



**St. Andrew
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Worship Bulletin for November 16, 2025

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship (responsive)**

We are gathered as God's people to delight in God's presence,

To experience God's presence,

To receive God's grace.

Let us be reconciled and renewed as we worship our God through Christ.

***Hymn**

I Sing a Song of the Saints of God

GtG # 730

I sing a song of the saints of God, patient and brave and true,
who toiled and fought and lived and died for the Lord they loved and knew.

And one was a doctor, and one was a queen,

and one was a shepherdess on the green:

They were all of them saints of God,

and I mean, God helping, to be one too.

They loved their Lord so dear, so dear, and God's love made them strong;

and they followed the right, for Jesus' sake,

the whole of their good lives long. And one was a soldier,

and one was a priest, and one was slain by a fierce wild beast:

And there's not any reason, no, not the least,

why I shouldn't be one too.

They lived not only in ages past; there are hundreds of thousands still;

the world is bright with the joyous saints who love to do Jesus' will.

You can meet them in school, or in lanes, or at sea, in church,

or in trains, or in shops, or at tea;

For the saints of God are just folk like me,

and I mean to be one too.

***Prayer of Confession and Assurance** *(Remain standing)*

Leader: O God of life, do not darken your light to us,

Men: God of life do not limit your joy in us,

Women: God of life, do not shut your door to us,

Leader: God of life, do not refuse us your mercy,

All: ***Lord, do not refuse us your mercy!***

O God of life, eternity cannot hold you, nor can our little words catch the magnificence of your kindness. Yet in the space of our small hearts and in silence you can come close and repair us.
(Silence)

O God of life, grant us your forgiveness

For our careless thoughts, our thoughtless deeds, our empty speech, and the words with which we wounded. *(Silence)*

O God of life, grant us your forgiveness,

For our false desires, our hateful actions, our wastefulness and for all we left untended. *(Silence)*

O loving Christ, hanged on a tree yet risen in the morning, scatter the sin from our souls as the mist from the hills; begin what we do, inform what we say, redeem who we are.

In you we place our hope, our great hope, our living hope, this day and evermore. 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

Celtic Laud

St. Andrew Choir

Passing the Peace

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

Come and Fill

(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.

Kirking of the Clans

Remembering our Forebearers

Prayer (*Unison*)

Gracious God, we thank you this day for the goodly heritage given to us by forebearers whose clan names we have mentioned. We thank you for all the families who have gone before us who have been faithful in your service and on whose shoulders we stand in witness to your continuing power, presence and purpose in our world today. May we be known as the Clan of Christ, whose bond knows no state or nation, race or class, but only the freedom of faith, hope and love that we have come to know in Him by whose name we go, and in whose name we pray. Amen.

***Hymn**

Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken

GtG # 498

Loaves were broken, words were spoken by the Galilean shore.

Jesus, Bread of Life from heaven, was their food forevermore.

(Refrain)

By your body broken for us, by your wine of life outpoured,

Jesus, feed again your people. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

Loaves were broken, words were spoken in a quiet room one night.

In the bread and wine you gave them, Christ, you came as Light from Light. **(Refrain)**

Loaves are broken, words are spoken, as in faith we gather here.

Jesus speaks across the ages: "I am with you; do not fear!" **(Refrain)**

By the loaves you break and give us, send us in your name to share

bread for which the millions hunger, words that tell your love and care. **(Refrain)**

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination (*unison*)

Shine within our hearts, loving Lord, with the true light of your divine knowledge, and open the eyes of our minds, that we may comprehend the message of your Word, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

First Lesson:

John 6:1-15

NT page #97

After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, "Two hundred denarii would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves

and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place, so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world." When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

Second Lesson:

John 12:20-36a

NT page #106

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew, then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain, but if it dies it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor. "Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say: 'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die. The crowd answered him, "We have heard from the law that the Messiah remains forever. How can you say that the Son of Man must be lifted up? Who is this Son of Man?" Jesus said to them, "The light is in you for a little longer. Walk while you have the light, so that the darkness may not overtake you. If you walk in the darkness, you do not know where you are going. While you have the light, believe in the light, so that you may become children of light." After Jesus had said this, he departed and hid from them.

Sermon

Andrew and Philip

The Rev. Anne McAnelly

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

*Affirmation of Faith

We trust in God, Spirit of life, Creator of all that is and all that is to come; who surrounds us and fills us; who speaks the Word of life in us; and so we listen. We listen to Jesus, Revealer of God, our brother and teacher; who lived in prayer and in love. Listening to God's voice and doing God's will, he gave his life in love; but God raised him to life that is eternal; and so we follow him. We follow in the power of the Holy Spirit, God alive in us, for the sake of the healing of the world. We trust in the power of forgiveness, the reality of resurrection, the gift of the universal Church as the body of Christ, and the mystery of eternal life. Amen.

Offering

Offertory

Be Thou My Vision

Flute/Harp

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)

Gracious God of every growing gift, you call forth saints not with perfection, but with purpose — to grow in faith, abound in love, and serve with steadfastness. Receive these offerings as signs of our gratitude, given by those you are shaping for good works in Christ. Use them to build up your church, to bless the world, and to honor those who have taught us to love more deeply. Amen.

Communion

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

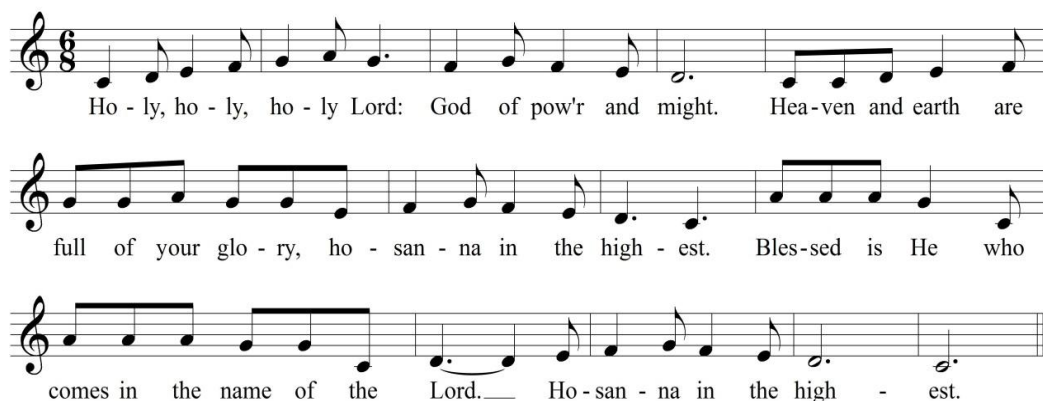
We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right for us to give thanks and praise.

Sanctus

Don Adkins



WE LIVE TO SERVE

*Hymn

Will You Come and Follow Me

GtG # 726

"Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known;
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"

"Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?"

"Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?"

"Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"

Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

Benediction

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

TODAY'S SERVERS

LITURGIST: Nancy Samsel

GREETER: Judy Zscheile

COFFEE HOST: Nurture Committee

OFFERING COUNTER: Pam Arnsberger

COMMUNION: Pam Arnsberger, Myles Billheimer

Unity Candle:

This week we pray for Foothill Community Presbyterian Church in San Jose

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This Week

Monday: Operations Meeting at 10AM, Thomas Lounge

Staff Meeting at 11AM

Bell Choir at 2:15PM, Thomas Lounge

Tuesday, Session Meeting at 4:30PM, Zoom

Wednesday, Deacons Meeting at 10AM, Thomas Lounge

Thursday, Choir Practice at 2PM

Saturday, Shower Ministry at St. John's Church in Aptos, 11-2PM

E-Newsletter: if you are not receiving the newsletter, please send Joanna an email to aptospres@gmail.com and she can look into it.

Next Sunday

Congregational Meeting following worship. We'll elect church officers, approve the Pastor's Housing Allowance, and elect the Corporate officers of the church. Nominations for elders and deacons can come from the floor, but you need to have spoken with the person prior to placing their name into nomination.

Also, Stocking Stuffing lead by the Outreach Committee