

St. Andrew Worship

October 22, 2023

Sunday at 10:30 AM

Stewardship

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*)

In this sacred hour of worship
when we name things for what they really are,

we give to God what is God's.

Between the demands of this last week
and the demands of the one ahead

we give to God what is God's.

With open hearts and hands and minds,
every innate gift from our loving Creator,

we give to God what is God's.

*Hymn 307

"God of Grace and God of Glory"

*God of grace and God of glory, on thy people
pour thy power; crown thine ancient church's story; bring its
bud to glorious flower. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.*

*Lo! the hosts of evil round us scorn thy Christ, as-
sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us free our
hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the living of these days, for the living of these days.*

*Cure thy children's warring madness; bend our pride to
thy control; shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in
things and poor in soul. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal, lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.*

*Save us from weak resignation to the evils
we deplore. Let the gift of thy salvation be our
glory evermore. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
serving thee whom we adore, serving thee whom we adore.*

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)

Creator God, we are commanded to give to you what is branded as yours. But since we cannot see your face, we confess to a miserable confusion. Where is your image printed? Not on our coinage or our calendars. Not on any of the things we buy in the store or in the ad-laden videos that stream by us. No, the only place we can see your face, is in our neighbor and in the mirror. We're the ones created in your image. Honestly, we'd rather pay you taxes, God, than give up our whole selves. But if we are what you want, heart, mind, soul, and strength — we'll do our best, God. We'll give our all to you. Amen.

Time for silent reflection.

Assurance of Grace (Responsive)

Hear the good news! Our God, lover of justice, glories not in punishment but in redemption.

Christ has broken the power of sin and rescued us from our shame.

Be at peace: you are forgiven, and you are free.

To God be the glory! Alleluia! Amen.

Response: Gloria Patri (Unison)

Special Music:

"Goliath"

St. Andrew Choir

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

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

Lord, Listen To Your Children Praying

Lord, lis-ten to your chil - dren pray - ing, _____ Lord, send your
Spir-it in this place; _____ Lord, lis - ten to your chil - dren
pray - ing, _____ send us love, send us power, send us grace. _____

*We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be;
all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.*

*May we thy bounties thus as stewards true receive,
and gladly, as thou blessest us, to thee our first fruits give.*

*The captive to release, to God the lost to bring,
to teach the way of life and peace: it is a Christ-like thing.*

*And we believe thy word, though dim our faith may be;
whate'er we do for thine, O Lord, we do it unto thee.*

Prayer of Illumination

Lord, in the stories of your Scripture, give us truth to cling to; help us hear your still, small voice. Amen.

First Lesson:

Psalm 96:1-9

¹ O sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth. ² Sing to the LORD, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day. ³ Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples. ⁴ For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised he is to be revered above all gods. ⁵ For all the gods of the peoples are idols, but the LORD made the heavens. ⁶ Honor and majesty are before him; strength and beauty are in his sanctuary. ⁷ Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength. ⁸ Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts. ⁹ Worship the LORD in holy splendor; tremble before him, all the earth.

This is the word of the lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hold Fast

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David Robinson

Lively

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¹⁵Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. ¹⁶So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. ¹⁷Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" ¹⁸But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" ²¹They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." ²²When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

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Sermon

"Entrapment"

Rev. Anne McAnelly

*Affirmation of Faith (*Responsive*)

(*adapted from A Brief Statement of Faith*)

In life and 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.

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father.

In sovereign love God created the world good,
acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation,
and makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.

Jesus proclaimed the reign of God, was crucified,
and raised from the dead, delivering us from death to life eternal.

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life.

The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,
sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor,
and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the church.

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!"

Offertory

Don Adkins, Piano

Doxology

Offering Prayer

Lord, we dedicate our all to you; not just the money that we no longer call ours (whether it's sitting in the plate or whizzing along digital paths), but our thoughts, our plans, our time, our dreams, our days. It's all yours, God. It always was. Help us to rejoice in that. Amen.

*Hymn 714

"God of the Fertile Fields"

*God of the fertile fields, shaper of
earth that yields our daily bread: forth from your
bounteous hand come gifts your love has planned,
that all in every land be clothed and fed.*

*We would be stewards true, holding in
trust from you all that you give; help us in
love to share, teach us like you to care
for people everywhere, that all may live.*

*As grows the hidden seed to fruit that
serves our need, so your reign grows. Let all our
toil be used, no gift of yours abused,
no humble task refused your love bestows.*

*God of the countryside, dear to the
Christ who died to make us one: we pledge our
lives anew in faithful love to you.
Guide all we say and do. Your will be done.*

Benediction