

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

Perkasie, Pennsylvania

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9:00 am Faith Formation

10:15 am Worship Service

February 22, 2026

Liturgist: Lolly Smith

First Sunday in Lent

PRELUDE

GREETING

*If able, please rise in body or spirit*

CALL TO WORSHIP

The good news of the gospel is:

**mana 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 #652

This Is the Day

*Please be seated.*

CALL TO CONFESSION

You may have heard, "All is fair in love and war," or "An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth." But God says, "Forgive seventy times seven." God says, "I am slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love." God says, "Turn the other cheek." God's mercy catches us by surprise. So with wonder and gratitude, let us go to God in prayer. Let us be surprised by God's grace all over again.

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.**

Prayer Response #490

Hear Our Prayer, O Lord

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

God's grace is wild and unruly. God's mercy is abundant and surprising. God's love is expansive and unending. So if you ask, "Holy One, am I forgiven?" the answer is and always will be:

**of course, of course, of course.**

This is the good news of the gospel. **Thanks be to God!**

MISSION MOMENT

Penridge FISH

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy One, it is easy to see the mustard plant and forget to marvel at the seed. It is easy to taste good wine and not appreciate it. It is easy to miss the holy that is in our midst. As we turn to your text today, we pray, surprise us. Speak to us. Move through us. Draw us closer to your good news. We wait with bated breath. Amen.

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 13:31-32

John 2:1-11

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 #669

Jesus, Come, for We Invite You

*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  
As God so freely offers us the gift of life in Jesus Christ, let us respond with gratitude, offering our lives to God.

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  
**We give you thanks and praise, O God, for Jesus Christ whose love is wild and extravagant, embracing all people. May the gifts we offer this day be a sign of your love and a celebration of the life it brings. Multiply the work done by our time, treasures, and talents, that your presence and compassion may be known in all the earth. Amen.**

Hymn #250                      Throughout These Lenten Days and Night

BENEDICTION

The good news of the gospel is love and justice for all. It is a joy that surprises and transforms the world. Speak the good news and see the glory of God revealed. May the steadfast love of God surround you throughout these forty days and into everlasting life. Amen.

*Please be seated*

Postlude

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**Head Ushers for February are Herb Volk and Lance Ide  
Today's Ushers are Erin Rush and Doris Lindmeier  
Altar Guild the month of February are Karen Rush and Amy Smith**

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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)

## This Is the Day

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*Unison*

This is the day, this is the day that the Lord has made, that the Lord has made; we will re-joyce, we will re-joyce and be glad in it, and be glad in it. This is the day that the Lord has made; we will re-joyce and be glad in it. This is the day, this is the day that the Lord has made.

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). It consists of five systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line.

WORDS and MUSIC: Les Garrett (1944- ); para. Psalm 118:24

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## Hear Our Prayer, O Lord

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

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line.

WORDS: Para. Psalm 143:1  
MUSIC: George Whelpton (1847-1930)

## 669 Jesus, Come, for We Invite You

1 Je - sus, come, for we in - vite you, guest and mas - ter,  
2 Je - sus, come! trans - form our pleas - ures, guide us in - to  
3 Je - sus, come in new cre - a - tion, heaven brought near by  
4 Je - sus, come! sur - prise our dull - ness; make us will - ing

friend and Lord; now, as once at Ca - na's wed - ding,  
paths un - known; bring your gifts, com - mand your ser - vants,  
power di - vine; give your un - ex - pect - ed glo - ry,  
to re - ceive more than we can yet im - ag - ine,

speak, and let us hear your word: lead us through our  
let us trust in you a - lone: though your hand may  
chang - ing wa - ter in - to wine: rouse the faith of  
all the best you have to give: let us find your

need or doubt - ing, hope be born and joy re - stored.  
work in se - cret, all shall see what you have done.  
your dis - ci - ples— come, our first and great - est Sign!  
hid - den rich - es, taste your love, be - lieve, and live!

WORDS: Christopher Idle (1938- )  
MUSIC: Sicilian melody, 18th c.

SICILIAN MARINERS  
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## Throughout These Lenten Days and Nights 250

1 Through - out these Lent - en days and nights we  
2 The pil - grim Christ, the Lamb of God, who  
3 We bear the si - lence, cross and pain of  
4 And though the road is hard and steep, the  
5 So let us choose the path of One who  
6 Re - joice, O sons and daugh - ters! Sing and

turn to walk the in - ward way, where, meet - ing Christ, our  
found in weak - ness great - er power, em - brac - es us, though  
hu - man bur - dens, hu - man strife, while sis - ters, broth - ers  
Spir - it ev - er calls us on through Cal - vary's dy - ing,  
wore, for us, the crown of thorn, and slept in death that  
shout ho - san - nas! Raise the strain! For Christ, whose death Good

guide and light, we live in hope till Eas - ter Day.  
lost and flawed, and leads us to his Ris - ing Hour.  
help sus - tain our cour - age till the Feast of Life.  
dark and deep, un - til we see the com - ing Dawn.  
we might wake to life on Res - ur - rec - tion Morn!  
Fri - day brings on Eas - ter Day will rise a - gain!

WORDS: James Gertmenian (1947- )  
MUSIC: *Musikalisches Handbuch*, 1690; arr. William H. Havergal (1793-1870)  
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# Lasagna Dinner



**Saturday March 7, 2026**  
4:30-6 pm or till SOLD OUT

**St. Andrew's UCC**

615 E. Walnut Street, Perkasio, PA

Cost - Donation  
Eat-In or Take-Out

Proceeds to benefit  
Church Mission Projects & General Fund

For information call 267-664-0231



## 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

|             |                              |                   |
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| February 18 | Midday and Evening Gathering | St. Stephen's UCC |
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### Midweek Gatherings

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|-------------|------------------------------|-------------------|
| 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

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|---------|-----------------|------------------|
| 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 |

# AN EVENING WITH Charlie Zahm

joined by the excellent, award-winning guitarist Steve Hobson



\$15 PER PERSON

7TH MARCH | 7 PM

ST. ANDREW'S UCC, 615 E. WALNUT STREET PERKASIE, PA

MUSIC | REFRESHMENTS | RAFFLE | 50/50



SCAN ME

We encourage reservations by calling Karen at 267-664-0231 or email [kapcharlkp@gmail.com](mailto:kapcharlkp@gmail.com). Checks can be made out to St. Andrew's and mailed to the church or purchase tickets online at [standrewsucc.org](http://standrewsucc.org).

Proceeds to St. Andrew's Mission Resources

Support RamPacks

## Share the Love FOOD DRIVE

February 4-25

### About RamPacks:

The mission of RamPacks is to provide food on weekends and school holidays to children experiencing food insecurity in the Pennridge School District so they are able to come to school ready to learn.

Each week we will fill packs for hungry students with healthy breakfasts, lunches and snacks for the weekend and school holidays.

Donations go directly to students experiencing food insecurity at all Pennridge Schools.

### List of Accepted Food Items:

1 oz Chip Bags (Goldfish, Doritos, Takis, etc.)  
Clif Kid Z Bars  
Quaker Chewy Granola Bars  
Nutri-Grain Soft Baked Bars  
KIND Kids Gluten Free Chewy Bars  
Special K Pastry Crisps  
Snack Pack Pudding Cups  
Microwave Popcorn  
4 oz Fruit and Applesauce Cups  
Kraft Mac-n-Cheese Boxes  
Canned Pasta (Pop Tops ONLY)  
Campbell's Chicken Noodle Soup (Pop Tops ONLY)  
Individual Boxes of Cereal

To learn more about RamPacks and the Share the Love Food Drive visit [www.RamPacks.com](http://www.RamPacks.com)

Thank you for your support!



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