

# St. Andrews Presbyterian Church



November 24, 2024

# Christ the King/Reign of Christ

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

November 24, 2024

10:30 A.M.

### **THE GATHERING**

PRELUDE

"All Hail the Power of Jesus Name"

HAL HOPSON

"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

Let the heavens be glad and let the earth rejoice!

**Christ will reign forever and ever.**

God has established the world, and God's realm will never be shaken.

**Christ will reign forever and ever.**

God will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with equity.

**Christ will reign forever and ever.**

The kingdom of this world has become the kingdom of our Lord.

OPENING PRAYER

\*HYMN 268

"Crown Him with Many Crowns"

DIADEMATA

\*CONFESSION AND PARDON

Trusting in the power of God not only to fashion the world but to mend and refashion our hearts, let us say how it is with us:

**Holy One, you showed us what it means to live by your reign: sharing food with the hungry, freedom with the imprisoned, justice with the oppressed, and joy with the sorrowful. We ask your forgiveness, O God, for all the ways we fail to live as people who belong to you. Show us once more what our belonging means, for you are the beginning, you are the end, and, in every time between, you fill us with grace. Amen.**

Silent Confession

\*KYRIE

**Lord, have mercy,**

**Christ, have mercy,**

**Lord, have mercy upon us.**

Beloved of God, the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. It cannot be contained, but is poured out generously. Believe this good news: **In Jesus Christ, our sin is forgiven. We will live as a people who are set free!**

### ***THE WORD***

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Traditional)

(Page 35, *Glory to God Hymnal*)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE READING FROM THE HEBREW TESTAMENT: 2 Samuel 23:1-7

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

"E'en So Lord Quickly Come"

THE GOSPEL READING: John 18:33-37

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

"Must We Have a King?"

### ***THE RESPONSE***

\*HYMN 369

"Blessing and Honor"

O QUANTA QUALIA

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison)

(Adapted from *The Confession of 1967, 9.54-55*)

**Biblical visions and images of the rule of Christ, such as a heavenly city, the household of God, a new heaven and earth, a marriage feast, and an unending day, culminate in the image of the kingdom. The kingdom represents God's triumph over all that resists the divine will and disrupts God's creation. Already, God's reign is present as a ferment in the world, stirring hope in all people and preparing the world to receive its ultimate judgment and redemption. With an urgency born of this hope, the church applies itself to present tasks and strives for a better world. It does not identify limited progress with the kingdom of God on earth, nor does it despair in the face of disappointment and defeat. In steadfast hope, the church looks beyond all partial achievement to the final triumph of God. Amen.**

\*GLORIA PATRI (Hymn 581)

### **THE REAFFIRMATION OF THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT**

*Susan Eldred, Don Greene*

PRESENTATION

COVENANT OF COMMITMENT OF NEW MEMBERS

We have publicly professed your faith. Will you be faithful members 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 Don and Susan, to welcome them into the fellowship of this church family; to teach them and to learn from them and, through the power of the Holy Spirit, increase their faith, confirm their hope, and encourage them in love?

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

PRAYER     (*The congregation is invited to raise hands in a gesture of blessing toward our new members.*)

WELCOME (Unison)

Congregation

**You come to us as members of the one holy catholic church, into which you were baptized, and by which you have been nurtured. We are one with each other 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.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

"Alleluia, Sing to Jesus"

Paul Manz

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

\*PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

***THE SENDING***

\*HYMN 363

"Rejoice, the Lord is King!"

DARWALL'S 148TH

\*BENEDICTION (Responsive)

It is not enough to acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and King.

**Our mission in life is to make his kingdom a reality among us, and to bring it to those around us by our words and deeds.**

The way to do this is to live as Christ lived:

**for others, in love and service.**

May almighty God bless you for this task in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

POSTLUDE

Improvisation on "Miles Lane"

Maurice Whitney

PARTICIPANTS IN WORSHIP

The Rev. Dr. Anne Hébert, Pastor

Marilyn Skold, Liturgist

Marty Havlin, March Dye, Ushers

Frank and Maurine Slaughter, Diane Pharr, Greeters

Michael Beery, Music Director

Tim Quist, Organist

*OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY*

**Today**

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

**Monday, November 25**

2:00 Grief Group

**Wednesday, November 27**

12:30 Centering Prayer Group  
4:30 NO Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday, November 28**

Thanksgiving Day-  
Church Office Closed



**Friday, November 29**

Church Office Closed  
9:00 Men's Breakfast at Platte River Inn

**Sunday, December 1**

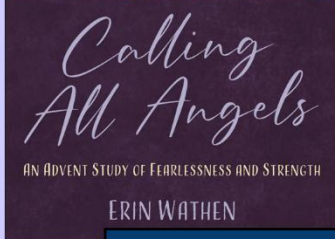
9:00 "Calling All Angels" Advent Study  
10:30 Worship  
11:30 Coffee Hour  
4:00 A.A./Al-Anon Serenity Group



The flowers today are in honor of Rev. Anne's 12<sup>th</sup> Anniversary as Pastor For St. Andrews Presbyterian Church.



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!!



## *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.



### **Christmas is Coming!**

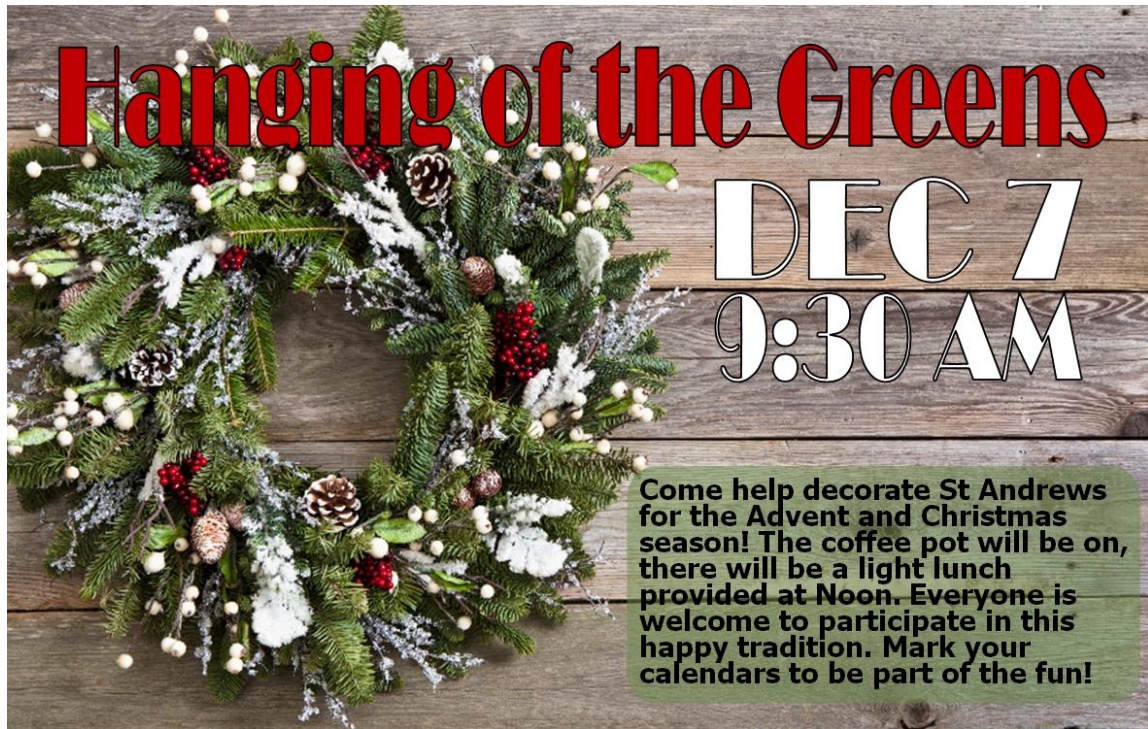
And the Plant Caretakers will be away.

Will YOU please offer to care for the Church live greenery from **December 15th - January 5th?**

Once a week will do it!

Directions in the Sacristy.  
The Ferns (plus 4 others) thank you in advance!

Please contact Pat Sheafor - 231-399-0349,  
[psheafor@gmail.com](mailto:psheafor@gmail.com).



## 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.





*Fellowship*  
**CHRISTMAS GATHERING**  
**and CAROL SING**  
**SATURDAY**  
**DEC 7**  
**6:00 PM**  
in Edwards Hall

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

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