

# St. Andrews Presbyterian Church



September 15, 2024

# 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost

September 15, 2024

10:30 A.M.

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### **THE GATHERING**

PRELUDE

"Great is Thy Faithfulness"  
"Be still and know that I am God."

Runyan/Raney  
*Psalm 46:10*

(Please use this time to prepare for worship in silence.)

WORDS OF WELCOME AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISCIPLESHIP

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP: Jim Trent

PASSING THE PEACE

*"...I was a stranger and you welcomed me."*

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

All that we are is a gift from God.

**The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it.**

All that we have is a gift from God.

**The world, and those who live in it;**

There are no words to describe the wonders of God's creation.

**For God has founded it on the seas.**

Let us rejoice as we join together in praise of God's great gifts.

**God has established it on the rivers.**

OPENING PRAYER

\*HYMN 364

"Lift Up the Gates Eternal"

GILU HAGALILIM

\*CONFESSION AND PARDON

God's mercy is deeper than the deepest sea, and God's grace is wider than the whole earth. Trusting in God's mercy and grace, let us make our confession before God and each other. Let us pray:

**Holy God, we open our hearts to you this day and offer the truth of our lives:  
The fear that stifles us, the prejudice that blinds us, the ignorance that hobbles us,  
the lack of generosity that diminishes us, the doubt that plagues us. We pray  
that you will help us find courage in unlikely places, see the world with new and  
gracious eyes, move to places where love is needed, and to have faith that you  
are with us. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

Silent Confession

\*KYRIE

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

Hear the Good News: we are forgiven! We are set free to go into the world and be the loving, generous, hopeful people of God! **Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Amen**

### ***THE WORD***

#### CHILDREN'S TIME

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Traditional) (Page 35, *Glory to God Hymnal*)  
SINGING WITH THE CHILDREN: "Jesus Loves Me" (Hymn 188)

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE READING FROM THE PSALMS: Psalm 24  
The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### CHORAL ANTHEM

THE GOSPEL READING: Matthew 25:14-30  
The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

#### SERMON

"Well Done"

### ***THE RESPONSE***

\*HYMN 716 "God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending" BEACH SPRING

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison) (From the *Belhar Confession*)

**We believe that God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ; that the church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, that the church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker, that the church is witness both by word and by deed to the new heaven and the new earth in which righteousness dwells; that God's life-giving Word and Spirit has conquered the powers of sin and death, and therefore also of irreconciliation and hatred, bitterness and enmity; that God's life-giving Word and Spirit will enable the church to live in a new obedience which can open new possibilities of life for society and the world. Amen.**

\*GLORIA PATRI (Hymn 581)

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

#### OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD AND MAKING OUR PRAYERFUL PLEDGES FOR 2025

(You are invited to come forward with your offering and/or pledge card and place it in the basket; if you have already made your monetary pledge, you may also make another form of commitment to bring forward, writing it on the back of the pledge card.

You might make a commitment to a Bible study,  
to make prayer more central in your life,  
to serve on a Ministry Team or in another charity, or  
to make a place in your life for more connection to God.

You could commit to visit the homebound,  
to be present more often in worship or  
to accomplish something you've been meaning to do for God.)

COMMITMENT HYMN 708 "We Give Thee but Thine Own"

SCHUMANN

\*DOXOLOGY/Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow (592)

\*PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS (Unison)

**God of the universe and of all the earth, although our offerings are sums of substance, we are the gifts you desire. Unfold our hopes, open us to service, use us well. Lead us as your church on this great adventure! Magnify our giving as we rejoice in your gracious presence among us. In the name of the One who will bring in the tomorrow we have yet to see, your Promised Day. Amen.**

***THE SENDING***

\*HYMN 134

"Joy to the World"

ANTIOCH

\*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

"Amen"

Schrader

PARTICIPANTS IN WORSHIP

The Rev. Dr. Anne Hébert, Pastor

Melissa Havlin, Liturgist

Ted and Barb Fisher, Ushers

Jeri Bushong, Darby Moreno, Ky Webb, Greeters

Michael Beery, Music Director

Polly Mauer, Pianist



Join Benzie Faith in Action for a "Reverse Debate" **Sunday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2 PM at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church in Beulah.** We will be joined by our candidates for public office from U.S. Congress down to local municipalities to discuss issues core to Benzie County such as Housing, Mental Health Care, and Internet Access. What is a "reverse debate"? Simple! A reverse debate is the opposite of a typical debate in two ways: 1. Instead of fighting about what we disagree on, we seek common ground. 2. Instead of us sitting quietly and listening to the candidates, **THEY** listen to US!

Please join us! Light refreshments will be served. All are welcome.



*Saturday*  
**SEPTEMBER 28**  
**10:00 AM - 3:00 PM**

- Arts & Crafts*
- Children's Corner*
- Granny's Attic Resale*
- Christmas Store*
- Homemade Baked Goods*
- Books & C.D.'s*
- Grandpa's Garage Resale*
- Silent Auction*
- Cookies by the pound*
- Children's Books*
- ... and much, much more*

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**8190 Lincoln Rd. Beulah**

**BAZAAR**

Items for the Bazaar may be brought to Edwards Hall Sept. 1.  
 The Bazaar is Saturday, **Sept. 28 10-3.**  
 Thank you for your support!

Chris Jahr

**SILENT AUCTION**

Items for the Silent Auction may be brought to the church **Sunday Sept. 1.** The Silent Auction will be held in the Gathering Space before and after church **Sept. 8, 15 & 22.**

Jessica Gardner & Chris Jahr

*OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY*

**Today**

- 9:00 Sunday Bible Study
- 10:30 Worship
- 11:30 Potluck - Silent Auction



- 4:00 A.A./Al-Anon Serenity Group
- 6:00 Benzie Chorus Rehearsal

**Monday, September 16**

- 2:00 Grief Group
- 4:00 BSR Mtg
- 4:30 Adult Ed Mtg

**Tuesday, September 17**

- 10:00 Meditation Trail Mtg
- 3:00 Women of the Word Class

**Wednesday, September 18**

- 10:00 Knitting Group
- 12:30 Centering Prayer Group
- 2:00 Session Mtg
- 4:30 Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday, September 19**

- 9:30 Hole-Y Diggers
- 4:30 Mission Mtg

**Friday, September 20**

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

**Saturday, September 21**

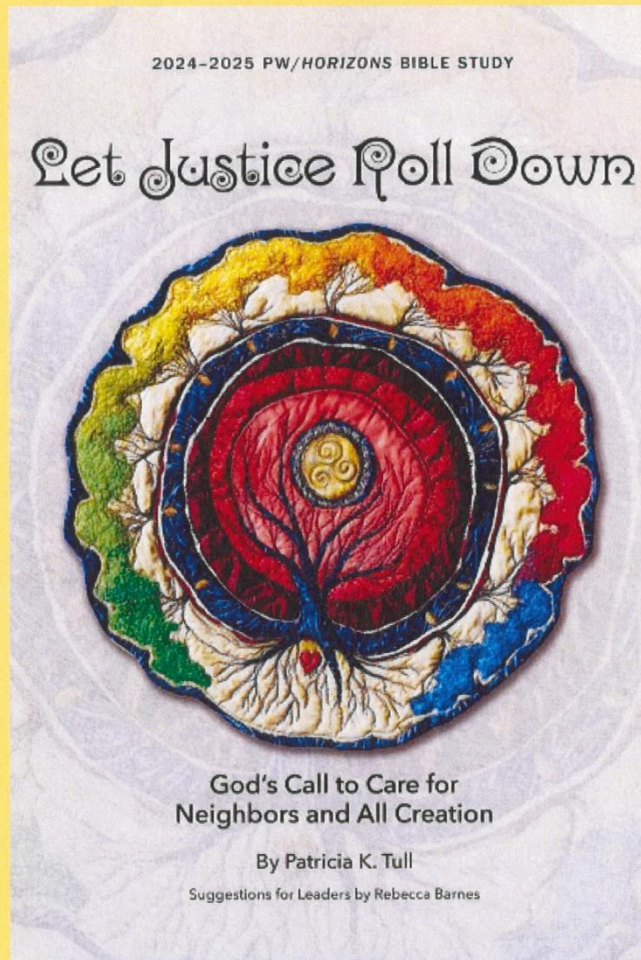
- 9:00 Faure Requiem Rehearsal
- 1:30 Visitation for Dave Long
- 2:30 Memorial Service for Dave Long

**Sunday, September 22**

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

# Let Justice Roll Down

God's Call to Care for Neighbors and All Creation



Classes will meet once a month as follows:

**Tuesday at 10:30am online (Zoom)**

Sep. 10, Oct. 8, Nov 12, Dec. 10,  
Jan. 14, Feb. 11, Mar. 11, Apr. 8,  
and May 13.

**OR**

**Thursday at 10:30am onsite**

Sep. 12, Oct. 10, Nov. 14, Dec. 12,  
Jan. 16, Feb. 13, Mar. 13, Apr. 10,  
and May 15.

Cost of book is \$10.

Watch for sign-up information!

Join us as we explore God's call to care for our neighbors and for creation. We will learn about ecological systems, accelerated climate change, and possibilities to address the human-made stress on our environment. Exploring theological questions will point us to act and engage, in small and large ways.