

St. Andrews Presbyterian Church



September 21, 2025

15th Sunday after Pentecost

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10:30 A.M.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

"O God Beyond All Praising"
"Be still and know that I am God."

Holst/Hayes
Psalm 46:10

(Please see the insert for words to meditate on before worship.)

WORDS OF WELCOME AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISCIPLESHIP

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT: Building and Grounds

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 (Responsive)

Turn us, O God,

away from the world's temptations and distractions.

Return us, O God,

to the quiet calm of your presence.

Restore us, O God,

to the path you call us to follow.

Orient us, O God,

to the hope of all that is possible through you.

OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN 10

"Sing Glory to the Name of God"

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*CONFESSION AND PARDON

Let us honestly acknowledge how we have gone astray and confess our sins to God. Let us pray:

God, our refuge, you lift up the lowly and hold out hope to the hopeless. Yet we who receive your grace so freely do not follow your example. We are quick to judge, eager to criticize, slow to show mercy. We gather and keep for ourselves what was meant to be shared. We diminish and dehumanize those around us. God of us all, hear this confession. Receive it. We ask for your forgiveness. Amen.

Silent Confession

*KYRIE (Sung one time.)

You are the Lord, giver of mercy.

You are the Christ, giver of mercy,

You are the Lord, giver of mercy.

Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. **In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Alleluia! Amen.**

THE WORD

CHILDREN'S TIME

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Traditional)

(Page 35, *Glory to God Hymnal*)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE HEBREW TESTAMENT LESSON: Amos 8:4-7

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

CHORAL ANTHEM

"My Soul Doth Magnify the Lord"

Pretorius

THE GOSPEL READING: Luke 16:1-13

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

"Divided Loyalties"

THE RESPONSE

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: (Unison)

(from *A Brief Statement of Faith*)

In a broken and fearful world God's Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, Come, Lord Jesus! Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI (Hymn 581)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD AND MAKING OUR PRAYERFUL PLEDGES FOR 2026

(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 participate in a Bible study, to make prayer a more central part of your life, to volunteer at the church or another organization, 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 church or to accomplish something you have been meaning to do for God.)

COMMITMENT HYMN 697

"Take My Life "

HENDON

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

*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 your service, use us well. Lead us as your church on this great adventure of dreaming big for your will and your way! Magnify our giving as we make a joyful noise to your gracious presence among us. In the name of the One who was born the Light of the world. Amen.

THE SENDING

*HYMN 700

"I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"

I'M GONNA LIVE

*BENEDICTION (Responsive)

We are the Body of Christ: Hands, feet, heart, lungs.

We breathe, we move, we act.

In this world, we bear witness:

To mercy, to love, to the persistent hope of God.

May the nourishment of God's Word help us to dream big!

May the accountability of the Christian community help us give back.

May the guidance of God's Holy Spirit fortify us today and always.

Alleluia! Amen.

POSTLUDE

"My Soul Cries Out (Canticle of the Turning)"

Coney/Hayes

Words for Meditation

"Canticle of the Turning"

My soul cries out with a joyful shout,
That the God of my heart is great,
And my spirit sings of the Wondrous things,
That you bring to the ones who wait.
You fixed your sight on your servant's plight,
And my weakness you did not spurn.
So from east to west shall my name be blest,
Could the world be about to turn?
My heart shall sing of the day you bring,
Let the fires of your justice burn.
Wipe away all tears for the dawn draws near,
And the world is about to turn!

Though I am small, my God, my all,
You work great things in me.
And your mercy will last, from the Depths
Of the past, to the end of the age to be.
Your very name puts the proud to shame,
And to those who would for you yearn.
You will show your might,
Put the strong to flight,
For the world is about to turn.
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PARTICIPANTS IN WORSHIP

The Rev. Dr. Anne Hébert, Pastor
 Carol Johnson, Liturgist
 Ted and Barb Fisher, Ushers
 Fred and Cheryl Taylor, Joanne Beare, Greeters
 Ruby and Skylar Anderson, Acolytes
 Michael Beery, Music Director
 Polly Mauer, Pianist

<i>OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY</i>																											
<p>Today 9:00 Adult Ed Bible Study 10:30 Worship 11:30 Coffee Hour 4:00 A.A./Al-Anon Serenity Group</p> <p>Monday, September 22 2:00 Grief Group</p> <p>Wednesday, September 24 12:30 Centering Prayer Group 4:00 Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>Thursday, September 25 12:30 Faith in Action Mtg 2:00 Adult Ed-"Tending the Wild Garden"</p> <p>Friday, September 26 9:00 Men's Breakfast @ Platte River Inn</p> <p>Saturday, September 27 9:30 Requiem Rehearsal</p> <p>Sunday, September 28 9:00 Adult Ed Bible Study 9:45 Cass Mission Trip Mtg 10:30 Worship 11:30 Potluck- Whistle Stop Day Care 4:00 A.A./Al-Anon Serenity Group</p>																										
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<p>MILITARY: All of our US Military deployed and their families.</p> <p>INTERNATIONAL PEACEMAKERS : Rev. Jerome Bizimana & the people of Rwanda Rev. Butros Zaour & family & Majd Lahham, Damascus, Syria</p> <p>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</p>	<p>MEMBERS AND FRIENDS</p> <table> <tr> <td>Bob Nelson</td><td>The Navin Family</td></tr> <tr> <td>Tim Bergstrom</td><td>Tim, Sarah, Tilly and Family</td></tr> <tr> <td>Barb Alldredge</td><td>Cathy Mosher</td></tr> <tr> <td>Nathan Carrick</td><td>Linda Koch</td></tr> <tr> <td>Britta Baarstad</td><td>Evelyn Sengelaub</td></tr> <tr> <td>Joel Hough</td><td>Laura and Bryan Sheffield</td></tr> <tr> <td>John Warren Robey</td><td>Martha Campbell</td></tr> <tr> <td>Pat Sheafor</td><td>Gwen Baarstad</td></tr> <tr> <td>Steve Grace</td><td>Susan Eldred</td></tr> <tr> <td>Kristian Lehoullier</td><td>Scrib Sheafor</td></tr> <tr> <td>Joan Wathern</td><td>Family of George Marsh</td></tr> <tr> <td>Suzie Anderson</td><td>Family of Sandra Campbell</td></tr> <tr> <td>Family of Don Mead</td><td>Family of Rosaeann Gregory</td></tr> </table>	Bob Nelson	The Navin Family	Tim Bergstrom	Tim, Sarah, Tilly and Family	Barb Alldredge	Cathy Mosher	Nathan Carrick	Linda Koch	Britta Baarstad	Evelyn Sengelaub	Joel Hough	Laura and Bryan Sheffield	John Warren Robey	Martha Campbell	Pat Sheafor	Gwen Baarstad	Steve Grace	Susan Eldred	Kristian Lehoullier	Scrib Sheafor	Joan Wathern	Family of George Marsh	Suzie Anderson	Family of Sandra Campbell	Family of Don Mead	Family of Rosaeann Gregory
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Cass Community Social Services Mission

Trip

October 14-16, 2025

There will be a brief meeting at **9:45 am** Sunday morning, **September 28th**, in the church Fellowship Hall by the bookshelves. Please plan to attend if you intend to be part of the CASS team this year.

Thank you.

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