St. Andrews Presbyterian Church



November 8, 2026

24th Sunday after Pentecost

ORDER OF WORSHIP

November 8, 2026 10:30 A.M.

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE "Change My Heart O God" arr. Raney

"*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

Come into this space just as you are – whether you feel whole, worn down, or broken into pieces.

We bring our full lives into the presence of the Great Artisan.

God is spinning the wheel, smoothing over our rough edges and crafting us into community.

We are the clay, and God is our Potter. We trust the hands that hold us.

Let us praise the One who is making all things new!

All: Amen! Let's worship together.

OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN 12 "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" ST. DENIO

*CONFESSION AND PARDON

We come before God not as despised sinners, but as beloved children. With the confidence of God's children, let us humbly confess our sin.

Like clay in the potter's hand, so we are to you, O Lord! You take the ordinary and often imperfect, and make something beautiful, molding us into the people you envision us to be. In your hands we are made new. In your hands we are made useful. You know us, Lord, better than we know ourselves. You know our thoughts; you know our words; you know our lives; you know our shortcomings. Forgive us when we fail to see your wonder and majesty; when we abuse what you have given us. Open our eyes and deepen our faith that our knowledge of you and our service to you might increase day by day. Amen.

Silent Confession

*KYRIE

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

Do not fear, says the Lord, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name; you are mine. God is doing a new thing; now it springs forth! **By the grace of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Amen.**

*RESPONSE: Hymn 695 "Change My Heart, O God" CHANGE MY HEART

1) Refrain: Change my heart, O God, Make it ever true;
Change my heart, O God, May I be like you.
2) Verse: You are the Potter, I am the clay;
Mold me and make me, This is what I pray.
3) Repeat the refrain.

THE WORD

CHILDREN'S TIME

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE HEBREW TESTAMENT READING: Jeremiah 18:1-6

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

CHORAL ANTHEM "From Jars of Clay" Patricia Mock

THE EPISTLE READING: 2 Corinthians 4:1, 6-11

The Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON "Formed by God…for What?"

THE RESPONSE

HYMN 759 "O God, We Bear the Imprint" TODOS LOS COLORES

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison) (Adapted from *A Declaration of Faith*)

We believe that in his death and resurrection, Jesus Christ broke the power of sin and death. Even when we experience adversity, persecution, or physical decay, we are secure in him. We acknowledge that our lives are fragile – like clay pots holding a holy treasure. Yet we trust that God's grace is sufficient, and God's power is made perfect in our weakness. Therefore, we do not lose heart, but live by faith in the Son of God, who loved us and gave himself up for us. Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI (Hymn 581)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" Carter
*DOXOLOGY/Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow (606)
*PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

THE SENDING

*HYMN 8 "Eternal Father, Strong to Save" MELITA

*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 "I Want Jesus to Walk with Me" Traditional Spiritual

PARTICIPANTS IN WORSHIP
The Rev. Dr. Anne Hébert, Pastor
Cheryl Ortwein, Liturgist
Jennifer and Ernie Abel, Ushers
Margie and Larry Osborn, Jerry Heiman, Greeters
Diane Pharr, Online Digital Greeter
Michael Beery, Music Director
Polly Mauer, Pianist



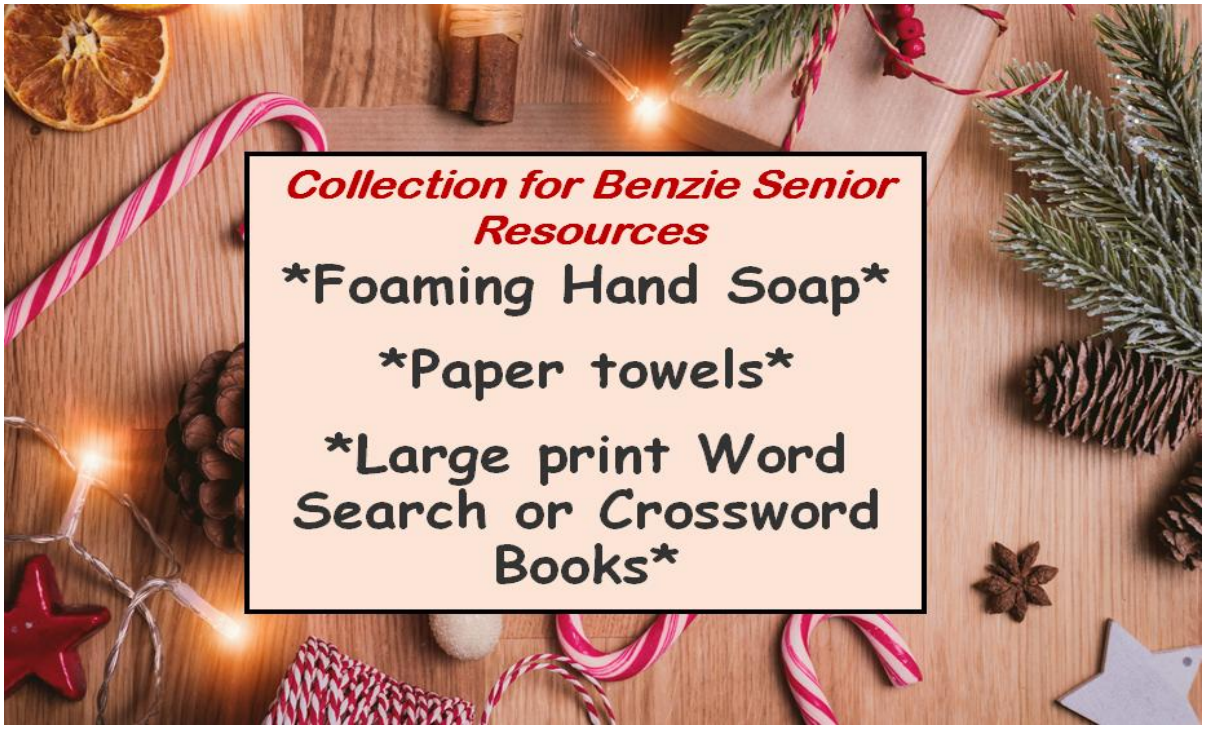
Come to Edwards Hall for Breakfast/Brunch today, following Worship.

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





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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