

ST. PAUL & ST. ANDREW

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Join us as we build a
community of radical welcome
that follows Jesus into the
streets of the city to increase
the amount of love and justice
in the world.

K Karpen
Lea Matthews
Andrea Steinkamp
Pastors

Third Sunday in Lent

March 3, 2024
11:00 a.m.



Reinstalling the Paul before Agrippa window

Sunday, March 3, 2024 ♦ Third Sunday in Lent

♦ *Please rise in body or spirit*

| | |
|--|--|
| Prelude | Frank Glass Rock of Ages Augustus Toplady (1776) & Thomas Hastings (1830); arr. Frank Glass (2021) |
| Introit (437) | This Is My Song (pg. 4, v. 1) |
| Call To Worship ♦ <i>from Romans 8</i> | Pearl Vercruysse One: What then are we to say about these things? Many: If God is for us, who is against us? One: What can separate us from the love of Christ? Many: Will affliction or distress or persecution One: or famine or nakedness or peril or sword? Many: No, in all these things we are more than victorious through God who loves us. One: For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, Many: nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, One: nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation Many: will ever be able to separate us from the love of God. |
| Opening Hymn ♦ | Canticle of the Turning (pg. 5, v. 1-2) |
| Opening Prayer | Pearl Vercruysse |
| Prayer Song (437) | This Is My Song (pg. 4, v. 2) |
| Act of Praise ♦ | K Karpen Psalm 46 |
| Message for All Ages | Lea Matthews <i>Youth & kids are invited up front to the chancel. After the scripture, kids 10 and under are invited to Sunday School in the Youth Room (3rd Fl).</i> |
| Hymn | Canticle of the Turning (pg. 5, v. 3) |
| Scripture | Shirley Struchen Acts 26 (pg. 6) |
| Scripture Song | Canticle of the Turning (pg. 5, v. 4) |
| Dedication | ‘Paul Before Agrippa’ Window |

| | |
|---------------------------------------|---|
| Song | This Is My Song (pg. 4, v. 4) |
| Homily | K Karpen “Faithful Disobedience” |
| Homily Song | We’ve Come This Far By Faith We’ve come this far by faith, leaning on the Lord Trusting in God’s holy Word, God’s never failed me yet Singing, Oh, o-o-oh, o-o-oh, can’t turn around we’ve come this far by faith |
| Welcome | K Karpen |
| Word of Greeting | Gale Brewer, New York City Council Member |
| Passing the Peace ♦ | <i>Please greet those right around you with ‘Peace be with you’.</i> |
| Peace Song ♦ | We Shall Not Give Up the Fight We shall not give up the fight we have only started... Never ever put to flight, we’re bound to win... Together we’ll have victory, hand holding hand.... |
| Love in Action | Aurora Celestin (pg. 12) |
| Offering | <i>Of tithes, gifts, and prayers</i> (pg. 8-9) |
| Offertory | Chancel Choir Love with Everlasting Love George Robinson & James Moutain (1890); arr. Frank Glass (2022) |
| The Great Thanksgiving | K Karpen, Andrea Steinkamp page 7 |
| Sharing of the Bread & Cup | The Congregation |
| Prayer After Receiving | Andrea Steinkamp |
| Sending Song ♦ | Marching To Zion (pg. 8) |
| Benediction ♦ | K Karpen |
| Postlude | Frank Glass I Believe It Charles Tindley (1909) |
| Congregational Meeting | Gianfranco Grande, Bridget Fidler (Partners for Sacred Places), Anne Friedman (New York Landmarks Conservancy) |

Canticle of the Turning

WORDS: Rory Cooney, 1990

MUSIC: Irish Folk Tune



1. My soul cries out with a joy-ful shout that the God of my heart is—
2. Though I am small, my God, my all, you work great things in—
3. From the halls of pow'r to the for-tress tow'r, not a stone will be left on—
4. Though the na-tions rage from age to age, we re-mem-ber who holds us—



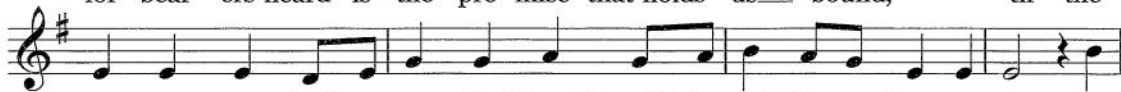
great! And my spi - rit sings of the won - drous things that you
me. And your mer - cy will last from the depths of the past to the
stone. Let the king be - ware for your jus - tice— tears ev - 'ry
fast. God's mer - cy must de - liv - er us from the



bring to the ones who wait. You fixed your sight on your
end of the age to be. Your ver - y name puts the
ty - rant from his throne. The hun - gry poor shall—
con - quer-or's crush - ing grasp. This sav - ing word that our



ser - vant's plight and my weak-ness you did not spurn, so from
proud to shame and to those who would for you yearn, you will
weep no more for the food they can nev - er earn. There are
for - bear - ers heard is the pro-mise that holds us bound, 'til the



East to West shall my name be blessed. Could the world be a - bout to turn?
show your might, put the proud to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn. *My*
ta - bles spread; ev - 'ry mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.
spear and rod be crushed by God, who is turn-ing the world a round.



heart shall sing of the day you bring! Let the fires of your jus - tice burn! Wipe a-



way all tears for the dawn draws near, and the world is a bout to turn!

Scripture Reading: from the 26th Chapter of Acts

Agrippa said to Paul, “You have permission to speak for yourself.” Then Paul stretched out his hand and began to defend himself:

“I consider myself fortunate that it is before you, King Agrippa, I am to make my defense today against all the accusations of the religious authorities, because you are especially familiar with all of our customs and controversies; therefore I beg of you to listen to me patiently.

“I was traveling to Damascus with the authority and commission of the chief priests, when at midday along the road, Your Excellency, I saw a light from heaven, brighter than the sun, shining around me and my companions. When we had all fallen to the ground, I heard a voice saying to me in Aramaic, ‘Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me? It hurts you to kick against the goads.’ I asked, ‘Who are you, Lord?’ The Lord answered, ‘I am Jesus whom you are persecuting. But get up and stand on your feet, for I have appeared to you for this purpose, to appoint you to serve and testify to the things in which you have seen me and to those in which I will appear to you.’

“After that, King Agrippa, I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision but declared first to those in Damascus, then in Jerusalem and throughout the countryside of Judea, and also to the gentiles, that they should repent and turn to God and do deeds consistent with repentance. For this reason the authorities seized me in the temple and tried to kill me. To this day I have had help from God, and so I stand here, testifying to both small and great, saying nothing but what the prophets and Moses said would take place: that the Messiah must suffer and that, by being the first to rise from the dead, he would proclaim light both to our people and to the gentiles.”

While he was making this defense, Festus exclaimed, “You are out of your mind, Paul! Too much learning is driving you insane!”

*The Word of God for the people of God, **thanks be to God.***



Welcome!

If you are new to our community, we'd love to keep in touch, and invite you to fill out a Connect Card at the Welcome Table, or scan this QR code to complete a Connect Card. Thank you for joining us today!

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you

And also with you

Lift up your hearts

We lift them up to God

Let us give thanks to God

It is right to give our thanks and praise

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, almighty God, creator of heaven and earth. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory,
hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord,
Hosanna in the highest!**

[...] as we proclaim the mystery of faith

Christ has died

Christ has risen

Christ will come again

[...] all glory is yours almighty God now and forever. **Amen.**

[...]

Our God, 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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kin-dom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

This morning, communion will be offered at distribution stations at the front of the sanctuary. Ushers will invite the congregation forward and to receive the elements, stand with your palms open in front of you. If you wish to receive a blessing, rather than communion, simply cross your arms across your chest. After receiving communion or a blessing, you are welcome to pray at the altar rail before returning to your seat. If you need or prefer to receive communion where you are seated in a pew, raise a hand to an usher and we will bring the elements to you. In the cup, we offer grape juice, and if you would like gluten free bread, please ask your communion server.

Marching to Zion



1. Come, we that love the Lord, and let our joys be known. Join in a song with
3. The hill of Zi - on yields a thou - sand sa - cred sweets_ be - fore we reach the
4. Then let our songs a bound and ev - 'ry tear by dry. — We're march - ing through Em -



sweet ac - cord, join in a song with sweet ac - cord, and thus sur -
heav'n - ly fields, be - fore we reach the heav'n - ly fields or walk the
man - uel's ground, we're march - ing through Em - man - uel's ground to fair - er



round the throne, and thus sur - round the throne. —
gold - en streets, or walk the gold - en streets. — *We're march - ing to Zi - on,*
worlds on high, to fair - er worlds on high! —



beau - ti - ful, beau - ti - ful Zi - on! We're march - ing up - ward to



Zi - on, — the beau - ti - ful ci - ty of God! —

Isaac Watts, 1707

Robert Lowry, 1867

Refrain by Robert Lowry, 1867



Gifts & Offerings

If you would like to make a contribution, visit stpaulandstandrew.org/give, scan the QR code, or text the amount of your donation to 646-971-9400. Gifts can also be placed in the donation boxes at the Welcome Tables.

Please consider a special birthday gift to the church by selecting “3. Happy Birthday, SPSA” from the dropdown menu.



Prayer requests

Scan this QR code to share your joys and concerns, or write them on the back of a Connection Card available at the Welcome Tables. Each week, our staff prays for our community and invites prayers from all. If you do not wish for your prayer to be shared with the church community, please indicate your desire with your prayer.

Joys & Concerns

Joy & Thanksgiving

Jeffrey B's birthday
The birth of Mary McM's new niece, Alma Margaret Evans; gratitude for Mary and twin brother Will making another trip around the sun, celebrating their birthday Feb 26th

Health & Healing

Marianne's husband, David,
Frank G, for healing after a fall
Continued prayer for Morris G's health and spirit
Larry G.
Laura G.
Adina S.
Julia T.
Gina's lifelong friend, Matt B, battling cancer and starting chemo, prayers that the treatment goes well and is successful; for her cousin Tina, who is also diagnosed with cancer and going through chemo currently
Kathryn, for friend Betty, battling terminal cancer
Charles F's grandson Quince's best friend, Autumn, who is 9 years old and battling Leukemia
Continued prayers for Keyona W and her ongoing struggle and treatment for colon cancer
Kevin & Christina after her brain injury
Prayers for wellness for those suffering from respiratory infections
Jan H, who will have surgery on March 5th
Linda B's mother Norma, having back issues
Healing for M.C.

Comfort

Mary Beth Murphy & her family on the death of her father
Niurka M, co-founder of our Migrant Monday partner VIA (Venezuelan and Immigrants Aid), whose father passed on Sunday. Prayers also for her family in NYC and Venezuela.
Continued prayers for Shirley B, in hospice care
Kaden family in their time of mourning
NEX Benedict's family and community in her death

Work & Life

Xiaoyan at this challenging time at work
For those trying to manage workplace stress
NYPD and transit system employees who are safeguarding travelers
EV Battery safety protocols so no more people are killed by explosions
Repentance for St. Patrick Cathedral for its inhumane treatment of those who celebrated a trans person's passing at the church
For people to have permanent affordable housing after experiencing loss of their residences and property due to fire, structural damage or inability to pay rent/mortgage
Stephanie's new student, may he get the support he needs
Hannah R, who will preach on March 10 in female led worship service centered around International Women's Day

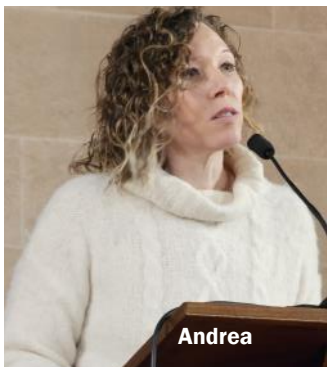
Peace & Justice

For people across the country who are participating in the Poor People's Campaign rallies in every state capitol
For the family, friends and supporters of Alexei Navalny
That the UN's Palestine relief organization (UNRWA) gets the funding necessary to address the humanitarian needs of the Palestinians in Gaza
Prayers for all the people of Palestine
Prayers for refugees here and around the world
For a humane policy for the migrants in our city
For an immediate ceasefire in Gaza and in the Middle East
An end to ethnic cleansing and genocide anywhere it is happening
For the end of violence and suffering in the Israel and Palestine; and all those around the world feeling hopeless as to how to end the carnage.
The U.N., their shelters, and all of the doctors providing care in Israel and Gaza
Peace and understanding in the U.S. among people of all faiths.
Intentional prayers that we may all be able to look through other lens in time of strife and war.
Gaza, Israel, Ukraine, Afghanistan, all suffering places around world
For an end to violence in our city

Sunday Worship & Sunday School



Catherine



Andrea



K



Ekama



Nancy



Lea



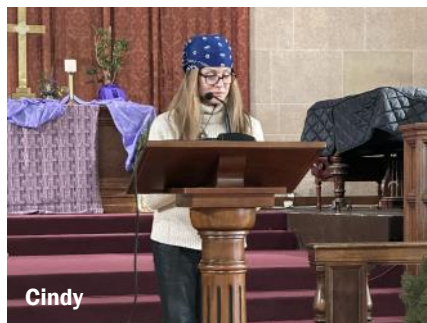
The Message for All Ages



Sunday School



Choir



Cindy



Gisela, Erna, Shirley

Mozart for Munchkins & Carnegie Hall Citywide



Mozart for Munchkins



Joseph

Mozart for Munchkins (upper left) packed the Chapel on Sunday, and Joseph Parrish presented a recital on Sunday, attended by Melanie, Charlene, and students from the Harlem Clemente program



Carnegie Hall Citywide



Miracle Monday



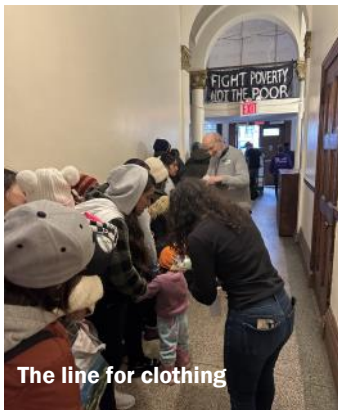
Paul Fleck



Fair Fares Registration



Connie



The line for clothing



Pearl and Lea



Kate

Who's Who

Pastors

Rev. Dr. K Karpen*
Rev. Lea Matthews*
Andrea Steinkamp*

Director of Operations

Brent Ness*

Facility Manager

Christopher Trombley

Minister of Music

Dr. Frank Glass*

Youth & Campus Pastor

Ekama Eni*

Seminary Interns

Aurora Celestin, Pearl Vercruysee

Bookkeeper

Jennifer Serrano*

Security / Custodians

Robert Harris, Revelle Harper,
Ken Lucian, Hector Pagan,
Stephen Yee


Hospitality Coordinator

Al-Naima Finch*

Lay Servants

Nancy Meyers, Alicia Pitterson
Shakeel Samuel

* email our staff [first name]
@stpaulandstandrew.org

 263 W 86th St, NYC 10024

 www.stpaulandstandrew.org

 info@stpaulandstandrew.org

 youtube/stpaulandstandrew

 facebook/stpaulstandrew

 instagram/stpaulstandrew

Putting Love in Action

Congregational Meeting After

Worship Right after the service we'll grab a piece of cake and gather in the front of the sanctuary for a short Congregational Meeting to hear about the \$250,000 matching grant from the Fund for Sacred Places and our upcoming Capital Campaign. Please bring your questions and good energy!

Devotionals pick up your very own copy of the Lent Devotional, or sign up for daily emails at eepurl.com/dkdyqT

40+ Days of Centering Prayer

This introduction to the contemplative Christian tradition of quieting our minds, letting go, and becoming available to the Divine source will be led by our very own Kate Baum.
Feb 14-Mar 28 from 7-7:15am on Zoom
Meeting ID: 88507997676
Password: 070774

Connect & Care 7.0 Registration is open for our spiritually supportive small groups, which are essential to our community, increasing us in love, connection, and faith. This session goes through Sunday, June 23rd. Register: loveinaction.churchcenter.com/groups/small-groups

Lenten Vespers using the Devotionals as our guide, join us on Wednesday evenings at 7:15pm in Lent for a service of song, reflection, and prayer.

Ongoing Programs

Chancel Choir meets each Sunday at 10am. See Frank for details.

Campus Ministry meets each Monday, 7pm at Broadway Presbyterian (114th). Email Ekama* for additional details.

Pajama Prayers our Tuesday prayer gathering on Zoom at 7:30am. Come as you are with whatever is on your heart. Meeting ID : 831 7700 2923

Phone: 646-931-3860

Pilates with Nancy a strengthening & stretching class on Zoom, Thursdays, 5:30pm. Email Brent* for details.

Kids & Families Email Pastor Andrea* for details on upcoming gatherings. Our next Faith & Fun Friday is Mar 8.

Youth Group Email Pastor Ekama* for details on upcoming gatherings.

Young Adults Email Pastor Andrea* for details on upcoming gatherings.

Volunteer Opportunities

Assisting Our New Neighbors Sign up to help with Miracle Monday via Lotsa Helping Hands (tinyurl.com/4et6b662). Accepting clothing Feb 25

Homework Help Tutoring Wednesday evenings (6-7pm). We are working with many new arrivals, and we could use your help. Please see Charlene (charlenefloyd@aol.com)

Other Good Stuff in the Building

Carnegie Hall Citywide

- Mar 8 (Fri), 7pm: Meghan Kasanders & Dror Baitel *Free*

Bedlam in the West End Theatre

- "The Assassination of Julius Caesar As Told By William Shakespeare & George Bernard Shaw" Previews begin Feb 24. Tix at bedlam.org - use code SPSA30 for \$30 tix

Holy Week (March 24-31)

Palm Sunday

- 10a: Blessing of Palms & Donkey

- 12p: Brunch in the Parsonage

Holy Thursday

- 7pm Service

Good Friday

- 6p: Crosswalk

- 7:30p: Service

Easter Sunday

- 6:30a: Sunrise at Belvedere Castle

- 11a: Celebration of the Resurrection