

A photograph of a wooden cross leaning against a stone wall. The cross is made of dark wood and is positioned diagonally. The wall is made of rough, light-colored stones. To the left of the cross is a vertical panel of smoother, light-colored stone. The text is overlaid on the lower part of the cross and wall.

THOSE
WHO
LOSE
THEIR
LIFE FOR
MY SAKE
WILL
SAVE IT

MARK 8:35

ORDER OF WORSHIP

2nd Sunday of Lent

March 1, 2015

10:45 a.m.

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

GATHERING MUSIC

Come Closer to Me

Chancel Choir

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to worship on the Lord's Day.

Please take a minute to sign the Friendship Book that you will find in your pew.

After the service, please join us for a time of fellowship in the Fellowship Hall.

***CALL TO WORSHIP & GREETING ONE ANOTHER**

(from Psalm 22)

L: Praise the Lord,

P: let the great congregation worship the Holy One!

L: All children of faith, come glorify God!

P: All ends of the earth, stand in awe of the Lord of Hosts!

L: All who hunger,

P: come eat your fill at the Lord's table.

L: All who seek the Lord,

P: sing praises and worship the God of glory!

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

Glory 438

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION¹

Almighty God, we confess that we are incurable scorekeepers. We judge others with a standard we never use for ourselves. We see the speck in others' eyes while ignoring the ugly log in our own. Forgive us, we pray. Forgive us for ever thinking we could be, even for one moment, the measure of righteousness or the standard of justice. As the cross of Christ casts its long shadow over our Lenten journey, call us again to walk humbly with you. By your grace and through your transforming love, make us the people you have fashioned us to be, your daughters and sons, through Jesus Christ our Lord. <moment of silent confession>

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***GLORIA**

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

Glory 469

*** THE PASSING OF THE PEACE**

L: The peace of Christ be with you all.

P: And also with you.

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

¹ Adapted from a prayer written by David N. Mosser

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION
LET THE CHILDREN COME**

ANTHEM

Hear Us

Chancel Choir

LENTEN LESSON SERIES:

How Can I Feel Closer to God?
Part Two: "Conversations from the Heart"

Rev. Rob Leischner

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

***HYMN OF RESPONSE**

O Lord, Hear My Prayer

Glory 471

OFFERTORY

***DOXOLOGY**

Amen

Glory 600

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

L: The Lord be with you.

P: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

P: We lift them to the Lord.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

P: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

LORD'S PRAYER *(unison)*

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.

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

The Table is open to all who put their trust in the Lord Jesus Christ. Please come forward to the Communion Table by way of the center aisle, returning by the side aisles. We share one loaf, representing our unity in Christ - we who are many are one body. Communion will be served in the pew to any who are unable to come forward. Grape juice will be used in the celebration of the Lord's Supper.

COMMUNION MUSIC

In the Silence

Chancel Choir

COMMUNION PRAYER

TAKING GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

***CLOSING HYMN**

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

Glory 465

***CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

***CLOSING VOLUNTARY**

Bach Prelude in C major

Suzanne Anderson, piano

**Those who are able may stand.*

SHARING IN WORSHIP LEADERSHIP TODAY

*Liturgist, Elizabeth Anne McPherson • SAPC Chancel Choir
Zoltan Szentkiralyi & Jack Leischner, Percussion*

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• ANNOUNCEMENTS •

WELCOME TO ALL WHO ARE VISITING WITH US TODAY

We give thanks for your presence today and invite you to return again! If you are feeling God's call to join this congregation, please contact Rev. Rob for more information.

ANNUAL REPORT AND GREEN FOOD LUNCHEON

Mark your calendars for Sunday, March 15th. It's time to have some fun with St. Patrick's Day, so be thinking about green food you will prepare for our annual potluck! Session will also present its annual report, which will include an update about New Beginnings.

NEW COMMUNION BREAD

Many churches and Christian institutions have switched to unleavened bread in the celebration of Communion. One reason is to be more true to what Jesus would have used (e.g. Mark 14:12). Another is because of the growing awareness of people with food allergies. We will experiment in the coming months to determine what works best for SAPC.

WHAT IS LENT?

Lent is a six-week period of spiritual preparation before Easter. It is a time for spiritual reflection, repentance, and renewal. For your own Lenten reflection, ask yourself these questions:

1. *How healthy is my relationship with God?*
2. *Where and how is my life growing?*
3. *Who and what am I becoming?*
4. *What can I do in my life that will help strengthen my relationship with God? What should I stop doing that will strengthen my relationship with God?*

ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASS

Are you interested in reaffirming your Baptismal vows on Easter morning? Join Rev. Rob in the library on Sunday mornings throughout Lent, as he leads a special class tailored to that event. Bring pencil and paper for notes! 9:30am.

ST. ANDREW'S VISION STATEMENT

In an ever-changing world, St. Andrews Presbyterian Church seeks to be a nurturing family of faith, welcoming all children of God with relevant and inspiring worship, prayer, music/song, fellowship, and education. We are committed to ministries that:

- Encourage faithful discipleship and growth in faith
- Reflect God's love and compassion in service to others
- Extend hospitality of Christian inclusiveness
- Celebrate diversity

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