

St. Andrews Presbyterian Church



October 25, 2026

22nd Sunday after Pentecost

October 25, 2026

10:30 A.M.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

"He is Exalted"
"Be still and know that I am God."
(Please use this time to prepare for worship in silence.)

Paris/Hayes
Psalm 46:10

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

Liturgist

God, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

In you, we come home –

To rest, to wrestle, to love, to be loved.

We dwell in you.

Before the mountains were born, before you delivered the whole world,
From the everlasting past to the everlasting future, you are God.

In you, we are home –

We dream, we flourish, we fade, we rejoice.

We dwell in you.

OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN 645

"Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above"

MIT FREUDENZART

*CONFESSION AND PARDON

Let us speak the truth about ourselves to our neighbors and to God, acknowledging what we have done and what we have left undone. Let us pray:

Your holiness, O God, commands that we confess: We have neither loved our neighbors as ourselves nor honored ourselves as your beloved creation. We have judged unjustly, regarded others ungenerously, profited at the losses of those near and distant, borne grudges, desired vengeance, and kept silence in the face of wrongdoing. We love to live in accord with your desire that your way of compassion, kindness, and honesty will govern our hearts and minds, turning us toward lives of peace. We pray in Christ's name. Amen.

Silent Confession

*KYRIE

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

Brothers and sisters, the Holy One who promises forgiveness to those who seek the good hears your confession. As the crucified and risen child of God, your Redeemer fully knows your sorrow and your desire for reconciled relationships. You are forgiven. **In that promise is our power to love our neighbors and ourselves as beloved of God, who created all that exists. Alleluia! Amen.**

THE WORD

CHILDREN'S TIME

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Traditional)

(Page 35, *Glory to God Hymnal*)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE HEBREW TESTAMENT READING: Deuteronomy 34:1-12
The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC

"As the Deer with Fairest Lord Jesus"
(Please see the insert for words for meditation.)

Nystrom/Hayes

THE GOSPEL READING: Matthew 22:34-46
The Word of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ.

SERMON

THE RESPONSE

*HYMN 361

"O Christ, the Great Foundation"

AURELIA

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison)

(G-1.0100 *Book of Order*)

All power in heaven and earth is given to Jesus Christ by Almighty God, who raised Christ from the dead and set him above all rule and authority, all power and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come. God has put all things under the Lordship of Jesus Christ and has made Christ Head of the Church, which is his body.

In affirming with the earliest Christians that Jesus is Lord, the Church confesses that he is its hope and that the Church, as Christ's body, is bound to his authority and thus free to live in the lively, joyous reality of the grace of God. Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI (Hymn 581)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

"In Christ Alone"

Kim

DOXOLOGY/Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow (606)

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

THE SENDING

*HYMN 766

"The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound"

MCKEE

*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

"Lord, I Lift Your Name on High"

Founds

Words for Meditation

"As the Deer with Fairest Lord Jesus"

As the deer panteth for the water
So my soul longeth after Thee
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship Thee

You alone are my strength, my shield
To You alone may my spirit yield
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship Thee

Beautiful Savior, King of creation,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'd love Thee, truly I'd serve thee,
Light of my soul, my Joy, my Crown.
Fair are the meadows, Fair are the woodlands,
Robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer;
He makes our sorr'wing spirit sing.



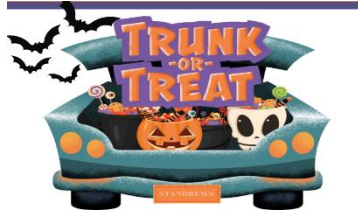
PARTICIPANTS IN WORSHIP

The Rev. Tim Murtaugh, Guest Pastor
Beth Olin, Liturgist
Ross and Dianne Stephenson, Ushers
Al and Bonnie Garbrecht, Caroline Nielsen, Greeters
Diane Pharr, Online Digital Greeter
Polly Mauer, Pianist

OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY

Today

9:00 Sunday Bible Study
 10:30 Worship
 11:30 Coffee Hour
 3:30 Trunk or Treat
 4:00 A.A./Al-Anon Serenity Group



Monday, October 26

2:30 Arts on the Hill Mtg

Tuesday, October 27

7:00 Readers Theater- "Waiting for the Evening Train"

Wednesday, October 28

12:30 Centering Prayer
 4:00 Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, October 29

2:00 "I Am" Class

Friday, October 30

9:00 Men's Breakfast at Platte River Inn

Sunday, November 1

9:00 Sunday Bible Study
 10:30 Worship
 11:30 Coffee Hour
 4:00 A.A./ Al-Anon Serenity Group

PRAYER LIST

MILITARY: All of our US Military deployed and their families.

INTERNATIONAL PEACEMAKERS :

Rev. Jerome Bizimana & the people of Rwanda

Rev. Butros Zaour & family & Majd Lahham, Damascus, Syria

MISSION CO-WORKERS:

Mark Adams & Miriam Maldonado Escobar, & their children: Cindy Yessenia, Anna Flor & Nathan— Frontera de Cristo; Douglas AZ

MEM BERS AND FRIENDS

Bob Nelson	The Navin Family
Tim Bergstrom	Tim, Sarah, Tilly and Family
John Warren Robey	Casey Beal and Family
Kristin Lehoullier	Peter Navin
Suzie Anderson	Linda Koch
Vickie Smith	Evelyn Sengelaub
Sara Crane	Laura and Bryan Sheffield
Sara Bruce	Gwen Baarstad
Olivia Dann	Dottie Patterson
Richard Hug	John Sappington
Jessica Gardner	Chris (Harris) Bint
Dave Maxton	Marjorie Groenwald

Sunday, November 8th

after worship



Potluck

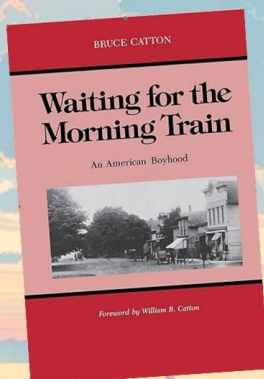
Sign up in Gathering Space

St. Andrews Readers' Theater presents:

“WAITING FOR THE EVENING TRAIN”

A program based on Bruce Catton's book "Waiting for the Morning Train" and James Thurber's "The Secret Life of Walter Mitty."

"Youth waits for the morning train and old age waits for the night train, both bound for an unknown destination." - Bruce Catton



Tuesday, October 27, 2026

7:00pm

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