



**St. Andrew
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Worship Bulletin for November 9, 2025

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship (responsive)**

In mystery and grandeur

We see the face of God

In earthiness and the ordinary

We know the love of Christ

In heights and depths and life and death:

The spirit of God is moving among us

Let us praise God.

***Hymn**

The God of Abraham Praise

GtG # 49

The God of Abraham praise, who reigns enthroned above,
the Ancient of Eternal Days, the God of love!

The Lord, the great I AM, by earth and heaven confessed,
we bow before your holy name, forever blest.

Your spirit still flows free, high surging where it will.

In prophet's word you spoke of old and you speak still.

Established is your law, and changeless it shall stand,
deep writ upon the human heart by your strong hand.

Your goodly land we seek, with peace and plenty blest,
a land of sacred liberty and Sabbath rest.

There milk and honey flow, and oil and wine abound,
and trees of life forever grow with mercy crowned.

You have eternal life implanted in the soul;

your love shall be our strength and stay, while ages roll.

We praise you, living God! We praise your holy name:

the first, the last, beyond all thought, and still the same!

Prayer of Confession (unison)

O God, we long to rest in you, to trust in your goodness,
in your care for us, in your abundant life.

But we don't know how to rest

And we have forgotten how to trust:

We seek material goods that we don't really need.

We befriend people not always out of love.

We ask questions of you like the Sadducees did of Jesus, questions that try only to
prove our point, not to grow in understanding of your desires for us.

Slow us down, Holy One. Attend to us, Holy One,

And show us that you are our salvation and our resting place.

Time for silent reflection.

Assurance of Grace

God is God of the living. The Holy One will make a place for you that is full of life and love,
forgiveness and humility, kindness and justice. Your belonging to God is your
salvation. You may rest in that truth.

*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

For the Beauty of the Earth

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 Your 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

The Day of Resurrection!

GtG # 233

The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad, the Passover of gladness, the
Passover of God. From death to life eternal, from sin's dominion free,
our Christ has brought us over with hymns of victory.

Let hearts be purged of evil that we may see aright the Lord in rays eternal of
resurrection light, And listening to his accents, may hear, so calm and plain,
his own "All hail!" and hearing, may raise the victor strain.

Now let the heavens be joyful; let earth its song begin; the round world keep high triumph and all that is therein. Let all things seen and unseen their notes of gladness blend, for Christ the Lord has risen, our joy that has no end.

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination (*unison*)

Holy Spirit, teach us to listen with humility, to set aside our own agendas, and to be open to your correction and grace. Let your Word challenge and comfort us in equal measure. Amen.

First Lesson:

Exodus 3:1-6

OT page #50

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness and came to Mount Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight and see why the bush is not burned up." When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Second Lesson:

Luke 20:27-38

NT page #84

Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to him and asked him a question: "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. Now there were seven brothers; the first married a woman and died childless; then the second and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. Finally the woman also died. In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her." Jesus said to them, "Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage, but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. Indeed, they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. Now he is God not of the dead but of the living, for to him all of them are alive."

Sermon

God of the Living

The Rev. Anne McAnelly

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

*Affirmation of Faith *by Ian Tozer*

We believe in God the creator, who is always creative and invites us to affirm and explore who we are, with all our differences; and who is the source of our faith. We believe in God the Savior revealed in the world as Jesus the Christ who died and is risen, the one Lord of the church. We believe in God the Reconciler, the Holy Spirit, who is always with us bearing witness with our spirits that we are the children of God. We believe that our smallness can never diminish God's vastness; that our frailties can never overcome God's will for wholeness; that our sin can never crush God's power for new life even in the face of death. We believe, and in this belief, we need one another, as a choir needs every voice and every part for the harmony to be complete. We believe - that in the Holy Spirit, in Jesus Christ and in the love of God - we are one! We believe - And may our lives reflect our belief.

Offering

Offertory

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)

Faithful God, the One who stands with us in ruins and renewals alike, may your compassionate care continue to rain down on us. As we bring our offerings, we remember not only what was, but we dare to believe in what will be. You are our strength when we falter, our vision when the future feels uncertain. Use these gifts to rebuild your beloved community—not only in stone and structure, but in lives made whole, relationships restored, and justice pursued. May your peace dwell richly in what we offer and how we live, that the glory of this house—the people called by your name—might truly shine. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

WE LIVE TO SERVE

*Hymn

In the Bulb There Is a Flower

GtG # 250

In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree;
in cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

There's a song in every silence, seeking word and melody;
there's a dawn in every darkness, bringing hope to you and me.
From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity;
in our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity.
In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

Benediction

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

TODAY'S SERVERS

LITURGIST: Al Cheney

GREETER: Janet Maack

COFFEE HOST: Janet Maack

OFFERING COUNTER: Kathryn Adkins

Unity Candle: This week we pray for Santa Teresa Hills Presbyterian Church in San Jose

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today, Clusters 1 and 2 are meeting at Bogey's Bar and Grill at the Seascape Golf Course

Monday, November 10th, Bell Choir at 2:15PM, Thomas Lounge

Tuesday, November 11th, Book Study at 1PM, Zoom ~please read Ch. 26 thru Ch. 28, App. III

Wednesday, November 12th, Outreach Meeting at Noon, Zoom

Thursday, November 13th, Choir Practice at 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.

Upcoming Events

Sunday, November 16th, St. Andrew Day. Remember to wear your plaid.

Sunday, November 23rd, 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.

Sunday, November 23rd, Stocking Stuffing lead by the Outreach Committee