


**November 18,
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**St. Andrews
Presbyterian Church**

11:00 AM

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SAINT ANDREWS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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“Loving People to New Life in Christ”

With God's grace, St. Andrews strives to be a growing inclusive community of faith, working together, sharing Jesus' love, and using our gifts to build and nurture a spiritual community.

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRAYER OF PREPARATION ~ for your personal reflection before worship.

Holy One, there is no God like you. In praise and thanksgiving, we come before you ready to learn of your power, ready to follow your path for our lives. Through days of jubilation as well as dejection, help us realize your influence in the world we ask simply for ears to hear, eyes to see, and minds to comprehend the blessings you bestow. Amen.

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

ENTRANCE OF WORSHIP LEADERS

CHORAL INTROIT

I Was Glad

Joseph M. Martin

GREETING

St. Andrews Presbyterian Church extends a warm welcome in the name of Christ to all who worship with us today. If you are interested in joining our church family, please speak to one of our elders, or you may call the church office during the week.

Whether you are a first-time visitor or a long-time member, you can help us in our ministry by signing the worship registration pad, placed at the aisle end of your pew.

Please join us for our annual THANKSGIVING DINNER following worship. We will gather in our Fellowship Hall for great food and fellowship..

ANNOUNCEMENTS OF OUR LIFE TOGETHER

ORGAN PRELUDE Rondeau on “Royal Oak”

Arr: Michael Helman

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist: My strength is exalted in my God. Despite sorrows and sadness, anxieties and vexations, we praise your name, O Lord.

People: For the power of the Lord gives me strength, and the love of the Lord gives me hope.

Liturgist: With Hannah, the mother of sorrows, we bless the name of the Lord, today and forever. From the rising of the sun to its setting, God is with us.

People: Blessed be the name of the Lord. We praise your holy name, O God.

Liturgist: From Hannah, the mother of joy, we learn the bounty of unwavering hope.

People: Let your servant find favor in your sight, O Lord.

Liturgist: Hardship is a constant companion. We must rely on the selfless example of Christ to show us the way to truth, life, and love. Amen.

*HYMN My Lord! What a Morning No. 352

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Rock of Salvation, you give children to the barren and strength to the feeble; you exalt the poor and lift up the needy. We praise your holy name from morning to night, yet we build walls that separate us: from you, from one another, from the world, even from ourselves. We place stumbling blocks in the way of goodness and truth. We are led astray by promises of earthly treasure. We confess our fallibility and seek solace in the mother of our joy. Teach us to pray and praise without pause, confessing hope ceaselessly. Guide us in our efforts to encourage one another, to work together for good in the world, and to prepare for the day of the Lord

SILENT PRAYERS

DECLARATION OF GOD’S PARDON

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE Gloria Patri Hymnal No. 581

*THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

Pastor: Christ offers peace to all who will accept it. Share the love of God and encourage one another with hope as you greet one another in faith:

The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Jesus Loves Me, This I Know

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

Pastor Stacey

(Children, please come forward at the singing of "JESUS LOVES ME.")

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER HYMN

Sanctuary

No. 701

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

CHORAL ANTHEM

Thankful

Josh Grogan/Arr: Tom Fettke

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Hebrews 10:11-25

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SERMON

Rev. Dr. Stacey Shaffer Jones

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

No. 39

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

We Gather Together

Arr: Matthew H. Corl

DOXOLOGY Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

No. 606

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Unison)

Today, O Lord, we offer you our sacrifice of time, energy, and love, knowing full well they are mere tokens of the awesome faith you inspire within us. Accept these gifts, that they may continue the good work in Christ - in our church, in our community, and in the world. Blessed be the name of the Lord!

WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD TO SERVE

*HYMN

Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee

No. 629

*CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

I Will Always Give Thanks

John Carter

Extinguishing the candles of worship and taking the light of Christ into the world.

POSTLUDE

Now Thank We All Our God

J. Cruger/M. Corl

When you see an * please stand as you are able.

Today's Servants

Pastor

Rev. Dr. Stacey Shaffer Jones

Organist:

Francene Beall

Music Director:

Mark Camacho

Liturgist:

Alex Jones

Ushers:

Alex Jones and Martin Cloutier

PRAYER CONCERNS

Keep these folks in your prayers this week: Dick and Aggie (joy in expecting their 13th great grand child), Jan, Julie, Dale and Dex in the death of Virginia Bohn, Dick O'Neill (in rehab), Gail Estes (treatment for hives), Betty DeShazer (continued treatment for blood clots in lungs), Rita Kelly, Karl Wilmers, Dolores Wilmers, John Lucero, Don and Olga Fluke, Marian Korup, Jerry Barton, Sally Shaffer, Marlene Watson (Francene's sister, spine and foot surgeries), Jean Ann Beall (Francene's sister-in-law, stage 4 breast cancer), Sue McPherson

Keep Marine 2nd Lt. Randy Luedke in your prayers, as well as all other active duty and veteran personnel, firefighters, EMTs, and police officers, the victims of violence in our country; victims of the California fires. Pray for peace for those countries suffering from war and conflict; the ongoing conflicts and violence in our own community, all our government officials, the hungry and the homeless.

Anniversaries

Junior and Mary Jane Elder, November 25, 1982

Birthdays

Myron Wilson, November 18th

Tom Luedke, November 22nd

Cassy Duer, November 25th

Thank You

Everyone who stayed for our "after church gathering" last Sunday got to enjoy Betty DeShazer's pumpkin cake, which also had a bowl of miracle whip to go with it, plus an apple pie, as well as some crackers to use with the meat and cheese mini pieces she brought in. Thank you Betty for providing all of these great snacks. Everyone enjoyed them and the time spent with church family and friends.

Kathy

Fellowship Hall

Election of Officers

Election of officers for the class of 2021 will be December 2nd following worship. Nominees from the Nominating Committee are: Sharon McDaniel, first 3-year term; Jo Ann Miller, Bob Bodenheimer and Jan Schiesser, each renewing for a second 3-year term.

Calendar

Today, November 18-

11:00 - Worship, Stewardship Sunday

Thanksgiving Dinner following worship

Thursday, November 22-

7:00 - HAPPY THANKSGIVING

Sunday, November 18-

11:00 - Worship