

St. Andrews Presbyterian Church



October 15, 2023

20th Sunday after Pentecost

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10:30 A.M.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

"All Things Bright and Beautiful"

RUTTER

"Be still and know that I am God."

Psalm 46:10

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

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.)

CHORAL INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist

Come to the Lord who alone is our God.

Let us forsake the gods we have forged with our hands.

Come and bow down before the Lord our Maker.

And declare God's wonderful works together.

OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN 23

"God, You Spin the Whirling Planets"

PLEADING SAVIOR

*CONFESSION AND PARDON

The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. Let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Merciful God, we come to you ever mindful of your great goodness and that the life you give us is both precious and frail. Too often, we fail to affirm the mystery and wonder of our human existence, and we take the good things in life for granted. We remain untouched by the suffering around us and turn our backs on neighbors in need. We fail to trust your resurrection power and your promise to use even our weakness and frailty for your glory. We forget to trust the sufficiency of your grace and build golden calves of our own. In your mercy, forgive us. Help us to remember that through long generations you have been kind and faithful to your people. Set us on a path of new life

and faithful discipleship. Amen.

Silent Confession

*KYRIE

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

Hear the good news: Our holy and compassionate God hears our cries and forgives us. Anyone who is in Christ is new creation; everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! **Let us receive the new life Christ has brought among us and live as the beloved and redeemed children of God that we are! Alleluia! Amen.**

*RESPONSE: Hymn 614 "Great Are You, Lord"

Great are you, Lord: you are holy and just; by your power we trust in your love.
Great are you, Lord: you are faithful and true; by your mercy you prove you are love.
Great are you, Lord, and worthy of glory! Great are you, Lord, and worthy of praise.
Great are you, Lord. We lift up our voice; we lift up our voice:
Great are you, Lord! Great are you, Lord!

THE WORD

TIME WITH OUR YOUNGEST DISCIPLES

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Traditional) (Page 35, *Glory to God Hymnal*)

SINGING WITH THE CHILDREN: "Jesus Loves Me" (Hymn 188)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE GOSPEL READING: Matthew 22:1-14

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

ANTHEM

"We All Are One"

RANEY

(This was dedicated to Polly Mauer on her retirement from Our Savior's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Hartland, WI, as their most awesome and talented pianist/organist for 38 years.)

THE READING FROM HEBREW TESTAMENT: Exodus 32:1-14

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Along the Foothills and Among the Dunes"

THE RESPONSE

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: Hymn 481 "I Believe in God the Father"

GENEVAN 42

*GLORIA PATRI (Hymn 581)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

RANEY

*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 714

"God of the Fertile Fields"

ITALIAN HYMN

*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.**

*COLUMBA BENEDICTION (Responsive)

(From the St. Andrews' Trip to Scotland in 1997)

Congregation:

**The Peace of God,
The Peace of Humanity,
The Peace of Columba kindly,
The peace of Mary mild, the loving,
The Peace of Christ, king of tenderness,
Be upon our bodies, which come from the Earth,
Be upon our souls, which come from Heaven.**

Pastor:

Deep Peace of the running wave to you,
Deep Peace of the flowing air to you,
Deep Peace of the quiet earth to you,
Deep Peace of the shining stars to you,
Deep Peace of the Son of Peace to you.

*Those who are able, please stand.

This week at St. Andrews:

<p>Today 9:00 Bible Study 10:30 Worship 4:00 A.A./Al-Anon Serenity Group</p> <p>Tuesday, October 17 1:00 PW Mtg</p> <p>Wednesday, October 18 10:00 Knitting Group 10:00 Hole-Y Diggers 1:00 Centering Prayer Group 2:00 Session Mtg 4:30 Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>Thursday, October 19 2:00 Peace and Justice Mtg</p> <p>Friday, October 20 9:00 Men's Breakfast-Platte River Inn</p> <p>Sunday, October 22 9:00 Bible Study 10:30 Worship 4:00 A.A./Al-Anon Serenity Group</p>
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Join Our Team as a Church Media Assistant

Are you ready to make a meaningful impact on our church community while diving into the world of multimedia coordination? We're seeking a dedicated Church Media Assistant who thrives on learning new technology. You'll work with audiovisual equipment, streaming technology, and presentation software. Your role will be pivotal in enhancing worship experiences, ensuring seamless multimedia operations during Sunday services, special events, and beyond.



Ready to take the next step? Apply now and let your passion for media coordination shine as you collaborate with our dynamic team. Your journey to making worship unforgettable starts here.

Email your resume to Jennifer Adkins, Church Media Director at media@benziestandrews.com

SAVE THE DATE:

December 9, 2023

Manitou Winds Concert

Now celebrating its ninth season, *Winter Songs & Carols* is our annual concert exploring the holidays and all the many moods of winter. More than a concert filled with holiday-themed music, this is an invitation to celebrate the entire season of winter!

This year we're excited to be joined by special guest soloist **Emily Curtin Culler**, soprano, plus the voices of the *St. Andrews Presbyterian Church choir* and many talented community members under the direction of **Michael Beery**. Together we'll unveil four brand-new arrangements by **Jason McKinney** for full choir featuring Manitou Winds!

This festive evening of wintry originals, traditional carols, and holiday favorites interspersed with inspiring poetry is a wonderful way to begin your holiday season.

Children's CCE Program needs your help!

Our Annual Trunk or Treat event is in two weeks! We need to get everyone signed up today to help! First of all, we need people to man the Trunks! It takes at least 12-15 cars to make it a fun event for the kids! Please consider signing up! It's a fun afternoon seeing all the excited children and so many costumes! You decorate your trunk with whatever Halloween decorations you have around. You provide about 300 pcs of candy. Then you come at 3:30 PM to set up in the parking lot. The event is over by 5:30 pm and you can tear down and go home. In between, you can have a hotdog lunch also! It's a great event!

We also need lots of other help--Kitchen, Parking, Greeting etc. Please sign up at the Narthex table today! For those of you who can't make it, we appreciate your donations of candy to help resupply the Trunks when they run out. A big blue bin under the table in the