

St. Andrews Presbyterian Church



September 8, 2024

16th Sunday After Pentecost

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10:30 A.M.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"
"Be still and know that I am God."

Gordon Young
Psalm 46:10

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

WORDS OF WELCOME AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISCIPLESHIP
MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP: Keith Griffioen

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

In deep gratitude we come to worship God.

We recognize God as the source of all goodness.

All good gifts come from the Spirit of God:

love, peace, joy, patience, kindness, gentleness are all of God.

We come with grateful hearts, not for things, but for who God is.

We gather to give God glory in song and prayer.

OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN 36

"For the Fruit of All Creation"

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*CONFESSION AND PARDON

God knows us completely. God knows our hearts and discerns our thoughts. Let us then confess what we carry within us that does not honor God or God's path of righteousness. Let us pray:

God, you have given each of us many gifts, but sometimes we cannot recognize which gift we have to share, so we hide it under a bushel. You remind us that all gifts are needed, but sometimes we let ourselves be convinced that some gifts are more valuable than others. You call us to work, to live, to love together as parts of one body, but sometimes we decide that our understanding limits membership in the body. For the times we have ignored or mislabeled your gifts, for the times we have cut another off from the body, and for the times we have diminished our own gifts, we ask your forgiveness and grace. Amen.

Silent Confession

*KYRIE

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

God is the giver of MANY gifts, and is the Creator of the ONE body. God is slow to anger and quick to forgive. God helps us share and honor the gifts of all by helping us heal the wounds and reunite the body. **We are forgiven, loved, and accepted. 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 GOSPEL READING: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23
The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

CHORAL ANTHEM

THE EPISTLE READING: I Corinthians 12:1-11
The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"I Could Never Do That"

THE RESPONSE

*HYMN 314

"Christ, Be Our Light"

CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison)

(From *A Declaration of Faith 5.5 & 7.2*)

The early Christians recognized a diversity of abilities and functions as gifts of the Spirit. Some were tempted to use these gifts to serve their own needs and ambitions to form elite groups who looked down on others. But the gifts were given for the common good, to build up the community in love and to equip it for its mission in the world. We are convinced that the Holy Spirit still calls people to various offices in the church and gives diverse gifts to believers. We are to use them to speak and embody plainly the gospel of Christ in the world. No gift is of value without love.

We recognize the true church of Jesus Christ wherever the work of the Spirit is evident: in preaching and sacraments, in the new life and continuous growth of believers, in the sharing of spiritual gifts and material things, in mission and service to the world. Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI (Hymn 581)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

"The King of Love"

Eugene Englert

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

*PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

THE SENDING

*HYMN 707

"Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord"

HALL

*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

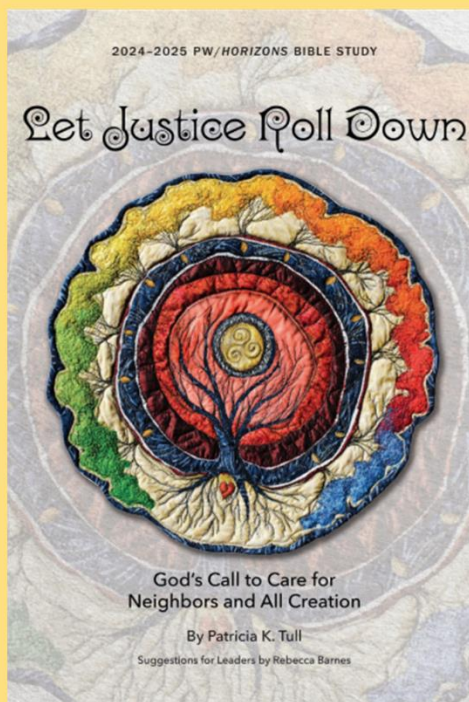
"CWM Rondda"

Wilbur Held

PARTICIPANTS IN WORSHIP

The Rev. Dr. Anne Hébert, Pastor
Scott Gravelie, Liturgist
Paul and Marcia Walters, Ushers
Ron and Jeri Bushong, Susie Hammer, Jerry Heiman, Greeters
Michael Beery, Music Director
Tim Quist, Organist

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.



Fellowship Potluck

Welcome to New Members

Sunday, September 15, 2024
11:30 am

The church will provide Baby Back Ribs
Please Sign up in Gathering Space

NAME	#	SALAD	VEGETABLE	ROLLS/BREAD	DESSERTS	CLEAN-UP



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

- Arts & Crafts*
 - Children's Corner*
 - Granny's Attie Resale*
 - Christmas Store*
 - Homeade 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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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