

Welcome to First-St Andrew's UNITED CHURCH

Where liberal theology meets the best of tradition



November 3, 2024 “Saints Old and New”

10:30 am



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Welcome



Together we all make up the family of First-St. Andrew's.
If you are new to the family, please know that
you are always welcome here.

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Bold type indicates congregational response. * indicates to stand in body or spirit

Gathering Music:

Two Preludes on "Sine nomine"

Chris Fischer (they/them), organ
David Cameron
Michael Burkhardt

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Dr. Joshua Lawrence (he/him)

One: God is with us,
ALL: All the time.
One: All the time,
ALL: God is with us.

Outreach Moment:

Ann MacPhail

Stewardship Moment: : Your Donation Matters - to Newcomers

Wendy Lund

Acknowledging the Traditional Territory

Lighting the Christ Candle & Peace Candle

Candle Lighting Music: Pie Jesu (Requiem)
Madeline Berman, soprano; Paul Merritt, chamber organ

Gabriel Fauré

(sung in Latin)

Merciful Lord Jesus, give them rest.
Eternal rest.

Call to Worship:

Rev. Dr. Joshua Lawrence

One: We are called forth this morning to worship.
ALL: Like Lazarus, we are called out of the tombs we build for ourselves.
One: We are called into the light and hope of God's love.
ALL: Let us then open our hearts, our minds, all that we are.
One: Let us sing praises to the Wisdom that surrounds us, uplifts us, and upholds us.
ALL: Let us dance, let us remember, let us rejoice, let us be.

Opening Prayer:

In this hour, we give thanks for the saints who move among us humbly each day. For those who work tirelessly behind closed doors so we can gather. For those who keep the spaces of First-St. Andrew's clean and ready to use. For those who come together to comfort those who are ill and weary. We give thanks for the hard-hatted and steel-booted, those with aprons, those in healthcare and education, pillars of our society. For these and so many more, we offer our thanksgiving in prayer, now and always. Amen.

***Hymn:** VU #706 Give Thanks for Life

SINE NOMINE

Children come forward during the singing of the last verse.

Children's Time:

Christina Lindsay (she/her)

Children leave for Sunday School

Welcoming New Members

Statement of Purpose: Ephesians 2: 19-22

Rev. Dr. Joshua Lawrence

Presentation

Aaron Ansah
Emmanuel Churcher
Gillian Channer
Linda Margaret Imrie
Frank Kearney
Sara Kearney
Ken Lund
Wendy Lund
Tony Parker
Lindsay Rivard, and children Margaret & Norman
Joan Wannamaker
Ronald Wannamaker

Commitment of New Members

_____, will you join us as together we celebrate God's presence, live with respect in creation, love and serve others, seek justice and resist evil?

I will, with God's help.

Congregational Commitment

One: Let us all now pledge our support and care for these new members:

ALL: As your siblings in Christ, we rejoice in the gifts you bring to us. We pledge to you our love and our support. With God's help, we will together live out the mandate to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly.

Statement of Faith: A New Creed (unison)

**We are not alone,
we live in God's world.**

**We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others
by the Spirit.**

We trust in God.

**We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.
We are not alone.**

Final Welcome and Closing:

Rev. Dr. Joshua Lawrence



***Scripture:** Matthew 15: 10-11, 15-20

Pat Pettit

Musical Reflection: With the People We Have
Solo: Chris Fischer, tenor; Lynda Kennedy, piano

Dan Damon

With the people we have we can hail a new horizon.
With the people we have we can risk a desert road.
With the people we have we can wade the troubled waters.
God is working in us: we can build a better world.

With the people we have we can sing a song of welcome.
With the people we have we can join our hands in hope.
With the people we have we can move a mighty mountain.
God is working in us: we can build a better world.

With the people we have we can dare to be a witness.
With the people we have we can choose the way of love.
With the people we have we can draw the circle wider.
God is working in us: we can build a better world.

God is working in us to repair what has been broken.
God is working in us to redeem what once was lost.
God is working in us to resist when evil threatens.
God is working in us: we can build a better world.

Scripture: 2 Samuel 11: 2-15

Rev. Dr. Joshua Lawrence

Sermon: "Hallelujah and Hedonism"

***Hymn:** VU #697 O for a World

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Prayers of the People:

Rev. Dr. Joshua Lawrence

Prayer of Jesus: (unison)

Our Creator, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kin-dom 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 kin-dom, the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Do not stand at my grave and weep.
I am not there, I do not sleep.
I am a thousand winds that blow,
I am the diamond glint on snow,
I am the sunlight on ripened grain,
I am the gentle morning rain.
And when you wake in the morning's hush,
I am the sweet uplifting rush
of quiet birds in circled flight.
I am the soft stars that shine at night.
Do not stand at my grave and cry,
I am not there, I did not die.

Gratitude

Rev. Dr. Joshua Lawrence

***Hymn:** When the Saints Go Marching In
Ukulele Players led by Christine Cavers

Traditional Spiritual

*Oh, when the Saints, (oh, when the Saints), go marching in, (go marching in)
Oh, when the Saints go marching in, Oh Lord, I want to be in that number
When the Saints go marching in*

Oh when the sun, (oh when the sun), refuse to shine, (refuse to shine)
Oh when the sun refused to shine, oh Lord I want to be in that number
When the sun refused to shine

*Oh, when the Saints, (oh, when the Saints), go marching in, (go marching in)
Oh, when the Saints go marching in, Oh Lord, I want to be in that number
When the Saints go marching in*

Oh, when the trumpet, (oh, when the trumpet), sounds the call, (sounds the call)
Oh, when the trumpet sounds the call, oh Lord, I want to be in that number
When the trumpet sounds the call

*Oh, when the Saints, (oh, when the Saints), go marching in, (go marching in)
Oh, when the Saints go marching in, Oh Lord, I want to be in that number
When the Saints go marching in*

Blessing:

**The light of God surrounds us;
The love of God enfolds us;
The power of God protects us;
The presence of God watches over us;
Wherever we are, God is!**

Sending Music:
When the Saints Go Marching In

Chris Fischer, piano
Michael Hassell

Please join us downstairs
after church at
Coffee & Conversation
for a
Reception
to welcome our
Newest Members!

The Leadership in Today's Service Includes:

Welcoming Ushers: Ron Bradley, Bev Lindsay and Barbara Luft
Narthex Co-ordinator: Carol Riddell-Elson
Service Support: George Jolink
Tech Team: Merran Neville, Jim Silcox, Kathryn Skelly and Chris Wood
Coffee & Conversation: Planning Committee
Gift Card Table: Ivana Klouda and David Manness

We thank God for all those who share their gifts and talents.

