

St. Andrew Worship

September 24, 2023

Sunday at 10:30 AM

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*)

Open your hearts to God's loving mercy.

Lord, come into our hearts this day.

Having received God's mercy, bring that love to others.

Lord, be with us as we reach out to others in compassion.

Feel your spirits filled with the goodness of God.

Lord, we thank you for the many blessings which you pour into our lives. AMEN.

*Hymn 41

"O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!"

O worship the King, all glorious above!

O gratefully sing God's power and God's love:

Our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,

Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

O tell of God's might; O sing of God's grace,

whose robe is the light, whose canopy space,

Whose chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form;

and bright is God's path on the wings of the storm.

The earth with its store of wonders untold,

Almighty, your power has founded of old;

Established it fast by a changeless decree,

and round it has cast, like a mantle, the sea.

Your bountiful care what tongue can recite?

It breathes in the air; it shines in the light;

It streams from the hills; it descends to the plain,

and sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,

in you do we trust, nor find you to fail;

Your mercies, how tender, how firm to the end,

our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.

Service Online

Join on Zoom:

Dial: 669 900 9128

Meeting ID: 831 688 4211

Password: 9850

Use *6 to unmute your phone

Live Streaming on YouTube:

@standrewpresbyterianchurch4863

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Gracious God, forgive us when we grumble and complain against your goodness as the Israelites did in the desert, as the elder brother did to his father, as the workers in the field did to the landowner. We judge and weigh your gifts according to our standards. We often question your fairness instead of receiving your grace with thanksgiving and joy. Help us to see your world through your eyes and with your spirit of generosity and grace, that we may welcome the chance to serve in your kingdom and all who join with us. Forgive us, Lord, in your grace and mercy through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Time for silent reflection.

Assurance of Grace (Responsive)

The Lord is good to all, and his compassion is over all that he has made.
For by grace, you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing;
it is the gift of God — not the result of works, so that no one may boast.
Friends, believe the good news of the gospel!
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Alleluia!

Response: Gloria Patri (Unison)

Special Music

"Shout Amen!"

St. Andrew Choir

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

(Please unmute to signal you want to share a prayer request)

"O Lord, Hear My Prayer"



O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer. When I call, an - swer me.



O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and lis-ten to me.

*Help us accept each other as Christ accepted us;
teach us as sister, brother, each person to embrace.
Be present, Lord, among us and bring us to believe
we are ourselves accepted, and meant to love and live.*

*Teach us, O Lord, your lessons, as in our daily life
we struggle to be human and search for hope and faith.
Teach us to care for people, for all, not just for some,
to love them as we find them, or as they may become.*

*Let your acceptance change us, so that we may be moved
in living situations to do the truth in love;
to practice your acceptance until we know by heart
the table of forgiveness, and laughter's healing art.*

*Lord, for today's encounters with all who are in need,
who hunger for acceptance, for justice and for bread,
we need new eyes for seeing, new hands for holding on:
renew us with your Spirit; Lord, free us; make us one!*

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Illumination (*Responsive*)

Gracious God, give us humble, teachable, and obedient hearts, that we may receive what you have revealed, and do what you have commanded.

Amen.

First Lesson:

Psalm 145:1-8

¹ I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever. ² Every day I will bless you, and praise your name forever and ever. ³ Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; his greatness is unsearchable. ⁴ One generation shall laud your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts. ⁵ On the glorious splendor of your majesty, and on your wondrous works, I will meditate. ⁶ The might of your awesome deeds shall be proclaimed, and I will declare your greatness. ⁷ They shall celebrate the fame of your abundant goodness, and shall sing aloud of your righteousness. ⁸ The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

This is the word of the lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hold Fast

David Robinson

Lively

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Second Lesson: Matthew 20:1-16

“For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard.² After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard.³ When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace;⁴ and he said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went.⁵ When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same.⁶ And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, ‘Why are you standing here idle all day?’⁷ They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’⁸ When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.’⁹ When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage.¹⁰ Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage.¹¹ And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner,¹² saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’¹³ But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage?’¹⁴ Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you.¹⁵ Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’¹⁶ So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

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WE RESPOND IN FAITH

*Affirmation of Faith (Unison) (from A Brief Statement of Faith)

In life and in death we belong to God.

*Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,
whom alone we worship and serve.*

In a broken and fearful world

*the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing,
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.*

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,

*we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks
and to live holy and joyful lives,
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,
praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"*

With believers in every time and place,

*we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

Offertory

Don Adkins, Piano

Doxology

Offering Prayer (Unison)

Gracious God, we know that every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from you. We thank you for your many blessings, especially your perfect gift of your Son Jesus Christ, your indescribable gift! Help us to receive your gifts and grace with thanksgiving and humility and to use them faithfully in and for your kingdom. We ask this in the name of your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

"Come! Live in the Light!"

*Come! Live in the light! Shine with the
Joy and the love of the Lord! We are called
to be light for the kingdom, to live in the
freedom of the city of God.*

Refrain { *We are called to act with justice; we are called to
love tenderly; we are called to serve one an-
other, to walk humbly with God.* }

*Come! Open your heart! Show your
Mercy to all those in fear! We are called
to be hope for the hopeless so hatred and
violence will be no more.*

Refrain

*Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that
great day when all will be one! God will reign,
and we'll walk with each other as sisters and
brothers united in love.*

Refrain

Benediction