

St. Andrews Presbyterian Church

Hop on the Soul Train



September 27, 2026

18th Sunday after Pentecost

September 27, 2026

10:30 A.M.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

"Bind Us Together"

Gillman/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

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT: Cathy Stephenson

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)

Liturgist

Listen, people of God! **Hear the wonders of our Creator!**

God split the sea; **walls of water towered above.**

God guided our ancestors in faith: **Clouds by day, lightning by night.**

God split open the rock; **water flowed like rivers.**

God split open the heavens and met earth. **God meets us still.**

OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN 81

"Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"

AUSTRIAN HYMN

*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

Lord, have mercy,

Christ, have mercy,

Lord, have mercy upon us.

God extends mercy beyond what we deserve and grace beyond what we can earn.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. We are part of God's new creation!

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 GOSPEL READING: Matthew 21:23-32

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

CHORAL ANTHEM

"This Train"

Spiritual

THE HEBREW TESTAMENT LESSON: Exodus 17:1-7

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Running the Gauntlet of Grace"

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 2027

(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 more central in your life, to volunteer at the church or for another organization, or to make a place 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)

THE SENDING

*HYMN 36

"For the Fruit of All Creation"

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*BENEDICTION (Responsive)

As you go forth from this place, remember that the ticket has been paid,
the track has been laid, and the whistle is blowing.

**God has called us together to get on board this train bound for glory –
a journey fueled by grace, powered by faith,
and sustained by the generous gifts of our hearts and lives.**

So stand tall, step forward, and commit your journey to the Conductor of our salvation.

**Let us pack light on worry, carry heavy on hope,
and let our pledges be a declaration that we are “all in” for the ride.**

And now, may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the joyful fellowship of the Holy Spirit, keep you on the right track,
moving forward in Christ’s love, both now and forevermore.

Amen.

POSTLUDE

“I Will Call Upon the Lord”

Hayes



PARTICIPANTS IN WORSHIP

The Rev. Dr. Anne Hébert, Pastor
Jennifer Abel, Liturgist
Melissa Havlin, March Dye, Ushers
Ted and Barb Fisher, Greeters
Diane Pharr, Online Digital Greeter
Michael Beery, Music Director
Polly Mauer, Pianist

Congregational Meeting:

The Session of St. Andrews Presbyterian Church hereby calls a Congregational Meeting for Sunday, October 11, 2026, at 11:30 AM, immediately following the worship service, in the Sanctuary.

The sole purpose of this meeting is to receive the report of the Congregational Nominating Committee for the Class of 2029.



Spaghetti Dinner

Sunday, October 4, 2026
following Worship
12:00pm

Sign up sheets are in the Gathering Space

OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY

Today

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

Tuesday, September 29

6:30 Readers Theater Rehearsal

Wednesday, September 30

12:30 Centering Prayer Group
 4:00 Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, October 1

2:00 "I Am" Class
 2:00 Congregational Care Leaders Mtg

Friday, October 2

9:00 Men's Breakfast at Platte River Inn

Sunday, October 4

9:00 Sunday Bible Study
 10:30 Worship
 11:30 Spaghetti Potluck
 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 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

M EMBERS AND FRIENDS

Bob Nelson	The Navin Family
Tim Bergstrom	Tim, Sarah, Tilly and Family
John Warren Robey	Casey Beal and Family
Kristin Lehoullier	Peter Navin
Suzie Anderson	Linda Koch
Cathy Lane	Evelyn Sengelaub
Vickie Smith	Laura and Bryan Sheffield
Bobbie Edwards	Gwen Baarstad
Sara Crane	Dottie Patterson
Sara Bruce	John Sappington
Olivia Dann	Chris (Harris) Bint
Richard Hug	Dave Maxton
Mary Heglin	Susan Eldred



TRUNK or TREAT

Sunday
OCTOBER 25th
3:30 PM - 5:00 PM

St. Andrews Presbyterian Church 8190 Lincoln Rd. Beulah, MI 49617



COSTUMES CANDY FREE HOT DOG DINNER REFRESHMENTS

Trunk or Treat will be held here on **Oct. 25**. Mark your calendars now! We need approximately 15 "Trunks" to distribute candy. We are always looking for new members to help out the dedicated list of volunteers we have tapped over the years. This is a great gift to our community and we have hosted this event for many, many years. We always send home a sack lunch of hotdogs and chips with anyone who wants to take one also. You will hear more details on the event next month. We will be collecting candy to help supply our "Trunks" in October.

BENZIE FAITH IN ACTION

REVERSE DEBATE

Where OUR Candidates Listen to US!

Where we demand solutions to the housing crisis, mental health crisis, and other issues impacting rural Michigan



Sunday

September
27th 2026



2 PM

First Congregational
Church of Benzonia UCC

CONFIRMED CANDIDATES INCLUDE:

JOCelyn BENSON, CANDIDATE FOR GOVERNOR
MIKE ROGERS, CANDIDATE FOR US SENATE
CALLIE BARR, CANDIDATE FOR US CONGRESS

OTHER INVITED CANDIDATES INCLUDE:

ABDUL L SAYED, CANDIDATE FOR US SENATE
JOHN JAMES, CANDIDATE FOR GOVERNOR
US CONGRESSMAN JACK BERGMAN
STATE SENATOR DON BUMSTEAD
STATE REPRESENTATIVE BETSY COFFIA
STATE REPRESENTATIVE JOHN ROTH

They work for us. Let's make sure they know it!

For information:

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