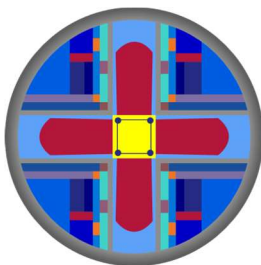


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**St. Andrews**  
Presbyterian Church

# **A Service of Worship for the Lord's Day**

## **Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost**

**October 29, 2023**

### **We Gather to Worship God**

Welcome to St. Andrews Presbyterian Church! If you are visiting, please complete a Visitor's Card found in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate. Prayer cards are also available, and we invite you to list your concerns and place them in the offering plate as well. Our Minister and our Prayer Team will pray for your concerns.

#### **Chiming of the Hour and Introit**

#### **Call to Worship**

Leader: Our hearts are lifted up toward God.

**People: God created all that is!**

Leader: We celebrate that great love of God.

**People: God gifted us with God's only son, Jesus the Christ.**

Leader: Rejoice and be glad today!

**People: Our hearts and spirits praise God for all God's blessings. Amen.**

#### **Invocation and the Lord's Prayer**

Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come.

Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

\*Opening Hymn #795

"Healer of Our Every Ill"

### **We Acknowledge Our Brokenness and Seek Reconciliation with God**

Preparing Our Hearts for Confession - "Confession"

Words/Music by Kenneth Jones

(front cover of hymnal)

Lord, I come before you, asking your forgiveness. I am broken, I have faltered. I have turned from you.

Create in me a new heart. Fill me with your love. Grant that I receive your grace, I pray.

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Amen.

#### **Prayer of Confession (Unison)**

Merciful God, it isn't easy for us to follow the commandments of loving. Jesus said the greatest commandment is to love God and to love our neighbors. But we have allowed misunderstanding, fear, hatred, and prejudice to cloud our spirits, turning them away from those who need our love. We place a test before you, asking that you prove your love to us, or we threaten not to believe in you. Please forgive us for this foolishness and stubbornness. Give us the courage to be people who will care for others. Let us dedicate our lives in your service, always aware of your awesome love for us. This we ask in Jesus' Name.

#### **Time of Silent Reflection and Personal Prayer of Confession**

Leader: And all the people of Christ say, **People: Amen.**

**\*Assurance of Pardon**

Leader: Though our hearts were hardened to the needs of others, God has touched them with God's compassionate care, healing our wounds and giving courage and strength to our souls. Be assured that God's love is poured out for you and rejoice!

People: Thanks be to God!

**\*Thanks for God's Forgiveness (#647; no repeats)**

Give thanks with a grateful heart; give thanks to the Holy One; give thanks because we're given Jesus Christ, the Son. And now let the weak say, "We are strong"; let the poor say, "We are rich because of what the Lord has done for us!" Give Thanks! Give Thanks!

**\*Passing of the Peace**

Leader: Grace to you, and peace from God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

**We Respond to God's Faithfulness in Our Life**

Offering Our Lives to Jesus through Our Time, Gifts, and Resources

Offertory

**\*Doxology (#606)**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

(Children that have not yet finished 1<sup>st</sup> Grade are dismissed at this time for Children's Church)

**God's Word Is Read and Proclaimed**

Special Music

"No Night There"

Chancel Choir

Dan Forrest

*Presented in recognition of All Saint's Day (Nov.1<sup>st</sup>), in memory of those who have gone before us, especially those from this past year.*

Scripture Reading

Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18; Matthew 22:34-40

Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

Proclamation of God's Word

Jeff Gilstrap

"What We Think, We Become"

**Responding to God's Word**

**\* Affirmation of Our Faith (Nicene Creed – Unison)**

We believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible; And in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, begotten from the Father before all worlds, light of light, very God of very God, begotten not made, of one substance with the Father, through Whom

all things were made, Who because of us men and for our salvation came down from the heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary and was made man, and was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate, suffered and was buried, and rose again on the third day according to the Scriptures and ascended to heaven, and sits on the right hand of the Father, and will come again with glory to judge living and dead, Whose kingdom will have no end; And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and life-giver, Who proceeds from the Father, Who with the Father and the Son is together worshipped and together glorified, Who spoke by the prophets; We believe one holy Catholic and apostolic Church. We confess one baptism for the remission of sins; we look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Responsive Hymn #203

“Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love”

Preparing Our Hearts for Prayer (#471)

“O Lord, Hear My Prayer”

O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer. When I call answer me.

O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and listen to me.

Time of Reflection, Meditation, Personal Prayer

Shirley Caligan

### Sending Out Into the World

\*Sending Hymn #754

“Help Us Accept Each Other”

\*Charge and Blessing

\*Congregational Benediction #536 (v.4)

“Rise, O Church Like Christ Arisen”

\*Postlude

\* Congregation Standing

Sanctuary Flowers – the flowers were placed in the sanctuary today by the Chancel Choir, in memory of their friend Jack Bagwell, who has recently been promoted to the “Heavenly Choir”.

Thank you for choosing to worship with us today. We hope you were blessed so you can go and be a witness to Christ's love in the world. May your spirits be renewed for the days ahead.



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