



# St. Andrew Presbyterian Church of Aptos

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## CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

10:30 A.M.

✠ 29<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time ✠

October 20, 2024

### WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

*\* Please stand in body or in spirit.*

GATHERING

*There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit*

GtG# 408

There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place, and I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord;  
There are sweet expressions on each face, and I know they feel the presence of the Lord.  
Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove, stay right here with us, filling us with your love;  
And for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise; without a doubt we'll know that we have  
been revived when we shall leave this place.  
There are blessings you cannot receive till you know him in his fullness and believe;  
You're the one to profit when you say, "I am going to walk with Jesus all the way."  
Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove, stay right here with us, filling us with your love;  
And for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise; without a doubt we'll know that we have  
been revived when we shall leave this place.

### A WORD OF WELCOME AND RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

\* CALL TO WORSHIP (*Responsive*)

Our help is in the name of the Lord

**Maker of Heaven and Earth**

This is the day the Lord has made

**Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth

**Worship the Lord with gladness**

**Come into God's presence with singing**

\*HYMN

*O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

GtG# 610

**O for a thousand tongues to sing my  
dear Redeemer's praise, the glories of my  
God and King, the triumphs of God's grace!**

The name of Jesus charms our fears, and  
bids our sorrows cease, sings music in the  
sinner's ears, brings life, and health, and peace.

Christ speaks, and listening to his voice new  
life the dead receive; the mournful waken  
to rejoice; the poor in heart believe.

My gracious Master and my God, as-  
sist me to proclaim, to spread through all the  
earth abroad the honors of thy name.

To God all glory, praise, and love be  
now and ever given by saints below and  
saints above, the church in earth and heaven.

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)*

Our Father, forgive us for thinking small thoughts of You and for ignoring your immensity and greatness. Lord Jesus, forgive us when we forget that You rule the nations and our small lives. Holy Spirit, we offend You in minimizing your power and squandering your gifts. We confess that our blindness to your glory, O triune God, has resulted in shallow confession, tepid conviction, and only mild repentance. Have mercy upon us. In Jesus' name. Amen.

*Time for silent reflection.*

#### ASSURANCE OF GRACE *(responsive)*

By the atoning sacrifice of Christ our sins are forgiven

**Thanks be to God**

#### GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

#### ANTHEM

*Lift a Song, All Ye People*

St. Andrew Choir

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Song of prayer: *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying (pew song sheet)*

Prayers lifted to God

#### The Lord's Prayer *(unison)*

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.

All hail the power of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;  
bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all!  
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all!

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race, ye ransomed from the fall,  
hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!  
Hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!

Let every kindred, every tribe on this terrestrial ball  
to him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all!  
To him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all!

O that with yonder sacred throng we at his feet may fall!  
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all!  
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all!

## WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (*unison*)

**God of all truth, open our hearts and minds to be taught by Your Spirit.**

FIRST LESSON

Luke 10:25-37

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Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live."

But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.' Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

This is the word of the lord.      **Thanks be to God.**

Now it is not necessary for me to write you about the ministry to the saints, for I know your eagerness, which is the subject of my boasting about you to the people of Macedonia, saying that Achaia has been ready since last year; and your zeal has stirred up most of them. But I am sending the brothers in order that our boasting about you may not prove to have been empty in this case, so that you may be ready, as I said you would be; otherwise, if some Macedonians come with me and find that you are not ready, we would be humiliated—to say nothing of you—in this undertaking. So I thought it necessary to urge the brothers to go on ahead to you, and arrange in advance for this bountiful gift that you have promised, so that it may be ready as a voluntary gift and not as an extortion.

The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. As it is written, “He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures forever.”

He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all others,<sup>14</sup> while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **WE RESPOND IN FAITH**

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH, by Lisa Frenz (*Unison*)

**Into the silence of the void the Creator spoke, and the world came into being. The Word of God in the vastness brought light from darkness, matter from nothing, flesh from dust life from lifelessness.**

**In the quiet of a small town in Palestine the Word of God came to us. Even though of one being with the Creator, Jesus our Christ taking on human form, was born, lived and walked among us, speaking the words of life. He was crucified, died, and was buried He rose from the dead and speaks to us today. He is the one who saves us from ourselves.**

In the stillness of our souls the Spirit of God, who is one with the Creator and the Christ whispers the Word, and calls us back to the Creator, back to the Christ back to the wholeness of everlasting life in the unity of the Creator, Christ and Spirit.

#### OFFERING

Offertory Music

Don Adkins, Piano

\*Doxology

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.

\*OFFERING PRAYER (Unison)

Generous and Loving God, help us to give and serve enthusiastically.

In the wonderful name of Jesus. Amen

### WE LIVE TO SERVE

\*HYMN

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

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Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love!  
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away.  
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

All thy works with joy surround thee; earth and heaven reflect thy rays;  
stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,  
chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.

Mortals, join the happy chorus which the morning stars began.  
Love divine is reigning o'er us, joining all in heaven's plan.  
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife.  
Joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life.

#### BENEDICTION

*The service of worship ends, the service of neighbor and world begins!*

#### Supplemental Bible Passages

Proverbs 11:24-28; Proverbs 19:17; Psalm 126; Isaiah 55:11; Luke 6:37-45  
Acts 20:35; Galatians 6:1-8; Philippians 4:10-19

## TODAY'S WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

**COFFEE HOST:**

**LITURGIST:** Al Cheney

**GREETERS:** Pam Arnsberger

**COUNTER:** Pat Manning

### Upcoming Events

**Monday, October 21**

Bell Choir @ 2:30 PM

**Thursday, October 24**

Choir Rehearsal @ 2-3 PM

**Sunday, October 27**

Game Day! After church. See insert for details

**Stewardship:** After prayerfully considering your contribution to St. Andrew Church for 2025, please return your pledge card by October 27, Dedication Sunday. You can email your intentions to the church office and that will count as your pledge. Please note if the amount is weekly, monthly or yearly. Your generous support is greatly appreciated.

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**GAME DAY – Sunday, October 27 at 11:30 in Hubler Hall**



There will be lunch, treats, and a slew of easily learned, fun to play games for all ages. Please consider inviting your friends, neighbors, children or grandchildren to join us.

Games, lunch and fellowship – what could be better?