



**St. Andrew
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Worship Bulletin for October 19, 2025

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship** (responsive) by Beth Merrill Neel

When I think of God's presence in the world, I am grateful:

Grateful for the presence of hope; grateful for the gift of life.

And when I think of God's presence in my life, I am humbled:

Humbled by the gift of grace; humbled by the invitation to begin again.

And when I think of God's presence in this community, I am glad:

Glad to be surrounded by holy people worshipping our Holy God.

Thank you all; thank you, God.

***Hymn**

For the Fruit of All Creation

GtG # 36

For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God.

For the gifts to every nation, thanks be to God.

For the plowing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while
we are sleeping, future needs in earth's safekeeping,
thanks be to God.

In the just reward of labor, God's will be done.

In the help we give our neighbor, God's will be done.

In our worldwide task of caring for the hungry and despairing,
in the harvests we are sharing, God's will be done.

For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God.

For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God.

For the wonders that astound us, for the truths that still
confound us, most of all that love has found us,
thanks be to God.

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Holy God, we open our hearts to you this day, and offer the truth of our lives:

The fear that stifles us, the prejudice that blinds us,

The ignorance that hobbles us, the doubt that plagues us.

Help us, we pray, that we will find courage in unlikely place,

See the world with new and gracious eyes,

Move to those places where love is needed,

Have faith that you are with us.

This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Time for silent reflection.

Assurance of Grace (responsive)

Hear the Good News: We are forgiven! We are set free to go out into the world

and be the loving, gracious, hopeful people of God!

Alleluia! Amen.

*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

Give Thanks to the Lord

St. Andrew Choir

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

(Those with prayer requests worshipping online, please text Anne the day before so your request can be lifted-831345-6324)

Sharing Joys and Concerns

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

Prayers lifted to God and The Lord's Prayer

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.

*Hymn *For the Life That You Have Given (2x)* GtG # 717 (alt. tune Abbot Leigh)

For the life that you have given, for the love in Christ made known,
with these fruits of time and labor, with these gifts that are your own:

Here we offer, Lord, our praises; heart and mind and strength we bring;
give us grace to love and serve you, living what we pray and sing.

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination *(responsive)*

Prepare our hearts, O God, to accept your Word. Silence in us any voices but your own, so that we may hear your Word and also do it; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

First Lesson:**Colossians 3:15-17****NT page #201**

And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Second Lesson:**Ephesians 5:19-20****NT page #193**

as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs to one another, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts,^{*,20} giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,

Sermon**Grateful Hearts****The Rev. Anne McAnelly****WE RESPOND IN FAITH*****Affirmation of Faith**

We believe in God the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.

We believe in God the Son, who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love.

We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who strengthens us with power from on high.

We believe in one God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Offering**Doxology**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Offering Prayer (unison)

Loving and generous God, receive these gifts as acts of our faith—faith that keeps moving, faith that keeps hoping, faith that keeps working for justice, even when the world says it's too late or too little. Make us a people who do not lose heart. Shape our prayers into action and our generosity into grace, until your kin-dom comes—on earth, as it is in heaven. In the name of Christ, Amen.

WE LIVE TO SERVE***Hymn*****Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*****GtG # 611**

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

TODAY'S SERVERS

LITURGIST: Myles Billheimer

GREETER: Stan Cowan

COFFEE HOST: Andrew Pudan

OFFERING COUNTER: David Allshouse

Unity Candle:

This week we pray for Lincoln Avenue Presbyterian Church of Salinas

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This Week:

Monday, October 20th, Bell Choir at 2:15PM, Thomas Lounge

Tuesday, October 21st: Book Study at 1:00PM, Zoom

In Do I Stay Christian, by Brian McLaren, please read Ch. 17 thru Ch. 20
(Karla Kress will lead while Anne is out)

Thursday, October 23rd: Choir Practice at 2PM

Thursday, October 23rd: Presbytery Meeting at 4PM, Zoom

Anne is out of the Office from October 20-24 on continuing Education

Upcoming Week:

Sunday, October 26th, Cluster 1 meets

Wednesday, October 29th, Life Line Screening, 8AM-5:30PM, Hubler Hall