# St. Andrews Presbyterian Church




November 15, 2026

# 25th Sunday after Pentecost

ORDER OF WORSHIP

November 15, 2026 10:30 A.M.

## *THE GATHERING*

PRELUDE "For the Fruit of All Creation" Holstein
"*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
Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations;
**you have been our home throughout all the ages.**
You were there before the world was made and will be forever.
**From everlasting to everlasting you are God.**

OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN 687 "Our God, Our Help in Ages Past" ST. ANNE
(Verses 1 & 3-6)

*CONFESSION AND PARDON
In the light of the resurrected Christ, we see the sin of the world and of our hearts. Trusting in God's saving love, let us make our confession.

**Gracious God, see us and hear us as the straying children that we are. Gifted with sight, we miss the glory that surrounds us; gifted with conscience, we make our peace with sin; gifted with the power to think, we fall for lies that cater to our prejudices; gifted with imagination, we plod along afraid to dream or hope; gifted with love, we waste our affection on things that matter little. Forgive our misuse of life, and grant that the very act of confession itself may get us started in a new direction, lest we gain the world and lose our souls.**

Silent Confession

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

In the act of suffering, Christ absorbed our sins. In unfailing love, Christ forgives our failures. **In Christ's resurrection, God promises acceptance, assures pardon, and affirms eternal life. "Your sins are forgiven," Christ says. "Go in peace." Alleluia! Amen.**

*RESPONSE: Hymn 447 "We Are Forgiven" WE ARE FORGIVEN

We are forgiven. We are forgiven.
Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.
(Repeat)

***THE WORD***

CHILDREN'S TIME

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE HEBREW TESTAMENT READING: Judges 4:1-7

These words are trustworthy and true. **Thanks be to God.**

CHORAL ANTHEM "I Bind unto Myself Today" ST.PATRICK; DEIRDRE

I bind unto myself today
the strong name of the Trinity
by invocation of the same,
the Three in One and One in Three.

I bind this day to me forever,
by power of faith,
Christ's incarnation,
his baptism in the Jordan river,
his death on cross for my salvation,
His bursting from the spiced tomb,
his riding up the heavenly way,
his coming at the day of doom,
I bind unto myself today.

I bind unto myself today
the virtues of the starlit heaven,
the glorious sun's life-giving ray,
the whiteness of the moon at even,
The flashing of the lightning free,
the whirling wind's
tempestuous shocks,
the stable earth, the deep salt sea
around the old eternal rocks.

Christ be with me,
Christ within me,
Christ behind me,
Christ before me,
Christ beside me, Christ to win me,
Christ to comfort and restore me.
Christ beneath me,

Christ above me,
Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,
Christ in hearts of all that love me,
Christ in mouth of friend
and stranger.

I bind unto myself the name,
the strong name of the Trinity
by invocation of the same,
the Three in One and One in Three,
Of whom all nature has creation,
eternal Father, Spirit, Word.
Praise to the Lord of my salvation;
salvation is of Christ the Lord!

THE GOSPEL READING: Matthew 25:14-30
The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON "Oh, I Couldn't Do That . . . Really?"

***THE RESPONSE***

HYMN 703 "Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me" ST. CATHERINE

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison) (From *The Iona Community Worship Book*)

**We believe in God,**
**whose love is the source of all life and the desire of our lives,**
**whose love was given a human face in Jesus of Nazareth,**
**whose love was crucified by the evil that waits to enslave us all,**
**and whose love, defeating even death,**
**is our glorious promise of freedom.**
**Therefore, though we are sometimes fearful and full of doubt,**
**in God we trust:**
**And in the name of Jesus Christ, we commit ourselves**
**to seek justice and to live in peace,**
**to care for the earth**
**and to share the commonwealth of God's goodness,**
**to live in the freedom of forgiveness,**
**and the power of the Spirit of love,**
**and in the company of the faithful so to be the church,**
**for the glory of God. Amen.**

*GLORIA PATRI (Hymn 581)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD
OFFERTORY "Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me" ST. CATHERINE
*DOXOLOGY/Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow (606)
*PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

## *THE SENDING*

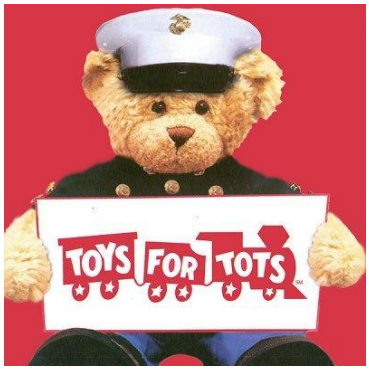
*HYMN 643 "Now Thank We All Our God" NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

*BENEDICTION (Responsive)

As you go forth from this place, remember that you are not alone.
May the Lord bless you and hold you close.
**May the God of all creation fill our hearts with abundant gratitude,**
**turning our thanksgiving from a season into a lifestyle.**
Go now with open hands, open minds, and open hearts.
**We will cling tightly to kindness, work tirelessly for justice,**
**and share God's abundant grace with a world in need.**
And may the blessing of God Almighty –
**the Creator, who sustains us,**
**the Christ, who redeems us,**
**and the Holy Spirit, who binds us together in community –**
be with you now, throughout this season of thanksgiving, to the glory of God.
**Amen.**

POSTLUDE "Now Thank We All Our God" Crude/Carter

PARTICIPANTS IN WORSHIP
The Rev. Dr. Anne Hébert, Pastor
Mac Whisner, Liturgist
Ross and Dianne Stephenson, Ushers
Cheryl and Bob Ortwein, Greeters
Diane Pharr, Online Digital Greeter
Michael Beery, Music Director
Polly Mauer, Pianist




Our area Toys for Tots leader has already brought their Christmas collection box. Any toys, games, books, etc. are needed for all ages. Each year they are always in need of more gifts for middle and high school age children, things like *Make up *Duffel bags/backpacks *Sports equipment *Phone accessories *Board games *Gift cards. We will be collecting items up until Sunday, Dec. 6.

*OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY*

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

**Monday, November 16**
3:30 Peace & Justice Mtg

**Tuesday, November 17**
1:00 PW Mtg– Favorite Books Roundtable
2:00 Finance Mtg

**Wednesday, November 18**
10:00 Knitting Group
12:30 Centering Prayer
2:00 Session Mtg
4:00 Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday, November 19**
10:00 Mission Mtg
1:00 Faith in Action Mtg

**Friday, November 20**
9:00 Men's Breakfast at Platte River Inn

**Sunday, November 22**
9:00 Sunday Bible Study
10:30 Worship
11:30 Coffee Hour
4:00 A.A./Al-Anon Mtg

*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

M EMBERS AND FRIENDS

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

BACN

BENZIE AREA CHRISTIAN NEIGHBORS

A CARING COMMUNITY OF NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS

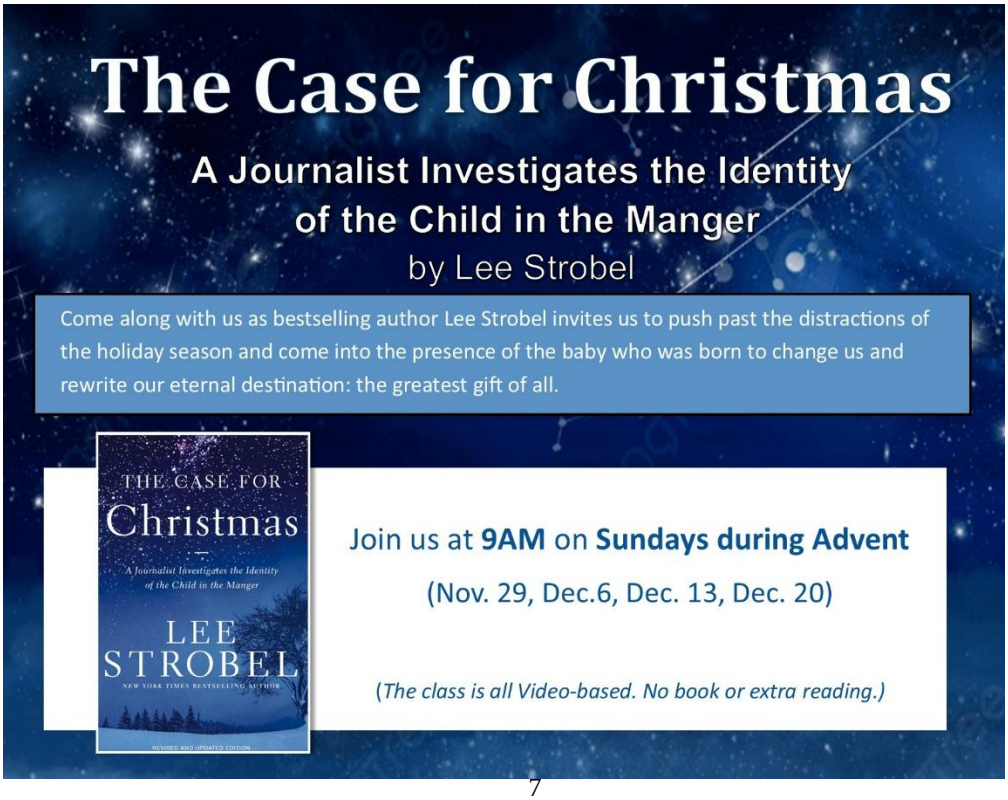



**November 15th and 22nd**

BACN Red Bags will be distributed following the church services held on November 15th and November 22nd to collect food for our neighbors in need in Benzie County. Please give generously. Thank you for your continued support.

Recommended items: Basically any items that are extra to a healthy, holiday meal.

- Cake mix,
- Frosting,
- Brownie Mix,
- Cookie Mix,
- Flour,
- Sugar,
- Canned pudding or pudding cups
- Pie Filling



One thing we're well aware of in November is Thanksgiving…not only the day of, but also a life of. To help us focus on **GRADITUDE** and share with each other God's many blessings, please write something you want to thank God for on the Post-it in your bulletin and tack it on one of the gratitude posters in the gathering space under the appropriate category.

The categories are:

- God's Creation
- People & Relationships
- Service in Community
- Your Christian Faith

