

# St. Andrews Presbyterian Church



John the Baptist Pointing to Jesus  
(From the Isenheim Altarpiece)

January 22, 2023

# 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany

January 22, 2023

10:30 A.M.

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### **THE GATHERING**

#### PRELUDE

"Lord, Make Me a Channel of your Peace"

*"Be still and know that I am God."*

*Psalm 46:10*

(Please use this time to prepare for worship in silence and meditation)

Words for your meditation during the Prelude:

Lord, make me a channel of thy peace, that where there is hatred, I may bring love;  
that where there is wrong, I may bring the spirit of forgiveness;  
that where there is discord, I may bring harmony; that where there is error, I may bring truth;  
that where there is doubt, I may bring faith; that where there is despair, I may bring hope;  
that where there are shadows, I may bring light; that where there is sadness, I may bring joy.

Lord, grant that I may seek rather to comfort than to be comforted;

to understand, than to be understood; to love, than to be loved.

For it is by self-forgetting that one finds. It is by forgiving that one is forgiven.

It is by dying that one awakens to Eternal Life.

#### WORDS OF WELCOME AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISCIPLESHIP

#### PASSING THE PEACE

*"...I was a stranger and you welcomed me."*

*Matthew 25:35b*

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**

(The people may greet each other in the spirit of Christ.)

#### CALL TO WORSHIP (Adapted from Psalm 27)

Liturgist

The LORD is our light and our salvation; whom shall we fear?

**The LORD is the stronghold of our lives; of whom shall we be afraid?**

One thing we ask of the LORD, that we will seek after:

**to live in the house of the LORD all the days of our lives,**

**to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to inquire in God's temple.**

Hear, O LORD, when we cry aloud, be gracious to us and answer us!

**"Come," our hearts say, "seek God's face!" Your face, LORD, do we seek.**

#### OPENING PRAYER

\*HYMN 624

"I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art"

TOULON

\*CONFESSION AND PARDON

Let us confess our sins before god, the source of freedom and forgiveness.

**Gracious God, when despair and suffering overwhelm us, we cry out for you and feel abandoned. We doubt your presence and your promises. We believe you have turned away from us in anger. We ask why you have forsaken us. In these moments, strengthen us in faith and fill our hearts with courage. We believe, God. Help our unbelief. Amen.**

Silent Confession

KYRIE (Sung)

**Lord, have mercy,  
Christ, have mercy,  
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

"The steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting." Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. **We are God's grateful and free people. Alleluia! Amen.**

***THE WORD***

CHILDREN'S TIME

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Traditional) (Page 35, *Glory to God Hymnal*)  
SINGING WITH THE CHILDREN: "Jesus Loves Me" (Hymn 188)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE EPISTLE READING: I Corinthians 1:10-18

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Here I Am, Lord"  
(Follow the words, found in your hymnal, Hymn 69)

arr. RANEY

THE GOSPEL READING: Matthew 4:12-23

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

"Concern for Cousin John"

***THE RESPONSE***

\*HYMN 721

"Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore"

PESCADOR DE HOMBRES

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison)

(From *A Brief Statement of Faith*)

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"**

\*GLORIA PATRI (Hymn 581)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

Variations of "Blessed Assurance"

arr. CARTER

\*DOXOLOGY/Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow (Hymn 607)

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise Christ, all people here below;  
praise Holy Spirit evermore;  
praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

\*PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

### ***THE SENDING***

\*HYMN 839

"Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!"

ASSURANCE

\*COVENANT OF THE CONGREGATION (Unison)

**Let us go forth into the world in peace, have courage, hold on to what is good, return to no person evil for evil, strengthen the fainthearted, support the weak, help the suffering, honor all persons, love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.**

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Thy Word"

SMITH

\*Those who are able, please stand.

PARTICIPANTS IN WORSHIP

The Rev. Dr. Anne Hébert, Pastor  
Jane Elzerman, Liturgist  
Barb and John Lund, Greeters  
Sally and Dennis Keeney, Ushers  
Polly Mauer, Pianist

This Week at St. Andrews

<p><b>Today</b> 9:00 Bible Study 10:30 Worship 11:45 Coffee Hour 4:00 A.A./Al-Anon Serenity Group</p> <p><b>Monday, Jan. 23</b> 2:30 Adult Ed Mtg</p> <p><b>Tuesday, Jan. 24</b> 3:00 Disciple Bible Study Class</p>	<p><b>Wednesday, Jan. 25</b> 10:00 Disciple Bible Study Class– via Zoom 1:00 Centering Prayer Group 2:00 Session Mtg ** No Choir Rehearsal**</p> <p><b>Friday, Jan. 27</b> 9:00 Men's Breakfast</p> <p><b>Sunday, Jan. 29</b> 10:30 Worship 11:45 Coffee Hour 4:00 A.A./Al-Anon Serenity Group</p>
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Children's Christian Ed is hosting a combination

***Sledding/Valentine's Day Party***

on Saturday, Feb. 11 from 10 am to noon.

Families are invited to bring friends. We will sled, make Valentines for the congregation and have snacks and crafts too.

Please join us in this fun-filled annual event! Bring your own sleds and dress for the weather!

The event will still be held with or without snow!!

RSVP: Jennifer Abel

231-922-3672 or email at [jeffyabel@gmail.com](mailto:jeffyabel@gmail.com)



BACN clothing/housewares area is in dire need of donations of towels, sheets and blankets. The donation door under the portico is now open M-Thursday from 10-4.



ANNUAL  
MEETING  
February 5, 2023

The call of the meeting is to receive the 2022 Annual Reports, the 2023 Budget, to approve the pastor's terms of call and to confirm the officers of the Corporation.

It will take place immediately following the worship service.