

# St. Andrews Presbyterian Church



September 28, 2025

# 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

September 28, 2025

10:30 A.M.

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### **THE GATHERING**

PRELUDE

"Fairest Lord Jesus"

*"Be still and know that I am God."*

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

Raney

*Psalm 46:10*

WORDS OF WELCOME AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISCIPLESHIP

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT: Arts and Music

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)

You who live in the shelter of the Most High,  
who abide in the shadow of the Almighty, say to the Lord:

**My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust.**

The Lord executes justice for the oppressed, gives food to the hungry,  
sets the prisoners free, opens the eyes of the blind,

**lifts up those who are bowed down, watches over those who are estranged,  
and upholds the orphan and the widow.**

The Lord loves the righteous,

**but the way of the wicked God brings to ruin.**

Gather, people of God, let us pursue righteousness, godliness,

**faith, love, endurance, and gentleness.**

**Let all generations praise the Lord!**

OPENING PRAYER

\*HYMN 43

"You Who Dwell in the Shelter of the Lord"

ON EAGLE'S WINGS

\*CONFESSION AND PARDON

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

**We need to confess, God of Abraham and Lazarus, how often we are not content with the simple gifts and lives you offer. Tempted by everything, we become insensitive to people who have nothing. Encouraged by the world to accumulate more, we miss the chance to gather your goodness and godliness. Chasing after all that has no value, we don't have the energy to pursue the faith, the love, the gentleness you have for us. Forgive us, God of Reversals. You have sent Jesus Christ, to whom we need to listen and who speaks the words of life. Help us remember how you have redeemed us, and in remembering, may we speak the truth that Jesus Christ is Lord and Savior, now and forever. 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.**

This is the good news that comes from God: I will hear your prayers, I will answer with hope and peace, I will deliver you from your sins. **God has covered us with grace, and under God's hope we will find shelter. 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 LESSON FROM THE PSALMS: Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16

These words are trustworthy and true.

**Thanks be to God.**

CHORAL ANTHEM

THE GOSPEL READING: Luke 16:19-31

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

"It's Only a Parable"

### ***THE RESPONSE***

\*HYMN 757

"Today We are All Called to be Disciples"

KINGSFOLD

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: (Unison)

(From *A Brief Statement of Faith*)

**We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

\*GLORIA PATRI (Hymn 581)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

"Your Who Dwell in the Shelter of the Lord"

Joncas/Carter

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

\*PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

## ***THE SENDING***

\*HYMN 630

"Fairest Lord Jesus"

CRUSADERS' HYMN

\*BENEDICTION (Responsive)

Go now and take hold of the life that really is life.

**We will shun the eagerness for money and be rich in good works.**

**We will pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness.**

And may God be your refuge and fortress;  
May Christ Jesus free you from all that ensnares you;  
And may the Holy Spirit provide you with everything  
for faithful living and contentment.

**We go in peace to love and serve the Lord!**

**Amen.**

POSTLUDE

"Thy Word is a Lamp Unto my Feet"  
Words for Meditation

Smith/Grant

### **"Thy Word is a Lamp Unto my Feet"**

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path,  
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

When I feel afraid,  
Think I've lost my way,  
Still you're there right beside me.  
And nothing will I fear,  
As long as you are near.  
Please be near me to the end.

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path,  
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

I will not forget  
Your love for me and yet,  
My heart forever is wandering.  
Jesus be my guide  
And hold me to your side.  
I will love you to the end.

Nothing will I fear as long as you are near.  
Please be near me to the end.

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path,  
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path,  
And a light unto my path.  
You're the light unto my path.

## PARTICIPANTS IN WORSHIP

The Rev. Dr. Anne Hébert, Pastor  
 Paul Walters, Liturgist  
 Sharron Smith, Sally Keeney, Ushers  
 Mac and Marilyn Whisner, Wanda Smigiel, Greeters  
 Michael Beery, Music Director  
 Polly Mauer, Pianist

<i>OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY</i>			
<p><b>Today</b>                      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> <p><b>Monday, September 29</b>                      12:30 Adult Ed Mtg                      2:00 Grief Group                      5:30 Session Dinner</p> <p><b>Tuesday, September 30</b>                      9:00 Session Retreat</p> <p><b>Wednesday, October 1</b>                      10:00 Knitting Group                      12:30 Centering Prayer Group                      4:00 Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p><b>Thursday, October 2</b>                      9:30 Hole-Y Diggers                      2:00 Adult Ed—"Tending the Wild Garden"</p> <p><b>Friday, October 3</b>                      9:00 Men's Breakfast @ Platte River Inn</p> <p><b>Saturday, October 4</b>                      9:30 Requiem Rehearsal</p> <p><b>Sunday, September 28</b>                      9:00 Adult Ed Bible Study                      10:30 Worship                      11:30 Potluck—Whistle Stop Day Care                      4:00 A.A./Al-Anon Serenity Group</p>		
<i>PRAYER LIST</i>			
<p>MILITARY: All of our US Military deployed and their families.</p> <p>INTERNATIONAL PEACEMAKERS :                      Rev. Jerome Bizimana &amp; the people of Rwanda                      Rev. Butros Zaour &amp; family &amp; Majd Lahham, Damascus, Syria</p> <p>MISSION CO-WORKERS:                      Mark Adams &amp; Miriam Maldonado Escobar, &amp; their children: Cindy Yessenia, Anna Flor &amp; Nathan—Frontera de Cristo; Douglas AZ                      Efi Latsoudi &amp; Lesvos Solidarity, Greece</p>	<p>MEMBERS AND FRIENDS</p> <table> <tr> <td>                             Bob Nelson                              Tim Bergstrom                              Barb Alldredge                              Nathan Carrick                              Britta Baarstad                              Joel Hough                              John Warren Robey                              Pat Sheafor                              Steve Grace                              Kristin Lehoullier                              Joan Wathern                              Suzie Anderson                              Tamara Cas                              Family of Don Mead                         </td><td>                             The Navin Family                              Tim, Sarah, Tilly and Family                              Cathy Mosher                              Linda Koch                              Evelyn Sengelaub                              Laura and Bryan Sheffield                              Martha Campbell                              Gwen Baarstad                              Scrib Sheafor                              Marcia Korwin                              Dottie Patterson                              Austen Rauch                              Family of George Marsh                         </td></tr> </table>	Bob Nelson Tim Bergstrom Barb Alldredge Nathan Carrick Britta Baarstad Joel Hough John Warren Robey Pat Sheafor Steve Grace Kristin Lehoullier Joan Wathern Suzie Anderson Tamara Cas Family of Don Mead	The Navin Family Tim, Sarah, Tilly and Family Cathy Mosher Linda Koch Evelyn Sengelaub Laura and Bryan Sheffield Martha Campbell Gwen Baarstad Scrib Sheafor Marcia Korwin Dottie Patterson Austen Rauch Family of George Marsh
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# TRUNK *or* TREAT

*Sunday*  
**OCTOBER 26th**  
4:00 PM - 5:00 PM

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



**COSTUMES CANDY FREE HOT DOG DINNER REFRESHMENTS**

Halloween is coming and we are hosting "Trunk or Treat". Please sign up in the Gathering Space to help with this event.

We do NOT need candy this year due to a huge donation from BACN.

## *SAVE THE DATE*

**SUNDAY**  
**Oct. 12**  
**3:00 PM**

**Benzie Area  
Festival Choir  
and Orchestra**

