



To the congregation of
St. Andrew's
March 8, 2026

Thank you is a phrase we say, but do we really give it enough thought?
Or is it sometimes just 2 words, that phrase our parents always taught?

**Now don't get me wrong, they are words we probably should say more,
But not just when someone does something for us, like opening that door.**

They are words that should be heart felt, they should be words we truly feel.
Words that people, when hearing them, know they're not fake, but real.

**So now as we say THANK YOU, know these words come from a special place
To each and everyone one of you. YOU - a reflection of God's love and grace.**

Thank you all ~ for all you do ~ each and every day.
Isn't it great that we get to choose? We don't all have to serve the same way.

**Some people serve with energy, some people with a smile.
Some of you spend hours here, some just a little while.**

Some of you use hammers and shovels, some others quietly and faithfully pray.
Some sing each week with so much joy, some walk with others day by day.

**Some cook, some teach, some lead ~ some just do what needs to be done.
Some are serious and reflective, some laugh and seem to have such fun.**

No matter how often you're here, no matter how long until you're out the door.
ALL of us right here, right now ~ love God ~ and want to love God more.

So here is a heart-felt THANK YOU from Rev. Laurie and St. Andrew's session. Thank you to all who made 2025 a memorable year for our faith family. Please stand and remain standing if:

- **you have ever preached a sermon from our pulpit**
- **you are currently serving on session as an elder**
- **you have ever served on session as an elder**
- **you are now, or have ever been, on a team**
- **you have ever worked at the Christmas bazaar**
- **you have ever sung in a choir, set up a mike, or live-streamed a service**
- **you have ever greeted, ushered, or hosted coffee hour**
- **you have ever participated in a worship service**
- **you have ever put an offering in the offering plate**
- **you have ever gone to an annual meeting, either in person or by zoom**

YOU - all of you who are standing - **are who make this faith community who we are.** People who are growing our lives together with God, people who are going into our neighborhoods trying to love like Jesus. **People who are on a journey of living into** - and living out - **our values in all we do** - as we strive to be more accepting, **compassionate**, generous, **missional**, serving, and **welcoming**. Looking around the sanctuary, **and knowing who have joined by zoom**, it's a pretty darned good group of people to be on this journey with – **as we walk each other home.** Thank you ALL!!!

~ Debby