

# St. Andrews Presbyterian Church



“Charity Never Faileth”  
Artist: Elspeth Young

November 10, 2024

# 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### **THE GATHERING**

PRELUDE

"We Gather Together"  
"Be still and know that I am God."  
(Please use this time to prepare for worship in silence.)

arr. RANEY  
*Psalm 46:10*

WORDS OF WELCOME AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISCIPLESHIP

PASSING THE PEACE      "...I was a stranger and you welcomed me."  
The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.  
(The people may greet each other in the spirit of Christ.)

*Matthew 25:35b*

**And also with you.**

CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist

Come along with me as a sojourner of faith. Bring a sense of expectancy:  
a vision of high hopes, a glimpse of future possibilities, a vivid imagination.  
For God's creation is not done.

**We are called to pioneer a future yet unnamed. As we venture forward, we leave behind our desires for a no-risk life, worldly accumulations, certainty.**

Let us travel light in the spirit of faith and expectation toward the God of all hope and possibility.

**May we be witnesses to God's future breaking in.**

Let us worship God!

OPENING PRAYER

\*HYMN 463

"How Firm a Foundation"

FOUNDATION

\*CONFESSION AND PARDON

It is only by the power of God that we are able to stand against evil. Trusting in God's grace, let us make our confession. Let us pray:

**O God, our refuge and strength, forgive us when we fail to trust you. We fall to temptation; false words sway us; we speak false words of our own. We choose our ease and comfort over your demanding claims upon us and upon the world. In turning from you, we settle for less than the abundant generosity you intend. Forgive us, we pray. Hear us as we call to you and show us your salvation. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.**

Silent Confession

\*KYRIE

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

Now stand firm in your faith, covered by the saving grace of God and ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Amen.**

**THE WORD**

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Traditional)

(Page 35, *Glory to God Hymnal*)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE HEBREW TESTAMENT READING: I Kings 17:8-16

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

"Amazing Grace" (My Chains are Gone)

Fettke

THE GOSPEL SECOND READING: Mark 12:38-44

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

"Trust God First"

**THE RESPONSE**

\*HYMN 757

"Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples"

KINGSFOLD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison)

(From *Belonging to God: A First Catechism; PC(USA)*)

**Jesus called disciples to follow him. He fed the hungry, healed the sick, blessed children, befriended outcasts, required people to repent, and forgave their sins. He taught people not to fear but to trust always in God. He preached the good news of God's love and gave everyone hope for new life. As a result of his life and death and resurrection, and by the power of the Holy Spirit, we are the church. We are people who believe the good news about Jesus, who are baptized, and who share in the Lord's Supper. Through these means of grace, the Spirit renews us so that we may serve God in love.**

\*GLORIA PATRI (Hymn 581)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

"How Firm a Foundation"

arr. Tornquist

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

\*PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

**THE SENDING**

\*HYMN 306

"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

DENNIS

\*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

"Battle Hymn of the Republic"

arr. Bock

PARTICIPANTS IN WORSHIP

The Rev. Dr. Anne Hébert, Pastor  
Jerry Heiman, Liturgist  
Dennis and Sally Keeney, Ushers  
Carol Johnson, Scrib Sheafor, Greeters  
Michael Beery, Music Director  
Polly Mauer, Pianist

**Contemplative Prayer Retreat**

Please join us at **1:00PM on November 20<sup>th</sup>** if you'd like to participate in a Contemplative Prayer Retreat. We'll have 3 sessions of 20 minutes of silence with walking meditation in between each session. The whole retreat will last about 2 hours and you are welcome to join us even if you have no idea what Contemplative Prayer is. We'll talk about it before we begin. This will be a great time to explore this ancient prayer form and prepare for the holiday season in a quiet and prayerful way. We'll meet in Rev. Anne's office.



GETTING THROUGH YOUR GRIEF  
ALLAN HUGH COLE JR.

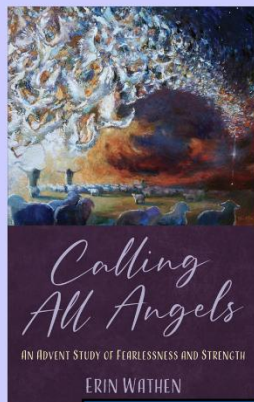
**GRIEF GROUP**

**GOOD MOURNING**

By Allan Hugh Cole, Jr.

**MONDAYS AT 2PM**

Allan Hugh Cole offers a plan of "good mourning" --a way to work through the loss and rebuild life with new strength. Cole describes what it takes to be engaged in good mourning instead of endless suffering and demonstrates how faith and prayer can be practical tools in rebuilding life after loss.



*Calling All Angels*

By Erin Wathen

Join the discussion at 9AM on Sundays during Advent (Dec. 1, 8, 15, and 22). We will plan to meet in Edwards Hall.

Books for this study are available in the church office. Cost is \$10.

Watch your emails for Sign-up.

Step into Advent with this captivating study and devotional, where angelic encounters come to life, echoing the timeless message of overcoming fear.