

# St. Andrews Presbyterian Church



November 12, 2023

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

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

November 12, 2023

10:30 A.M.

### **THE GATHERING**

PRELUDE

"God is My Strong Salvation"

THE SACRED HARP, arr. HELD

"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 (Adapted from Psalm 78:1-7, *The Message*)

Liturgist Listen,

dear friends, to God's truth, bend your ears to what I tell you. I'm chewing on the morsel of a proverb; I'll let you in on the sweet old truths, stories we heard from our fathers, counsel we learned at our mother's knee.

**We're not keeping this to ourselves, we're passing it along to the next generation – the glorious and marvelous things God has done.**

God planted a witness in Jacob, set God's Word firmly in Israel, then commanded our parents to teach it to their children so the next generation would know, and all the generations to come –

**That the generations would rise up and tell the stories so their children can trust in God. We set our hope on God and will never forget the works of God or to keep God's commandments.**

OPENING PRAYER

\*HYMN 362

"Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers"

LLANGLOFFAN

\*CONFESSION AND PARDON

As far as the east is from the west, so far does God remove our transgressions from us, says the psalmist.

**With assurance of God's healing mercies in our lives, we need not fear**

**confession, but instead come with honesty, seeking wholeness in our own lives, and in the lives of people we may have injured.**

Let us confess to God those aspects of our lives in need of God's grace, first in unison, and then in silence.

**Holy God, your way for us is clear: We are to live so that the manner of our lives speaks to your goodness, your generosity, your infinite mercy. Too often, though, we forget the purposes for which you made us. When we might meet inhumanity with the reflection of your goodness, we turn aside. We return unkindness for unkindness. We cling to what might be shared. We avoid those who are not like us. We fail to give grace in the measure we have received it. Forgive us, we pray. Remind us that your goodness is enduring, and your mercy is everlasting, for we pray all these things in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Silent Confession

\*KYRIE

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

By grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing: it is the gift of God, not the result of works, so that no one might boast.

**For we are what God has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.**

Believe the promise of the gospel: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Amen.**

### ***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)

SUNG PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION: Hymn 458 "Thy Word Is a Lamp unto My Feet"

THE HEBREW TESTAMENT READING: Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

THE GOSPEL READING: Matthew 25:1-13

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

"Grace in Managing Our Oil"

### ***THE RESPONSE***

\*HYMN 771

"What Is the World Like"

NEW WORLD

(Verses 1,3, 4 & 5)

THE REAFFIRMATION OF THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

*VIRGINIA GARDNER*

PRESENTATION

PROFESSION OF FAITH  
RENUNCIATIONS

COVENANT OF COMMITMENT OF NEW MEMBERS

You have publicly professed your faith. Will you be a faithful member of this congregation, share in its worship and ministry through your prayers and gifts, your study and service, and so fulfill your calling to be a disciple of Jesus Christ?

**I will, with God's help.**

COVENANT OF COMMITMENT OF THE CONGREGATION

Will you, as members of the church of Jesus Christ and of the St. Andrews Presbyterian Church of Beulah, Michigan, promise to love and care for Virginia, to welcome her into the fellowship of this church family; to teach her and to learn from her and, through the power of the Holy Spirit, increase her faith, confirm her hope, and encourage her in love?

**We will, with God's help.**

PRAYER

WELCOME (Congregation Unison)

**You come to us as a member of the one holy catholic church, into which you were baptized, and by which you have been nurtured. We are one with each other, sisters and brothers in the family of God. We rejoice in the God given gifts you bring to Christ's Church and to us. Welcome to this congregation, its worship and ministry.**

\*GLORIA PATRI (Hymn 581)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY "Paraphrase on a Plainsong Melody"

J. LANGLAIS

\*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 350

"Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning"

KEEP YOUR LAMPS

\*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

"Tuba Tune"

PAUL FEY

\*Those who are able, please stand.

PARTICIPANTS IN WORSHIP

The Rev. Dr. Anne Hébert, Pastor

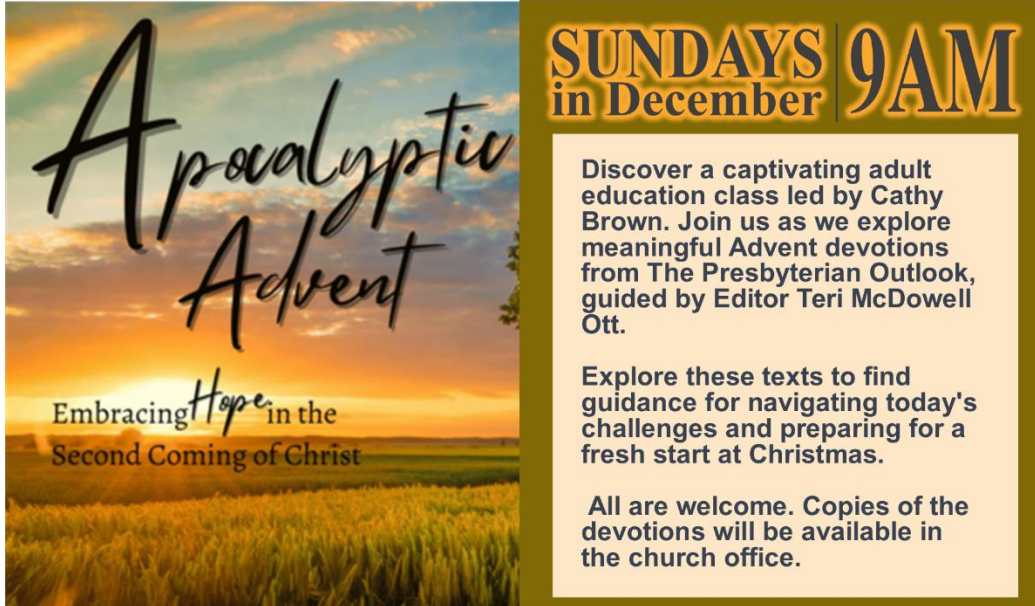
Jerry Heiman, Liturgist

Michael Beery, Music Director

Tim Quist, Piano

This week at St. Andrews:

<p><b>Today</b> 9:00 Bible Study– Organ Exploration 10:30 Worship 11:30 Harvest Potluck 4:00 A.A./Al-Anon Serenity Group</p> <p><b>Monday, November 13</b> 2:00 Grief Group</p> <p><b>Tuesday, November 14</b> 10:30 PW Bible Study 2:00 BSR Mtg 3:00 Arts on the Hill Mtg 5:00 Building &amp; Grounds Mtg</p>	<p><b>Wednesday, November 15</b> 10:00 Knitting Group 1:00 Centering Prayer Group 4:30 Choir Rehearsal</p> <p><b>Thursday, November 16</b> Carpet Cleaning in Sanctuary 10:30 PW Bible Study via Zoom 4:15 Mission Mtg</p> <p><b>Friday, November 17</b> 9:00 Men's Breakfast-Platte River Inn</p> <p><b>Sunday, November 19</b> 9:00 Bible Study 10:30 Worship 11:30 Coffee Hour 4:00 A.A./Al-Anon Serenity Group</p>
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*Apostrophe*  
*Advent*

Embracing *Hope* in the  
Second Coming of Christ

**SUNDAYS** | **9AM**  
in December

Discover a captivating adult education class led by Cathy Brown. Join us as we explore meaningful Advent devotions from The Presbyterian Outlook, guided by Editor Teri McDowell Ott.

Explore these texts to find guidance for navigating today's challenges and preparing for a fresh start at Christmas.

All are welcome. Copies of the devotions will be available in the church office.



*Fellowship*

**CHRISTMAS GATHERING**

Please sign up in the Gathering Space to bring an appetizer or dessert. Join us for a festive evening of fellowship and songs.

**FRIDAY**  
**DEC 1**  
**6:00PM**

*St. Andrews Presbyterian Church*

**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.