

*Welcome*  
**Pastoral  
Candidate**

**REV. DR. JOHN TITTLE**



*St. Andrew's*  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

# UNIFIED WORSHIP SERVICE

10:00 AM | JANUARY 28, 2024

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*\*My Lighthouse*

Words of Welcome

*\*Call to Worship | Based on Psalm 62*

*Pastor: For God alone my soul waits in silence, for my hope is from Him.*

**People: He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress;  
I shall not be shaken.**

*Pastor: Trust in Him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before Him;  
God is a refuge for us.*

**People: Once God has spoken; twice have I heard this:  
that power belongs to God, and steadfast love belongs to You, O Lord.**

*Pastor: Let us worship the living God!*

*\*Time of Greeting*

Time With the Children

*Preschool children and children in childcare are invited downstairs during the service and congregational meeting. Elementary age children are encouraged to attend the worship service and meeting with their families.*

Prayer of Confession

**You asked for my hands, that You might use them for Your purpose. I gave them for a moment, then withdrew them, for the work was hard. You asked for my mouth to announce the good news of God. I gave You a whisper that I might not be heard. You asked for my eyes to see the pain of the hurting. I closed them, for I did not want to see. You asked for my life, that You might work through me. I gave a small part, that I might not get too involved. Lord, forgive my calculated efforts to serve You— only when it is convenient for me to do so, only in those places where it is safe to do so, and only with those who make it easy to do so. Father, I repent and I believe, help my unbelief. Renew me and send me out as a ready and willing instrument of peace, that I might take seriously the meaning of Your cross. Amen.**

Time of Silent Confession and the Assurance of Pardon

*\*Living Hope*

Scripture Reading | *1 Samuel 3: 1-10 NRSVue*

Anthem

*Steal Away (Traditional Spiritual/arr. Howard Helvey)*

The Word Preached | *Pastoral Candidate*

**Stop, Drop, and Roll** | *Mark 1:14-20 NRSVue*

*\*Come Thou Fount*

## The Morning Prayer and Our Lord's Prayer

### Reception of Tithes & Offerings

#### Offertory

*In This Very Room*

*\*The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication*

*\*Lord, You Give the Great Commission, vs.1, 2, & 5, Hymn #429*

*\*The Invitation to Prayer and Discipleship*

*\*The Benediction*

*Trained Stephen Ministers and members of the Prayer and Care Team are available for confidential prayer and care. Please email [care@sapctucson.org](mailto:care@sapctucson.org) or visit [sapctucson.org/care](http://sapctucson.org/care) to reach out.*

*\*Benediction Response*

*Amen, Amen*

#### Postlude

*The Heavens Declare the Glory of God (arr. Homer Whitford)*

*\*Please stand as you are able*

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## QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

1. Why do you think Mark is such a fast-paced gospel?
  2. Why do you think Jesus waited to begin His ministry in Galilee until after John the Baptist was imprisoned?
  3. How would you describe what the kingdom of God is in your own words?
  4. What does it mean to repent and believe the good news?
  5. How is the gospel of God good news?
  6. Have you ever sensed Christ calling your name to follow Him or take up a new task?
  7. What might it look like to follow Jesus in your own life today? What might it look like for St. Andrew's to follow Christ's call collectively?
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## SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY:

Rev. Mat Grover, *Associate Pastor of Church Life & Family Ministries*

Rev. Dr. Brad Munroe, *Presbytery Pastor*

**Worship Team:** *Ben Constantinides, Mark Gary, Carolyn K. Smith, Liz Soflin, Deann Hay, SAPC Chancel Choir, Wittman Ringers*

**AV Team:** *Ben Constantinides, Daniella Bolin, Amy Grover, Steve Akins, Sophie Fiore*

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***All SAPC Members are invited to stay for the Congregational Meeting, immediately following the Worship Service, to Approve the Call of the Candidate.***

# WELCOME

After a long process of faithful effort and prayerful discernment, the Pastor Nominating Committee is thrilled to present the **Reverend Doctor John Tittle** for nomination as our Pastor and Head of Staff. Once approved, Rev. Tittle will commence his ministry on March 11, 2024.



Rev. Dr. John Tittle

The Rev. Dr. John Tittle grew up in River Forest, IL, a western suburb of Chicago, and is a born and raised Presbyterian who sensed God's call to be a Presbyterian minister from the age of sixteen. He graduated from Oral Roberts University and holds a Master of Divinity degree from Fuller Theological Seminary and a Doctor of Ministry degree from George Fox University.



John's first pastoral call was as Associate Pastor at First Presbyterian Church in Kennewick, WA. John and his wife, Sarah, then spent four years in a Central Washington Presbytery validated ministry of mission work in Alexandria, Egypt. They answered the call to Egypt when their oldest child, Abby, was six months old. Luke was later born there. With their team, they studied Arabic and the culture, cultivated friendships, and sought to build bridges of understanding in Christ's name with the Muslim community. Upon returning to the United States, John was called as Associate Pastor at First Presbyterian Church in Douglasville, Georgia. Since 2008, John has served as Pastor and Head of Staff at Immanuel Presbyterian Church in our Presbytery de Cristo.

John and Sarah, a native Arizonan, have been married since 1999. One of their favorite memories together is walking the Camino de Santiago eighty-mile pilgrimage in Spain a few summers ago. They are the proud parents of four children: Abby and Luke, both students at NAU, Jude, a senior in high school who plans to join his siblings at NAU in the fall, and 8th grader Phoebe. In addition to enjoying the company of family and friends, John's interests include working out at the F45 gym, hiking, rucking, reading/listening to books, music, art, coffee, and playing the board game Azul with family.

John Tittle's varied experiences in life, *"have fostered in me a love for God's Word and a desire to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ with passion, creativity, and pertinence"* and *"have provided a breadth of ministry and mission experiences."* He goes on to say, *"The ups and downs and joys and sorrows of ministry have forged a resilience in me to be steady and focused. This living example is important for the leadership and congregation to see that God is leading the church and great things are ahead as we step out in faith into God's mission for us."*



As a part of the Presbytery de Cristo in Tucson, John has been impressed by St. Andrew's love for Jesus, heartbeat for mission near and abroad, and its rich variety of perspectives. His doctoral work focused on "unified variance" in Christ in the local church. In his own words, John spoke of being "called to walk together with the church along the path of worship where we honor God together." This includes discipleship and caring for the spiritual, emotional, and physical needs of the faith community. As a proponent of mission, locally and globally, John values, "a church where we can be open to the Spirit's leading into the great unknown." John is honored and excited for the opportunity to serve the Living God in the power of the Spirit with all of us at SAPC!

Faithfully serving Christ,

Vicky Johnson, Chair  
Cheryl Smith, Vice Chair  
Kathy Lokale, 1st Secretary  
Norm Carlson, 2nd Secretary  
Linda Currin, Treasurer

Todd Autenreith  
Jennifer Farber  
Steve Herzog  
Esther Kim  
Toby Tobin

# JUST FOR KIDS!

## WHAT IS CANDIDATE SUNDAY?

The Pastor Nominating Committee, which we call PNC for short, is a group of volunteers who were chosen by the congregation to decide who God is calling to be the new pastor at St. Andrew's. For the last year, this group of people has been praying together and listening for God's guidance for who will be the right pastor to come to our church. Pastor Pete was the Interim Pastor during this time. He was like a really long substitute pastor.

Now the PNC has chosen the person who they feel is the right person to lead St. Andrew's. Today, the whole church gets to meet the pastor that the PNC thinks God has called - Pastor John Tittle! (His last name rhymes with little.) After hearing Pastor John give a sermon today, all the church members can give the thumbs up if they agree that God has chosen him to be at St. Andrew's from now on. What an exciting day!

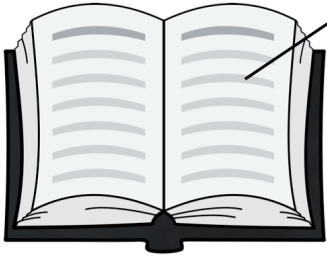


# Sermon Note Sheet for kids!

Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Who's Speaking? \_\_\_\_\_

Message Title: \_\_\_\_\_



## Open your Bible!

What passage are you studying today?

Book: \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_

Verse(s): \_\_\_\_\_

## Important Words

Words I hear repeated:

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Words I heard, but don't know:

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## What Did You Learn?

About God:

About how we should live:

About how we should  
treat others:

My favorite **song** we sang today:



Make sure to tell someone about what you learned in church today! Check the box when you've done so:



I told \_\_\_\_\_

# NEW HERE?



SCAN HERE

**Welcome Home!** We are so glad you are here! Church is so much more than just a Sunday service, and we want you to know that there's a place for you at St. Andrew's. One of the best ways you can get connected with us is to fill out the Check In Card via our QR code, the clipboard in your pews, or at the Welcome Desk and we will have a welcome gift waiting for you! We look forward to getting to know you better.

## UPCOMING AT SAPC

Learn about what's happening at SAPC in our Weekly News or at [sapctucson.org](http://sapctucson.org). Scan our QR Code to view now!

### KIDS

**NURSERY** (infant - 2 years)  
*Sundays at 9:00 am & 10:45 am*

**SUNDAY SCHOOL**  
(2 years - 5th Grade)  
*Sundays at 9:00 am \*Only Preschool during the 10:00 am Today*

**SUPER FRIENDS**  
(Special Needs Ministry)  
*First Sunday of the Month  
10:30 am - 11:15 am*

### STUDENTS

**YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL**  
(6th - 12th Grade)  
*Sundays at 10:45 am  
\*No Youth Sunday School Today*

**MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP**  
(6th - 8th Grade)  
*Wednesdays, 6:15 pm - 8:15 pm*

**HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP**  
(9th - 12th Grade)  
*Tuesdays, 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm*

## MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Get involved by serving! Whether you're helping by handing out coffee before a service starts, or teaching in Kid's Ministry, you can make a difference. St. Andrew's loves God and others by serving with more than 40 different mission partners. Whatever your gifting, interests, or schedule— there is a place for you to serve. Each role is different, but they are all equally important. [sapctucson.org/serve](http://sapctucson.org/serve)

# LET'S SERVE TOGETHER