

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

March 1, 2026

Liturgist: Kathy Fretz

Second Sunday in Lent

PRELUDE

GREETING

*If able, please rise in body or spirit*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Tell me something good!

**God loves us more than we can imagine.**

Tell me something good!

**God loves all of creation more than we can imagine.**

Tell me something good!

**God's love meets us in this service of worship. We are not alone.**

This is good news indeed!

Hymn #72 Great Is Thy Faithfulness

*Please be seated.*

CALL TO CONFESSION

Family of faith, we long to love others as God loves us, but that work is easier said than done. We lose our way. We become distracted. We grow fearful. We need God's grace. Fortunately for us, God's grace is freely and abundantly given. So, join me in confessing from our hearts. Join me in being transformed.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God, did we see you hungry and give you something to eat? Did we see you thirsty and give you something to drink? Did we see you alone and offer you compassion? Or did we cross the street? Did we avert our eyes? Did we come up with every excuse in the book? God, we long to be people who love our neighbors with the same overwhelming love that you have for them. But we must admit, we have a long way to go.**

**Forgive us for the times when we let bias, apathy, scarcity, or fear get in the way of love. Wash us clean and give us the courage to try again. With hope for a better tomorrow we pray.**

Prayer Response #490

Hear Our Prayer, O Lord

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Faith family, even when we act with judgment,  
even when we are guided by fear,  
even when we turn our back on a neighbor in need,  
God does not turn God's back on us.  
So join me in this good-news declaration:

**We are seen. We are forgiven.**

**We are invited to try again.**

**Thanks be to God for this unending love.**

BELL CHOIR "A Medley of Faith" – arr.Rogers

"Classical Easter" – Helman

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Good news God, speak louder than the news updates. Speak louder than our mental distractions. Speak louder than our anger and louder than our fear. God, speak loudly to us today, because we long to hear your good news once more. With hope we pray, amen.

SCRIPTURE: Luke 7:36-50

Matthew 25:35-40

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 #90 Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!

*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  
All that we have is a gift from God. In faith and gratitude, we return now a portion of what we have so abundantly received, as grateful heirs of the promises of 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  
**Gracious God, we dedicate to you not only these gifts, but also ourselves, in deep gratitude for your call to love and care for one another, the very things we've experienced through you, O God. Thank you for blessing us so that we may be a blessing to others. Accept what we bring for your own good purposes. Amen.**

Hymn #372            I Then Shall Live

BENEDICTION  
As you go into the world, may you see Christ in the hungry, the stranger, the sick, and the imprisoned, and serve with the compassion and love as to the One who first loved you.

*Please be seated*

Postlude

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**Head Ushers for March are Angela Stofflet and Herb Volk  
Today's Ushers are Deb Kantner and Karen Peterson  
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)

# 72 Great Is Thy Faithfulness

1 Great is thy faith - ful-ness, O God my Fa - ther, there is no  
 2 Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring-time and har - vest, sun, moon and  
 3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth, thy own dear

shad - ow of turn - ing with thee; thou chang - est not, thy com -  
 stars in their cours - es a - bove join with all na - ture in  
 pres - ence to cheer and to guide; strength for to - day and bright

pas - sions they fail not; as thou has been thou for - ev - er wilt be.  
 man - i - fold wit - ness to thy great faith - ful-ness, mer - cy and love.  
 hope for to - mor - row, bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

*Refrain*

Great is thy faith - ful-ness! Great is thy faith - ful-ness!

Morn - ing by morn - ing new mer - cies I see; all I have need - ed thy

hand hath pro - vid - ed— great is thy faith - ful-ness, Lord, un - to me!

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.

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

I Then Shall Live 372

1 I then shall live as one who's been for - giv - en;  
2 I then shall live as one who's learned com - pas - sion;  
3 Your king - dom come a - round and through and in me,  
I'll walk with joy to know my debts are paid. I know my  
I've been so loved that I'll risk lov - ing, too. I know how  
your power and glo - ry, let them shine through me; your hal - lowed  
name is clear be - fore my Fa - ther; I am his child, and  
fear builds walls in - stead of bridg - es; I dare to see an -  
name, oh, may I bear with hon - or, and may your liv - ing  
I am not a - fraid. So great - ly par - doned, I'll for - give an -  
oth - er's point of view. And when re - la - tion - ships de - mand com -  
king - dom come in me. The Bread of Life, oh, may I share with  
oth - er; the law of love I glad - ly will o - bey.  
mit - ment, then I'll be there to care and fol - low through.  
hon - or, and may you feed a hun - gry world through me.

WORDS: Gloria Gaither (1942 - )  
MUSIC: Jean Sibelius (1865-1957); arr. Hymnal 1933

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# 90 Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!

1 Je - sus! what a Friend for sin - ners! Je - sus! Lov - er  
 2 Je - sus! what a Strength in weak - ness! Let me hide my -  
 3 Je - sus! what a Help in sor - row! While the bil - lows  
 4 Je - sus! what a Guide and Keep - er! While the tem - pest  
 5 Je - sus! I do now re - ceive him, more than all in

of my soul; friends may fail me, foes as - sail me,  
 self in him; tempt - ed, tried, and some - times fail - ing,  
 o'er me roll, e - ven when my heart is break - ing,  
 still is high, storms a - bout me, night o'er - takes me,  
 him I find, he has grant - ed me for - give - ness,

*Refrain*

he, my Sav - ior, makes me whole.  
 he, my Strength, my vic - tory wins.  
 he, my Com - fort, helps my soul. Hal - le - lu - jah! what a  
 he, my Pi - lot, hears my cry.  
 I am his, and he is mine.

Sav - ior! Hal - le - lu - jah! what a Friend! Sav - ing,

help - ing, keep - ing, lov - ing, he is with me to the end.

# Lasagna Dinner



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

**St. Andrew's UCC**

615 E. Walnut Street, Perkasie, 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, Perkasie 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

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

# 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).

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