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**Our prayers** are with Linda Edwards; Bob and Rosie Cheline; and Rita Harding's sister, Brenda.

## **Coming Up**

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Social Justice Connection Today | 11:30 am | Fellowship Hall Exploring St. Andrew – In person class Today | 11:45 am – 1 pm

Lenten Study: Living Into Lent Sundays through April 13 | 6:30 pm (March 23, 30 classes will meet at 4 pm) | Virtual Thursdays through April 17 | 1 pm | In Person gostandrew.com/studies

Sacraments Class for Kids March 26 – April 9 Wednesdays | 6:15–7:30 pm Register at kids@gostandrew.com

John & John: Two Pesky Anglican Priests Thursdays starting March 27 | 6:30–7:30 pm gostandrew.com/studies

Fourth Friday Coffee Chat Friday, March 28 | 9:30–11 am gostandrew.com/seniors

UWFaith Unit Gathering Sunday, March 30 | 11:45 am - 2 pm

Guest Speakers: St. Andrew Earth Keepers gostandrew.com/events

Big Ticket Items Auction
March 30 | 2 pm | Livestream
Bid on big ticket auction items using this
special link: gostandrew.online.church

Carnival Youth Auction
April 6–20 | Donate Auction Items Now!
Email youth@gostandrew.com with questions.

March 23, 2025

#### Words for Meditation

"Time is not on our side. But God is on our side. God is calling us, in the time that we have left, to wake up and live into our truest self."

~ Rev. Mark Feldmeir

#### Scripture

Luke 13:1-9

#### Today's Questions

- 1. Imagine for a moment that you have only 40 days to live. Make two lists: What would you do more of? What would you do less of? Over the next week, incorporate these lists into your daily rhythms and routines.
- 2. Consider the Apostle Paul's "Fruits of the Spirit"—love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, gentleness, faithfulness, goodness, self-control (Gal. 5:22–23). Which of these seven "fruits" would you most like to see grow in you? What practices, disciplines, or commitments might help grow this fruit in you over time?

#### Today's Takeaways

1	$\_$ is not on our $\_\_$	but	is.	
2. When we _		_ to our lives, the		_ will come
3. It's not too	—so	what are you		for?

#### Today's Notes



# The Beautiful Empty

March 23, 2025

Today's service is available on YouTube at gostandrew.com/online.

# St. Andrew

Our Vision: Bringing more love, justice and community into the world. Our Mission: To love God with our heart, soul, mind and strength, and to love our neighbors as ourselves.

#### **Lenten Sermon Series**

The Beautiful Empty: Lent 2025

Blaise Pascal once spoke of the "God-shaped vacuum" in the heart of every person that can only be filled by God. Yet we spend so much of our lives trying to fill that vacuum with everything but God. When we feel worthless, we seek validation from our work. When we suffer from loneliness, we turn to relationships to save us. When we experience boredom, we binge on entertainment. When we feel overwhelmed or self-conscious, we reach for altered states.

The God-shaped hole only grows deeper and wider as we fill it with the things that do not satisfy. But the season of Lent invites us to let go of our attachments and dependencies, emptying ourselves of all our cheap substitutes for God, so we can finally see ourselves for who we really are—needy, imperfect, unfinished, still-becoming people in need of a tender, patient, gracious God. It's only by experiencing our emptiness that the God-shaped hole can finally be filled, healed, and blessed by that which truly satisfies.

March 9 • Power (Luke 4:1-13)

March 16 • Desire (Philippians 3:17–4:1)

March 23 • *Pride* (Luke 13:1–9)

March 30 • Perfection (Luke 15:1–3, 11b–32)

April 6 • Calculation (John 12:1–8)

April 13 • *Admiration* (Luke 19:28–40)

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# You Belong Here.

St. Andrew is an open, affirming, inclusive congregation that welcomes saints and sinners, believers and skeptics, the lost and the found, the wonderers and the wanderers, families of all shapes and sizes, and people from every point along life's journey.

No matter who you are, where you've been, what you believe, or whether you even believe at all, you are welcome here.

We embrace the message of Jesus that everyone is loved by God and affirm that all persons are of sacred worth. Regardless of your age, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, education, marital status, physical and mental capacities, or faith history—you belong here. Just as you are.

Welcome home.

# Worship Team

Rev. Mark Feldmeir - Senior Pastor

Rev. Amy Stapleton - Executive Pastor

**Rev. Jerry Butler** – Pastor of Education and Formation

Rev. Barb Sholis – Pastor of Senior Adult Ministries | Wind Crest

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## **Worship Gatherings**

#### **Sundays:**

Chapel Service

8 am

Sanctuary and Livestream

9 & 10:30 am

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