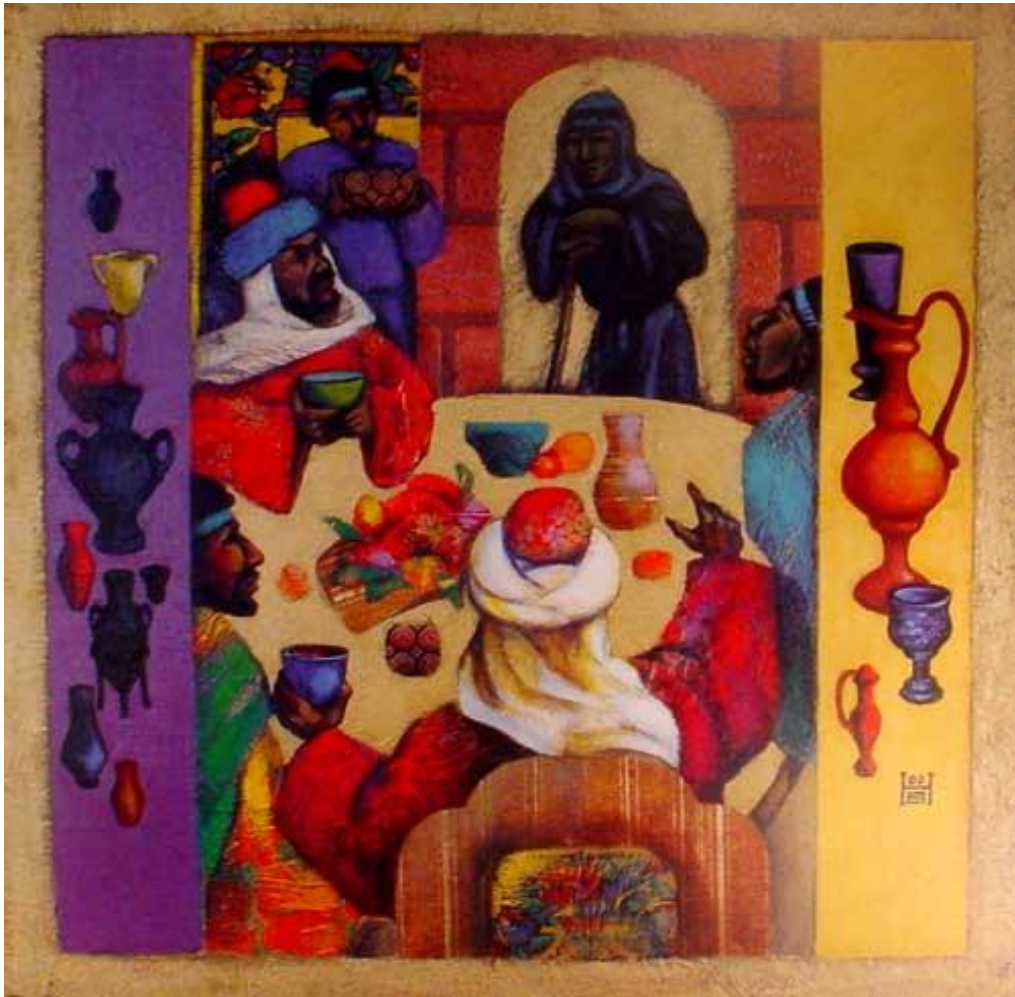


St. Andrews Presbyterian Church



“The Wedding Feast”
By Kazakhstan Artist, Nelly Bube

October 11, 2026

20th Sunday after Pentecost

October 11, 2026

10:30 A.M.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

Prelude on "Terra Beata"
"Be still and know that I am God."
(Please use this time to prepare for worship in silence.)

arr. Chapin
Psalm 46:10

WORDS OF WELCOME AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISCIPLESHIP

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

Liturgist

Hallelujah! Thank GOD! And why?
Because God is good, because God's love lasts.
But who on earth can do it –
proclaim GOD's mighty acts, broadcast all God's praises?
**You're one happy person when you do what's right;
when you form the habit of justice.**
This is the day the Lord has made;
Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN 370

"This Is My Father's World"

TERRA BEATA

*CONFESSION AND PARDON

Let us come before the throne of God, the mercy seat, with all of our humanity, open to the peace of promised forgiveness. Let us pray:

Please do not weary of us, O God. We once again open before you the shadowy places of our lives and seek the healing of your light. Forgive us when we corrode love, bruising those closest to us. Forgive us when we turn cowardly at the summons of justice. Forgive us when we let hope and joy leak from our lives and fray the ties of community. Forgive us when we forsake the peace the world cannot give for the loneliness, emptiness, and anxiety it can. With your mercy, bring us into humility and gratitude. Restore our souls to singing, our hearts to loving, and our hands to doing justice. May we know in our deepest being that nothing can separate us from your grace and love enfleshed in Jesus the Christ. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

*KYRIE

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

The God of peace, who calls all creation to live in unity, hears your plea. In the mercy of Almighty God, you are forgiven. **For the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior, who died and rose from the dead to destroy the shroud of despair, we rejoice! Alleluia! Amen.**

THE WORD

CHILDREN'S TIME

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Traditional)

(Page 35, *Glory to God Hymnal*)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE HEBREW TESTAMENT READING: Exodus 32:1-14

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

CHORAL ANTHEM

"Shepherd, Savior, Lord"

Showalter/Nolan

THE GOSPEL READING: Matthew 22:1-14

The Word of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

"The Scandal of the Wedding Feast"

THE RESPONSE

*HYMN 282

"Come Down, O Love Divine"

DOWN'S AMPNEY

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.32-33)

The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church's mission. His human life involves the church in the common life of all people. His service to humanity commits the church to work for every form of human well-being. His suffering makes the church sensitive to all human suffering so that it sees the face of Christ in the faces of persons in every kind of need. His crucifixion discloses to the church God's judgment on the inhumanity that marks human relations, and the awful consequences of the church's own complicity in injustice. In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming, the church sees the promise of God's renewal of human life in society and of God's victory over all wrong. The church follows this pattern in the form of its life and in the method of its action. So to live and serve is to confess Christ as Lord. Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI (Hymn 581)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

Prelude on "Down Ampney"

arr. Held

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

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

THE SENDING

*HYMN 753

"Make Me a Channel of Your Peace"

PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS

*COVENANT OF THE CONGREGATION (Unison)

**Let us go out into the streets and the byways of the world,
to proclaim the feast of God's grace is ready,
and to extend the invitation to everyone we meet, without exception.**

**As we go, let us be clothed in the garments of Christ:
compassion, kindness, humility, and the fruits of active faith.**

**We will not be indifferent to God's calling,
but live as people who have been chosen to bear Christ's love into the world.**

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Allegro Maestoso"

Peeters

PARTICIPANTS IN WORSHIP

The Rev. Dr. Anne Hébert, Pastor
Sandra O'Neal, Liturgist
Barb Alldredge, March Dye, Ushers
Dave and Kim Main, Caroline Nielsen Greeters
Diane Pharr, Online Digital Greeter
Michael Beery, Music Director
Laurence Smith, Organist

OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY	
Today 9:00 Sunday Bible Study 10:30 Worship 11:30 Congregational Meeting 12:00 Coffee Hour 4:00 A.A./Al-Anon Serenity Group Monday, October 12 3:30 Adult Ed MT Mtg Tuesday, October 13 10:30 Ad Ed Class—"United Through Christ, Bound to Each Other" 5:00 Building & Grounds Mtg 6:30 Readers' Theater Rehearsal	Wednesday, October 14 12:30 Centering Prayer 4:00 Choir Rehearsal Thursday, October 15 2:00 "I Am" Class 3:30 Mission MT Mtg Friday, October 16 9:00 Men's Breakfast at Platte River Inn Sunday, October 18 9:00 Sunday Bible Study 10:30 Worship 11:30 Coffee Hour 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	MEMBERS 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 Vickie Smith Evelyn Sengelaub Bobbie Edwards Laura and Bryan Sheffield Sara Crane Gwen Baarstad Sara Bruce Dottie Patterson Olivia Dann John Sappington Richard Hug Chris (Harris) Bint Mary Heglin Dave Maxton Jessica Gardner Susan Eldred

Congregational Meeting Today

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.



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.

The next meeting of PW will be

Tuesday, October 20, 2026, 1pm

at Judy Ross' home

1111 Gorham Ct.

Beulah, MI

We will have Seasonal Appetizers with Chef Hallet

St. Andrews Readers' Theater presents:

"WAITING FOR THE EVENING TRAIN"

A program based on Bruce Catton's book "Waiting for the Morning Train" and James Thurber's "The Secret Life of Walter Mitty."

"Youth waits for the morning train and old age waits for the night train, both bound for an unknown destination." - Bruce Catton



Tuesday, October 27, 2026

7:00pm

St. Andrews Presbyterian Church

8190 Lincoln Rd.

Beulah, MI