

St. Andrew Worship

Christ the King Sunday

November 20, 2022

Dial: 669 900 9128
Zoom Meeting ID: 831 688 4211
Password: 9850
Use *6 to unmute your phone

Meeting Time
Sunday at 10:30 AM Worship

We are glad that you are worshipping online with us this morning and pray that your experience here is a blessing to you. If you are a visitor and want to know more about the church, please visit our website for more information and to contact us: www.aptospresbyterianchurch.org

Welcome and Announcement

*Call to Worship (*Responsive*)

The love of God is more splendid than purple mountain majesties.

God's word of grace fills the spacious skies.

The amber waves of grain remind us of God's abundant care.

Above the fruited plain is God's eternal love for all of creation.

In every nation, in every heart, God is moving and working.

Let our songs rise, and let God's praise be heard from sea to shining sea as together we worship the Living God.

*Hymn 37

"Let All Things Now Living"

Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving to God our Creator triumphantly raise;

Who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us, by guiding us on to the end of our days.

God's banners are o'er us; pure light goes before us, a pillar of fire shining forth in the night:

Till shadows have vanished, all fearfulness banished, as forward we travel from light into light.

By law God enforces, the stars in their courses, the sun in its orbit obediently shine;

The hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains, the depths of the ocean proclaim God divine.

We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing; with glad adoration, a song let us raise,

Till all things now living unite in thanksgiving: to God in the highest, hosanna and praise!

Call to Confession

What can we confess that God does not already know? But confession is good for the soul, and it is healing to receive forgiveness. So let us admit our human weakness before our God. Let us pray...

Prayer of Confession (*Unison*)

Almighty God; you love us, but we have not loved you; you call, but we have not listened. We walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped up in our own concerns. We have gone along with evil, with prejudice, with injustice and with greed.

O God, help us to face up to ourselves, so as you move toward us in mercy, we may repent, turn to you and receive forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Our prayers are accepted even as we are stilled in the presence of God and quieted in the peace of Christ.

With awe we recognize our incredible value in the graciousness of God's mercy and love for each one of us.

Thanks be to God. ***Amen.***

Anthem

"You Are the Christ"

St. Andrew Choir

*Hymn 367

“Come, Ye, Thankful People”

*Come, ye thankful people, come; raise the song of harvest home.
All is safely gathered in, ere the winter storms begin.*

*God, our Maker, doth provide for our wants to be supplied.
Come to God's own temple, come; raise the song of harvest home.*

*All the world is God's own field, fruit in thankful praise to yield,
wheat and tares together sown, unto joy or sorrow grown.*

*First the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall appear.
Lord of harvest, grant that we wholesome grain and pure may be.*

*For the Lord our God shall come, and shall take the harvest home;
from each field shall in that day all offenses purge away;*

*Give the angels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast,
but the fruitful ears to store in God's garner evermore.*

*Even so, Lord, quickly come to thy final harvest home.
Gather thou thy people in, free from sorrow, free from sin,*

*There forever purified, in thy presence to abide: come,
with all thine angels, come; raise the glorious harvest home!*

Prayer of Illumination

Gracious God, we call upon you to open our eyes and hearts to your Word and your Spirit today, so we may be able to discern your guiding voice and to seek to be your faithful, thankful servants. Stir our imaginations and help us to be your creative stewards, in sharing your Good News, in word and deed. **Amen.**

Old Testament Lesson:

Jeremiah 32:1-15

The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord in the tenth year of King Zedekiah of Judah, which was the eighteenth year of Nebuchadnezzar. 2 At that time the army of the king of Babylon was besieging Jerusalem, and the prophet Jeremiah was confined in the court of the guard that was in the palace of the king of Judah, 3 where King Zedekiah of Judah had confined him. Zedekiah had said, “Why do you prophesy and say: Thus says the Lord: I am going to give this city into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall take it; 4 King Zedekiah of Judah shall not escape out of the hands of the Chaldeans but shall surely be given into the hands of the king of Babylon and shall speak with him face to face and see him eye to eye, 5 and he shall take Zedekiah to Babylon, and there he shall remain until I attend to him, says the Lord; though you fight against the Chaldeans, you shall not succeed?”

6 Jeremiah said, “The word of the Lord came to me: 7 Hanamel son of your uncle Shallum is going to come to you and say, ‘Buy my field that is at Anathoth, for the right of redemption by purchase is yours.’ ” 8 Then my cousin Hanamel came to me in the court of the guard, in accordance with the word of the Lord, and said to me, “Buy my field that is at Anathoth in the land of Benjamin, for the right of possession and redemption is yours; buy it for yourself.” Then I knew that this was the word of the Lord.

9 And I bought the field at Anathoth from my cousin Hanamel and weighed out the silver to him, seventeen shekels of silver. 10 I signed the deed, sealed it, got witnesses, and weighed the silver on scales. 11 Then I took the sealed deed of purchase containing the terms and conditions and the open copy, 12 and I gave the deed of purchase to Baruch son of Neriah son of Mahseiah, in the presence of my cousin Hanamel, in the presence of the witnesses who signed the deed of purchase, and in the presence of all the Judeans who were sitting in the court of the guard. 13 In their presence I charged Baruch, saying, 14 “Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Take these deeds, both this sealed deed of purchase and this open deed, and put them in an earthenware jar, in order that they may last for a long time. 15 For thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Houses and fields and vineyards shall again be bought in this land.”

Offertory

"A Prayer of Peace" by Jon Raybould

Coty Catlin & Eileen Mihm

Doxology

Offering Prayer

Most giving and forgiving God, you provide for our every need. You open our lips to offer praise. You strengthen our hands to respond to Christ's call. With hearts, hands and voices renewed by your Spirit, we bring now to you our commitment to serve. Use us in ways that will benefit others, and accept what we offer as a sign of our faith. In Christ we pray. Amen.

*Hymn 643

"Now Thank We All our God"

*Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things hath done, in whom this world rejoices;*

*Who, from our mothers' arms, hath blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.*

*O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful heart and blessed peace to cheer us;*

*And keep us in God's grace, and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ill sin this world and the next.*

*All praise and thanks to God, who reigns in highest heaven,
to Father and to Son and Spirit now be given:*

*The one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore,
the God who was, and is, and shall be evermore.*

Benediction