St. Andrews Presbyterian Church



July 6, 2025

4th Sunday after Pentecost

July 6, 2025 10:30 A.M.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE Variations on "America" Wesley

"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

This is Sabbath – we seek deep within our restful selves for re-creation.

This is Sunday – we celebrate the bright resurrection and its good news.

This is the day which God has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN 337 "My Country, 'Tis of Thee" **AMERICA**

*CONFESSION AND PARDON

The Scriptures are filled with stories of people like us: Women who questioned, men who grieved, siblings who did not get along, and parents who chose favorites. God's word of grace is meant for ordinary, everyday people. There is no need for pretense. Let us go to God in prayer. Let us pray:

God of celebrations and sorrows, we wave the flag this week and our hearts beat with pride at the stirring of trumpets and drums. Fireworks emblazon the skies, and families gather for merriment. But in too many places there is little to celebrate. People both far and near who struggle to have the basic necessities of life, while we live in abundance. Forgive us when our festivities cloud the needs of others. It is important for us to have fun, but we must never forget that you have given us a ministry and mission to offer here and now. By our attitudes and our actions, may we be people who bring hope, comfort, healing, and peace. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Silent Confession

*KYRIE

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

Your sins are forgiven; be at peace, for all things work together for good for those who love God. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! 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: I Kings 5:1-14

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

THE EPISTLE READING: Galatians 6:7-10 (Unison)

Do not be misled; God is not mocked, for you will harvest what you sow. If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh, but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. So let us not become weary in doing what is right, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, whenever we have the opportunity, let us work for the good of all, especially for those in the family of faith.

These words are trustworthy and true.

Thanks be to God.

CHORAL ANTHEM

"Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

Nettleton

THE GOSPEL READING: Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

"The Dark Wood"

THE RESPONSE

*HYMN 340 "This Is My Song"

FINLANDIA

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison)

(Adapted from the *Confession of 1967, 9.32–33*)

The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church's mission. His human life involves the church in the common life of all people. His service to men and women commits the church to work for every form of human well-being. His suffering makes the church sensitive to all human suffering so that it sees the face of Christ in the faces of persons in every kind of need. His crucifixion discloses to the church God's judgment on the inhumanity that marks human relations, and the awful consequences of the church's own complicity in injustice. In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming, the church sees the promise of God's renewal of human life in society and of God's victory over all wrong. The church follows this pattern in the form of its life and in the method of its action. So to live and serve is to confess Christ as Lord. Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI (Hymn 581)

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

Percy James Mapletoft Burke

CALL TO BAPTISM

PRESENTATION

PROFESSION OF FAITH

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

THE BAPTISM

PRAYER

WELCOME (Responsive, congregation please read **bold** print)

Percy has been received into the one holy catholic and apostolic church through baptism. God has made him a member of the household of God, to share with us in the ministry of Christ and the priesthood of all believers. Let us welcome the newly baptized. With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome you into Christ's church to share with us in his ministry, for we are all one in Christ.

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY "Materna" arr. Callahan

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

*PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

THE SENDING

*HYMN 338 "O Beautiful for Spacious Skies" MATERNA

*BENEDICTION

God is flat-out in the healing business. It often doesn't look like what we expect it to be, but it's there:

when we are able to forgive one another,
when we bring peace and wholeness
to a hurting world,
when we bring newness
to the dead and parched areas of our lives.

See, God makes all things new!
Go forth, in the strength of God's love and God's promise of grace and peace.
To God be the glory! Amen.

POSTLUDE "Finlandia" arr. Ritter

PARTICIPANTS IN WORSHIP

The Rev. Dr. Anne Hébert, Pastor
John Witt, Liturgist
John and Sandra O'Neal, Ushers
Carol Marsh, Marcia Korwin, March Dye, Greeters
Michael Beery, Music Director
Laurence Smith, Guest Organist

OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY

Today

9:00 Adult Ed Bible Study

10:30 Worship

11:30 Coffee Hour

4:00 A.A./Al-Anon Serenity Group

Monday, July 7

2:00 Grief Group

Tuesday, July 8

5:00 Building & Grounds Mtg

Wednesday, July 9

12:00 "9 Miracles" Luncheon

12:30 Centering Prayer Group

3:00 Arts on the Hill Finance Mtg

4:00 Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, July 10

9:00 PEO Mtg

9:00 Hole-Y Diggers

10:00

STAMP Wrap-up Mtg "Anxious for Nothing" Group 2:00

Friday, July 11

9:00 Men's Breakfast @ Platte River Inn

Sunday, July 8

9:00 Adult Ed Bible Study

10:30 Worship

11:30 Coffee Hour

A.A./Al-Anon Serenity Group 4:00

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

Efi Latsoudi & Lesvos Solidarity, Greece

MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

George Marsh Bob Nelson Tim Bergstrom

Barb Alldredge Nathan Carrick Emmalee Sheffield

Britta Baarstad The Navin Family Joel Hough

John Warren Robey

Dee Miller

Linda Koch Evelyn Sengelaub

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Scrib Sheafor Family of Erik Nielsen

Family of Rev. Jim Boehm