic - tims  
 3 Then let the ser - vant church a - rise, a car - ing  
 4 For Christ a - lone, whose blood was shed, can cure the  
 5 We have no mis - sion but to serve in full o -

change but Spir - it - led, must claim and test its  
 of in - jus - tice cry for shel - ter and for  
 church that longs to be a part - ner in Christ's  
 fe - ver in our blood, and teach us how to  
 be - dience to our Lord: to care for all, with -

her - i - tage and keep on ris - ing from the dead.  
 bread to eat, and nev - er live un - til they die.  
 sac - ri - fice, and clothed in Christ's hu - man - i - ty.  
 share our bread and feed the starv - ing mul - ti - tude.  
 out re - serve, and spread Christ's lib - er - at - ing word.

WORDS: Fred Pratt Green (1903-2000)  
 MUSIC: William Knapp (1698-1768)

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# Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness 93

1 Praise the One who breaks the dark-ness with a lib - er - at - ing light.  
 2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren with a strong yet gen - tle word.  
 3 Praise the one true love in - car - nate: Christ, who suf - fered in our place.

Praise the One who frees the pris - oners, turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight.  
 Praise the One who drove out de - mons with a pierc - ing two - edged sword.  
 Je - sus died and rose for man - y that we may know God by grace.

Praise the One who preached the gos - pel, heal - ing ev - ery dread dis - ease,  
 Praise the One who brings cool wa - ter to the des - ert's burn - ing sand.  
 Let us sing for joy and glad - ness, see - ing what our God has done.

calm - ing storms and feed - ing thou - sands with the ver - y bread of peace.  
 From this well comes liv - ing wa - ter quench - ing thirst in ev - ery land.  
 Praise the one re - deem - ing glo - ry; praise the One who makes us one.

WORDS: Rusty Edwards (1955- )  
 MUSIC: John Wyeth's *Repository of Sacred Music*, 1813

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# A Night at the Perk!

## March 23<sup>rd</sup> from 5-9PM

Join us on March 23 for a night at the Perk! Have some delicious dinner with a percentage of proceeds from meals and drinks donated back to St. Andrew's. We will also have some raffle baskets and enjoy time of fellowship with one another and our local community.

