

# ST. ANDREW WEEKLY NEWS

July 9, 2023

St. Andrew Lutheran Church  
12405 SW Butner Road, Beaverton, OR 97005

Worship Service:  
Sunday, 9:30 am

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## 100 & Counting!

Happy Birthday, Del Mahler! Please join our family to celebrate Del's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday at his home at The Springs at Tanasbourne. The celebration will be held in the Middle Sister Room on the first floor. We hope you can join us to visit with Del & Mary Nell and to offer your birthday greetings. No gifts, please.



**Friday, July 7, 2023**

1:00-2:00 pm

The Springs at Tanasbourne  
1950 NE 102<sup>nd</sup> Avenue  
Hillsboro, OR 97006

*Diane Reiner*

## Another Chance to Make School Bags

Every fall, we collect items to put in school bags for Lutheran World Relief (LWR). To be ready to have available bags, we need to start soon. We will meet in Fellowship Hall on **Monday, July 10**, at 9:30 am (latecomers welcome). We have 7 bags to start the count and we can consider how many more we can create. Will it be 100 or 400 or somewhere in between?

First, we want to assess how much we need to collect in supplies to fill the bags. While we do have material and cord for stringing some bags, we don't have enough if we're eager to make lots of bags. Note: Even if you aren't working on bag construction, you can be on the lookout for attractive, sturdy fabric and bring it to church. Donations of sturdy cloth are much appreciated!



*Join the team of bag ladies and bag men who have made school bags in past years for Lutheran World Relief.*

If you have never tried making bags, consider coming on July 10 to see how this works. We will have experienced hands to help newcomers. Also, even those who made bags in other years may want to check out how measuring and sewing can vary and what that means when it comes to stringing cord to complete the bag.

We may meet again after July 10, but this date is set and we will have lots of ideas and encouragement for first timers.

## Flowers in Memory



The flowers on the chancel this Sunday are given to the glory of God by Deacon Susan Werner Reiser in memory of her mother, Martha Werner.

## Transition Team Work Continues

You may be wondering about the work of the Transition Team and how it relates to the Horizon Team and the upcoming Call process. Horizon Team work focused on listening and discernment, much of that work providing a foundation for the Transition Team. The work of the Transition Team is preparation; the work of the Call Team will be search and discernment.



During our preparation, we are following the Synod-provided detailed resource for [Congregations in Transition](#); it outlines the work required during the Transition in preparation for the completion of the Mission Profile, which must be submitted before the Synod puts forward candidates.

The [Mission Profile](#) is a 10-page document that describes our congregational ministry and mission, and what characteristics we are looking for in a Lead Pastor. Over the past three months, the Transition Team has been setting the groundwork for completion of the Mission Profile. The input of the congregation is instrumental in completing this document. In July and August, we will be asking for your insight as we describe our Ministry Site Characteristics.

Look for the yellow poster in the Narthex. Each row lists a characteristic on the left and a characteristic on the right; please select the one term that you think best describes St. Andrew (one dot, per row, per person). For those not able to respond in person, you may complete the survey online; please complete the survey one time only at [Ministry Characteristics Survey](#).

The July poster will feature statements about our Community and Leadership; in August we will consider our Programming and Theological Perspective.

Please let any of the team members know what questions or concerns you have as we move forward.

In Peace,

*Steve Christiansen, Allison Katsufraakis, Mike McDowall,  
Amy McQueen, Tom Mehlhorn, Jan Smith,  
Mary Smith, LuAnn Staul*

## Transportation Assistance Needed

Assistance is needed to help transport new immigrants to and from an Afghan Women's Event on July 9. The event, sponsored by Lutheran Community Services Northwest (LCSNW), will be held here at St. Andrew on **Sunday, July 9**, from 11:00 am-5:00 pm in the Children's Commons.



The women are part of an Afghan Women's Support Group, coordinated by Amena Qadami of LCSNW. If you can help with transportation this coming Sunday, please contact Cindy Stadel ([cstadel@hevanet.com](mailto:cstadel@hevanet.com), 503-888-7043). Thank you!

## Plastic-Free July

### What's Wrong with Using Plastic Anyway?

We've all heard about the huge problem with plastic pollution, how it's in our food and in all the world's waterways, as well as in our bodies. The Great Pacific Garbage Patch is twice the size of Texas, contains 1.8 billion pieces of floating plastic, and kills thousands of marine animals each year. It's so big that it has been nicknamed the "eighth continent."



*Plastic bottles overwhelm the environment.*

But what about the manufacturing of plastic? Plastic is just a form of fossil fuel. Your plastic water bottle, your grocery bag, your foam tray full of meat are all made from oil or natural gas. And it takes a lot of energy to make that happen, which adds to the carbon footprint. "The real story of plastics' impact on the environment begins at the wellheads where it comes out of the ground," says Carroll Muffett, head of the Center for International Environmental Law. "And it never, ever stops."

By one estimate, emissions from producing and incinerating plastics could amount to 56 gigatons of carbon between now and 2050. That's almost 50 times the annual emissions of all of the coal power plants in the U.S.

It distresses me to see the recent ads on TV about the wonders of plastic. The oil companies are seeing the writing on the wall as the world (finally!) begins to move away from combustion engine vehicles. So they are adopting a new campaign trying to get people to use more plastic which is made from the oil they extract from the Earth. Ugh! We desperately need those fossil fuels to stay in the ground because of the carbon emitted when they are extracted.

The only thing we as individuals can do about this problem is to use less plastic in the first place. It's true that we still need certain plastics such as that used in medical equipment and our cars, but we can avoid using single-use plastics and try to steer clear of plastic containers.

This month I will share ideas to reduce or better yet—eliminate—single-use plastics from our lives.

*Liz Hardy*  
Earth Care Team

*You're Invited!*

**to an Ice Cream Social**

**Saturday, August 26 @ 1:30 pm**

in front of

**St. Andrew Lutheran Church  
12405 SW Butner Rd  
Beaverton**

Come for new friends, community,  
music, dancing, games, AND  
**FREE ice cream!**

*Parking will be available in the lot on the east side of the church.*

## July's MACG Question of the Month

*Is St. Andrew inspiring you to engage in Earth care practices?*

Earth care has long been one of St. Andrew's core care values. Our church building has solar panels on its roof and the congregation has long embraced the practice of reducing, reusing, repurposing, and recycling to reduce consumption and waste.

This year already, our Earth Care Team has sponsored an Earth Care Fair, Backyard Habitat Tours, and Mindful Walks. Earth Camp brought 44 campers and their families to our campus this past week and we continue to advocate for bee-friendly habitats and ecosystems that allow all of God's creation to flourish.

Has awareness or involvement with St. Andrew's Earth-friendly focus changed your behaviors? Let's share with one another.

## Looking Ahead to Children's Ministry This Fall

Earth Camp was such a wonderful event to witness—45 children, plus an amazingly prepared, large team of teen, young adult, and adult volunteers, and Kyler Vogt staffing with Maria Navarre assisting—demonstrated a vibrant, intergenerational community at St. Andrew. Thanks to all of you who have been supporting Earth Camp in the summers and The Roots program during the school year.

Our vision for this fall is that Children's Ministry will thrive with congregational and pastoral support. My plan is to regularly attend The Roots program after worship (around 10:50 am) on Sunday mornings. I want to get to know the children and their parents and to nurture those relationships.

I'm also looking for two volunteers who can regularly show up to greet kids on Sunday morning in a friendly, nurturing role. We want to continue to provide consistent nurture. Might you be one of those volunteers? If so, please let me know of your interest.

*Pr. Laurie*

## Special Upcoming Sundays

### Welcome Lunch Sunday: July 16

St. Andrew is hosting a Welcome Luncheon in Fellowship Hall following worship on Sunday, July 16. If you're fairly new to our community and would like to meet some folks and learn more about St. Andrew, please plan to come. And, if you've been around for some time but feeling a bit out of touch following three years of a pandemic, please come, too.

### Quilt Sunday: July 23

Seniors graduating from high school receive special recognition from St. Andrew on this academic achievement. Please put Sunday, July 23, on your calendars, when we'll recognize Miriam Au, Amy Peahl, and Logan Uecker during worship. Not only will they be wrapped in special quilts made by Nifty Notter seamstresses to take with them on their future adventures, but they will receive a scholarship from the St. Andrew Foundation to put toward the studies they plan to enter. This is a beautiful tradition marking a milestone in the lives of our youth.



*A day to remember!  
July 11, 2021, when Linda Fransen  
wrapped Logan Isaacson in his senior  
quilt.*

## In Transition: Considering Our Ministry Characteristics

The primary responsibility of the Transition Team is to complete the Mission Profile; this is a 10-page document that describes our congregational ministry and mission. The Mission Profile is used by the Synod and prospective candidates to determine the best fit for a St. Andrew Lead Pastor.

The input of the congregation is instrumental in completing this document. Look for the yellow poster in the Narthex; it has statements that could describe our congregation. Each row lists a characteristic on the left and a characteristic on the right, select the one term that best describes St. Andrew (one dot, per row, per person). For those who aren't able to respond in person you may complete the survey on-line, please only complete the survey once. [Ministry Characteristics Survey](#)

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Here is a representation of the poster for you to consider your answers.

AS A COMMUNITY (St. Andrew)					
<i>Please select only one category per row</i>	A LOT LIKE US	A LITTLE LIKE US	A LITTLE LIKE US	A LOT LIKE US	<i>Please select only one category per row</i>
	←	←	→	→	
We tend to be formal and programmatic.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	We tend to be informal and spontaneous.
We have clearly defined goals and plans for our future.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	We have no stated goals or plans
We are racially and economically diverse.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	We are demographically homogeneous.
OUR LEADERSHIP STYLE					
We welcome ideas that are provoking and challenging.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	We prefer ideas that are tried and true.
We rely on our leaders for direction.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	We rely on group decision-making.
We have learned how to use conflict constructively.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	We tend to perceive conflict as something destructive.

Please ask a member of the Transition Team if you have questions.

## Guild of Organists Regional

### Convention, July 10-13

The 2023 West Regional Convention of the American Guild of Organists is being held in Portland this year from July 10-13, 2023. Deacon Susan, a member of the Portland Chapter, is serving as registrar for that convention. There are opportunities for the public to attend some of the events. Those open to the public are:

- **Pre-Convention Event - July 10, 2023 - 4 pm** - Duruflé Requiem and Choral varié sur le Veni Creator at Holy Rosary Catholic Church - Portland OR. The choir, Cantores in Ecclesia, will be directed by Blake Applegate, with organist Hanna Brewer. This event is in memory of Richard Bond, organ builder. A wine and cheese reception follows the concert in the parish hall. This event is open to the public at no charge.
- **Opening Evensong - July 10, 2023 - 7 pm** - Trinity Episcopal Cathedral Choir directed by Music Canon Katie Webb at Trinity Episcopal, 147 NW 19<sup>th</sup> Ave., Portland, OR. This event is open to the public at no charge.
- **Organ Recital - July 11, 2023 - 2 pm** - Cathedral organist Seung Min Oh at St. Mary's Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, 1716 NW Davis Street, Portland, OR. This event is open to the public; freewill offering.



- **Organ Recital - July 11, 2023 - 7:30 pm** - "A Dance Through Time" features organist Kimberly Marshall, who will play the Fritts organ at St. Andrew Lutheran Church, 12405 SW Butner Road, Beaverton, OR. This event is open to the public; freewill offering.

- **Greek Vespers - July 12, 2023 - 3 pm** - Capella Romana, a Portland based choral group, directed by Cantor

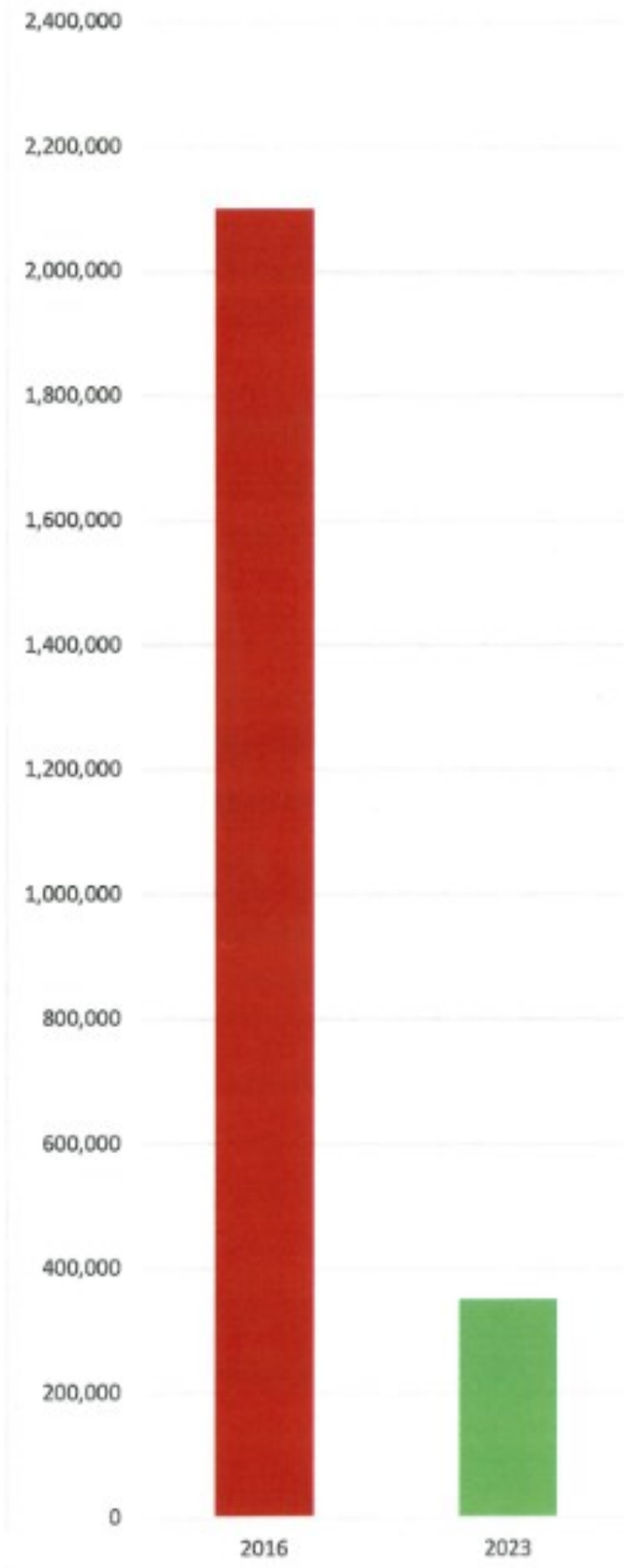
Photini Downie Robinson, will lead sing the service in Greek at The Mary Chapel at the Grotto, 8840 NE Skidmore, Portland OR. This event is open to the public at no charge.

- **Silent Film Accompanied by Theater Organ - July 12, 2023 - 7 pm** - Organist Jonas Nordwall will accompany the 1920 silent movie, *The Mark of Zorro*, starring Douglas Fairbanks and Noah Beery. This event is at Cleveland High School, 3400 SE 26<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Portland, OR. It is open to the public; cost is \$20.00 at the door.
- **Organ Recital - July 13, 2023 - 2:30 pm** - Seattle-based organist Susanne Valleau, at Holy Rosary Catholic Church, 375 NE Clackamas Street, Portland OR. This event is open to the public; freewill offering.
- **Evening Recital - July 13, 2023 - 5:30 pm** - "A Kaleidoscope of Song and Dance" features organist Pamela Decker, who will be joined by members of the Oregon Ballet Theatre. This concert is at First United Methodist Church, 1838 SW Jefferson Street, Portland OR. It is open to the public; cost is \$20.00 at the door.

A flyer of these events is posted on the bulletin board in the coffee area. Copies are available outside the Music Ministry office across from the library. Contact Deacon Susan if you have any questions.

## A Picture of Progress:

Thank you, people of St. Andrew, for your gifts toward Reducing the Mortgage! See the results below from seven years of giving to the Mortgage Fund. We've come a long way.

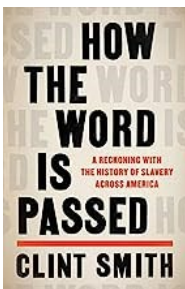


## In Need of Prayers...

<u>NAME</u>	<u>PRAYERS FOR...</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>
Claris Poppert	Peace and comfort	Staff
Beth Norman (good friend)	Peace and comfort	LuAnn Staul
Carl Prink (cousin)	Comfort and healing	Carol Hogan
Tara Harper	Wisdom and support	Deacon India
Sam Harker (grandson)	Safety and protection fighting wildfires	Carol Harker
Del Mahler	Blessings on his 100 <sup>th</sup> birthday!	Staff
St. Andrew Council Executive Committee Staff	Wisdom and discernment	Staff
St. Andrew Foundation	Blessings on their ministry	Staff
Trinity Lutheran (Dallas) Our Savior Lutheran (Lebanon)	Serving with us in the Oregon Synod	Staff
Golden Temple of Oregon Morrison (Portland)	Blessings on our interfaith partners	Staff
Individual friends and loved ones	Whatever they most need	Staff

If you know someone in need of prayers, please contact the church office by phone at 503-646-0629 or email [office@standrewlutheran.com](mailto:office@standrewlutheran.com) Tuesday-Friday, [prayerchain@standrewlutheran.com](mailto:prayerchain@standrewlutheran.com) Saturday-Monday.

## Spirituality Book Group

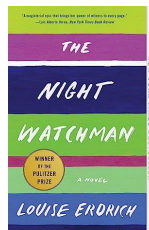


The Spirituality Book Group will meet at 3:00 pm on **Sunday, July 23**, to discuss *How the Word Is Passed: A Reckoning with the History of Slavery Across America*, by Clint Smith. In this debut work of nonfiction, the author leads readers on a tour of landmarks and monuments to reveal some of America's stories hidden in plain sight. Consider Monticello, the Virginia plantation owned by Thomas Jefferson. It was here that Jefferson wrote letters espousing the urgent need for liberty — at the same time he enslaved more than 400 people. This well known history is augmented by other stories much less familiar, but all combining to illustrate slavery's role in shaping American history.

The group will meet in person at Dianne Zupunski's home and also via Zoom, with Lynn Santelmann leading the discussion. A link will be sent to those on the Spirituality Book Group email list who will be attending remotely. If you'd like to receive a link, please contact Mary Smith.

### Future Reading

**August 20:** *The Night Watchman*, by Louise Erdrich  
Location: Mary Ann Snider's home  
Discussion Leader: Sharon Fako



**September (date TBA):** *Horse*, by Geraldine Brooks  
Location: Fran Miller's home  
Discussion Leader: Mary Ann Snider

## Earth Camp Lost & Found

Campers left a few things behind at St. Andrew last Friday after a hectic week of Earth Camp. Nathan and Chief Henry, we have your camp bags in the church office. An unidentified navy blue sweatshirt was also turned in.

Please stop by the church office during open hours, 9:00 am-4:00 pm, Tuesday-Thursday, or 9:00 am-12:00 pm on Friday to pick up these items. Or get them on a Sunday morning. Thank you.



## Address for Claris

Although Claris's daughter Mona advises that her dad is not able to accept calls or visits at this time, he might very much appreciate messages and cards from his friends at St. Andrew. Please send those to:

Claris Poppert  
c/o Mona Whited  
36025 SW Viewridge Ln  
Hillsboro, OR 97123

And please keep Claris and his family in your prayers.

## Your St. Andrew Staff

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Tira Nessel.....	503-866-5099

## Preparing for Worship

Sunday, July 16, 2023

Romans 8:1-11  
Psalm 65:9-13  
Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

# Highlights for the Week at St. Andrew Lutheran Church

## Sunday, July 9

9:30 am	In-Person Worship with Communion (also livestreamed on YouTube and via Zoom).....	Sanctuary
9:30 am	Portland Taiwan Worship Service.....	Chapel
11:00 am	Afghan Women's Event .....	Children's Commons

## Monday, July 10

7:00 pm	Finance Team Meeting.....	via Zoom
7:00 pm	Men's Book Club.....	Library

## Tuesday, July 11

7:00 am	Men's Gathering and Bible Study .....	Elmer's Restaurant on 158th (1250 NW Waterhouse Ave)
7:00 am	Sunrise Women .....	Elmer's Restaurant on 158th (1250 NW Waterhouse Ave)
9:00 am	Facility Management Team Meeting.....	St. Andrew Room
10:00 am	Tai Chi.....	Fellowship Hall
12:00 pm	Bridge Group .....	Fellowship Hall
1:30 pm	Service Committee .....	Library
7:00 pm	MACG Meeting .....	St. Andrew Room
7:30 pm	AGO Regional Convention Organ Recital.....	Sanctuary, Coffee Bar, Fellowship Hall

## Wednesday, July 12

1:00 pm	Wednesday Book Group (with India) .....	St. Andrew Room
1:00 pm	Sanctuary Team Meeting .....	Library

## Thursday, July 13

10:00 am	Strength & Stability with Susanne .....	Fellowship Hall
6:30 pm	Wing Chun Class .....	Children's Commons
7:00 pm	Foundation Team Meeting .....	Library

## Friday, July 14

10:00 am	Tai Chi.....	Fellowship Hall
11:00 am	Art Tour of Chapel .....	Chapel

## Saturday, July 15

9:00 am	Nifty Notters .....	Fellowship Hall
3:00 pm	Reading English Study Group .....	St. Andrew Room

## Sunday, July 16

9:30 am	In-Person Worship with Communion (also livestreamed on YouTube and via Zoom).....	Sanctuary
9:30 am	Portland Taiwan Worship Service.....	Chapel
10:45 am	Taiwanese Lutheran Church Bible Study .....	Chapel
10:45 am	Welcome Brunch .....	Fellowship Hall

## Put It on Your Calendar

### Ministry Fair: Sunday, September 10, 9:30 am-Noon

Are you involved in one or more of the many ministries of St. Andrew? The MACG Core Team is organizing a Ministry Fair for Sunday, September 10, 9:30 am – Noon. Details will follow, but for now please think about what you'd like to display that explains your area of ministry. Are you looking for new people to join you? Plan on having a way for people to contact you if they are interested. Watch for the opportunities in the next few weeks to reserve a table and learn more about the Ministry Fair. Contact any member of the MACG Core Team for more information: Pat Christiansen, Scott Taylor, Jan Smith, Lynn Santelmann, Larry Bliesner, and Gretchen Bancroft.

## Office Temporarily Closed Friday Afternoons

Please note that from July 14-September 1, the church office will be closed on Friday afternoons to allow staff more flexibility in scheduling vacations.

In general, Pastor Laurie works from home on Fridays, but she is available by phone in case of emergencies. You may reach her at 503-449-5938.

## Worship at St. Andrew or Connect to Virtual Worship



**9:30 am:** Worship in the Sanctuary, watch the livestream of worship on YouTube, or participate in worship via Zoom. Links for remote worship will be sent to you via email and the church app.



People participating in worship via Zoom are invited to join worship at 9:30 am. To participate via Zoom you can use a computer, smartphone, tablet, or a telephone. Please note that Zoom worship is only available at 9:30 am. Anyone using YouTube for livestream worship may access the service at 9:30 am or any time after the livestream ends.