

St. Andrews Presbyterian Church



November 17, 2024

A Service of Thanksgiving

ORDER OF WORSHIP

November 17, 2024

10:30 A.M.

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

"Let All Things Now Living"
"Be still and know that I am God."

DALE WOOD
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

Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather in barns
and yet God provides for the basic sustenance of life.

May our hearts be open to trust you.

Look at the birds of the air; they neither study nor plan nor plot their course
and yet God writes the instinct for migration into their hearts.

May our eyes be open to see you.

Look at the birds of the air; they neither talk nor vote nor debate their
responsibility, yet God weaves them into communities which nurture and defend.

May our hands be open to serve you.

OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN 367

"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"

ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

*CONFESSION AND PARDON

With sincere and repentant hearts, let us name our sins against Christ and one
another. Let us pray:

**Creator God, forgive our lack of gratitude, the spiritual blindness which
prevents us from appreciating the wonder that is this world, the
endless cycle of nature, of life and death and rebirth. Forgive us for
taking without giving and reaping without sowing. Open our eyes to
see, our lips to praise, our hands to share. May our feet touch lightly on
the path we tread, and our footsteps be worthy of following, for they
lead to you. Amen.**

Silent Confession

*KYRIE

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

Siblings in Christ, God seeks the lost sheep and feeds them with justice. Forgiven and freed, turn and live in the love of Christ our Lord. **Thanks be to God! 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 8:7-18

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

"Old Hundredth"

(Congregation to join Choir for verses 1, 2, & 5)

All People That on Earth Do Dwell

1. All people that on earth do dwell,
sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;
him serve with mirth, his praise forth tell.
Come ye before him and rejoice.
2. Know that the Lord is God indeed;
without our aid he did us make;
we are his folk; he doth us feed,
and for his sheep he doth us take.
5. To Father, Son and Holy Ghost,
the God whom Heaven and earth adore,
from all and the angel host,
be praise and glory evermore.

THE GOSPEL READING: John 7:37-39

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

"A Biblical Thanksgiving Day"

THE RESPONSE

*HYMN 37

"Let All Things Now Living"

ASH GROVE

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*The Study Catechism* of the PC (USA); Questions 1, 8, 18, 23)
God wills that we should live by the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, for the love of God, and in the communion of the Holy Spirit. We understand the love and power of God through Jesus Christ. In his life of compassion, his death on the cross, and his resurrection from the dead, we see how vast is God's love for the world – a love that is ready to suffer for our sakes, yet so strong that nothing will prevail against it. We are created to live wholeheartedly for God. When we honor our Creator as the source of all good things, we are like mirrors reflecting back the great beam of love that God shines on us. We are also created to honor God by showing love toward other human beings. Entrusting ourselves wholly to God's care, we receive the grace to be patient in adversity, thankful in the midst of blessing, courageous when facing injustice, and confident that no evil may afflict us that God will not turn to our good. Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI (Hymn 581)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

"Passacaglia"

ANDRE RAISON

*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

*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

"Now Thank We All Our God"

BACH/ BIGGS

PARTICIPANTS IN WORSHIP

The Rev. Dr. Anne Hébert, Pastor
Maurine Slaughter, Liturgist
Cindy Blanchard, Durette Upton, Ushers
Larry and Margie Osborn, Jim Olson, Greeters
Michael Beery, Music Director
Tim Quist, Organist

OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY

Today

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

Monday, November 18

- 2:00 Grief Group

Tuesday, November 19

- 10:00 Membership Mtg
- 2:00 Finance Mtg
- 3:00 Women of the World Class

Wednesday, November 20

- 10:00 Knitting Group
- 12:30 Centering Prayer Group
- 1:30 Contemplative Prayer Retreat
- 4:30 Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, November 21

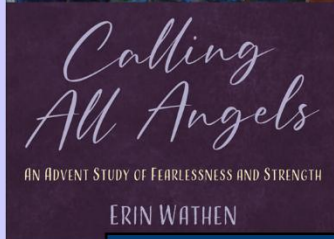
- 4:30 Mission Mtg

Friday, November 22

- 9:00 Men's Breakfast at Platte River Inn

Sunday, November 24

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



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.



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.



Peace and Justice is asking for Plastic Grocery Bags for our Migrant workers Welcome Bags that get distributed in the spring. Place them in the bin labeled for Peace & Justice in the Gathering Space. Thank You!!

Please & Thank you!

Please support the **Benzie Senior Resources** Holiday Gift Bag Program with your donations of **socks, unscented hand lotion, Protein bars, paper towels, and band-aids**. The collection will take place between November 10 and December 8, and bins are available in the Gathering Space.



Contemplative Prayer Retreat

Please join us at **1:00PM on November 20th** 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