St. Andrews Presbyterian Church



August 24, 2025

11th Sunday after Pentecost

August 24, 2025 10:30 A.M.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE "Brethren, We Have Met to Worship"

Holy Manna Psalm 46:10

"Be still and know that I am God."

(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 (Responsively – from Psalm 103)

Liturgist

Bless the Lord!

Bless the Lord O my soul, and all that is within me, bless God's holy name!
Bless the Lord!

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all God's benefits,

Who forgives all your iniquity,

who heals all your diseases,

who redeems your life from the pit,

who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,

who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN 475

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

NETTLETON

*CONFESSION AND PARDON

Christ our Lord asks us to open our hearts with vulnerability and repentance and to ask for the ability to amend our ways. In Christ's name, let us pray:

Transforming God, too often we have been afraid to speak out against the injustices of this world. We have worshipped in ways that made us feel good rather than honor you in word and deed. Forgive us and show us the path to faithful living. Show us how to build beloved and just communities. Teach us how to do your work in this world. Empower us to grow love, faith, and hope so that we may rise like the noonday sun with your glory. Amen.

Silent Confession

*KYRIE: Hymn 437

You are the Lord, giver of mercy, You are the Christ, giver of mercy, You are the Lord, giver of mercy. Your sins are forgiven by the faith of Christ, who chose love over hatred and forgiveness over blame. Let us rejoice and be glad, for God's mercy is great. **Jesus brings healing, justice and peace. 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 READING FROM HEBREW TESTAMENT: Isaiah 58:9b-14

The Word of God. The Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

CHORAL ANTHEM

THE GOSPEL READING: Luke 13:10-17

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON "Straightened by Grace"

THE RESPONSE

*HYMN 762 "When the Poor Ones" EL CAMINO

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Responsively)

A Declaration of Faith (9.4)

Jesus broadened the definition of neighbor to include those ordinarily despised and excluded. His life in behalf of others led to persecution and death.

He commanded his disciples to live the same way. We believe Christ gives us and demands of us lives that recognize all people in all cultures as our neighbors on this planet.

Christ teaches us to go beyond legal requirements in serving and helping our neighbor, to treat our neighbor's needs as our own, to care passionately for the other's good, to share what we have.

It is part of our discipline to live in simplicity, avoiding greed and luxury that threaten our neighbor's survival. We are obligated to speak the truth in love, to listen with patience and openness, to love our enemies, and to accept the risk and pain which love involves. Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI (Hymn 581)

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

Nettleton/Carter

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

*PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

THE SENDING

*HYMN 838 "Standing on the Promises" PROMISES

*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 "Jesus Messiah" Larson



PARTICIPANTS IN WORSHIP

The Rev. Dr. Anne Hébert, Pastor Cheryl Taylor, Liturgist Sharron Smith, Sally Keeney, Ushers Jim and Elaine Trent, March Dye, Greeters Ruby and Skylar Anderson, Acolytes Michael Beery, Music Director Polly Mauer, Pianist



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SAVE THE DATE!

Cass Community Social Services Mission Trip October 14-16, 2025

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OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY

Today

9:00 Adult Ed Bible Study

10:30 Worship

11:30 Coffee Hour

11:30 Special Session Mtg

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

Monday, August 25

2:00 Grief Group

Tuesday, August 26 10:30 "Outlook" article discussion-Joy!

Wednesday, August 27

Centering Prayer Group 12:30

Session Meeting 2:00

4:00 Choir Rehearsal Thursday, August 28

Visitation for Rev. Jim Boehm @ 12:00

Frankfort United Methodist

Memorial Service for Rev. Jim 1:00

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Friday, August 29

9:00 Men's Breakfast @ Platte River Inn

Sunday, August 31

9:00 Adult Ed Bible Study

10:30 Worship

11:30 Coffee Hour

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

PRAYER LIST

MILITARY: All of our US Military deployed and

their families.

INTERNATIONAL PEACEMAKERS:

Rev. Jerome Bizimana & the people of

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

Bob Nelson Tim Bergstrom

Barb Alldredge Nathan Carrick

Emmalee Sheffield Britta Baarstad

Joel Hough

Kristin Lehoullier

Pat Sheafor

Isabella Atkisson

Steve Grace Kristian Webster

Don Mead

June and Tom Jass

The Navin Family Tim, Sarah, Tilly and

Family

Cathy Mosher Linda Koch

Evelyn Sengelaub

Laura and Bryan Sheffield

John Warren Robey Amber Sheffield Martha Campbell Gwen Baarstad Ro Gregory Susan Eldred

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Family of Jim Boehm Family of George Marsh The Children's Christian Ed Ministry Team is once again organizing a school supplies drive for donations to needy schools in Benzie County. The school secretaries really appreciate having extra school supplies to distribute to children when they run out of their own supplies. Now is a great time to watch the back-to-school sales and pick up items for our collection. Please leave your donations in the



black "School Supplies" barrel in the Gathering Space. Thank you in advance for helping us!

Children's Christian Ed MT



Join us in reading an article or two and then gathering to dicuss the interesting topic.

(Articles will be made available to you before we meet.)

Watch for sign up information!

10:30AM on the following Tuesdays JULY 1

Staying Curious: Developing a Lifelong Sense of Wonder and Awe

JULY 15

The Epidemic of Loneliness: Finding Ways to Connect, Understand and See

JULY 29

Nonviolence: The Principles of Kingian Nonviolence

AUGUST 12

Public Theology: Our Outward Witness as Followers of Christ

AUGUST 26

Joy: The State of Joy