



**St. Andrew  
Presbyterian Church  
of Aptos**

Rev. Anne McAnelly, Pastor  
Dr. Don Adkins, Music Director

9850 Monroe Avenue  
Aptos CA 95003  
Phone 831 688-4211  
aptospres@gmail.com  
[www.aptospresbyterianchurch.org](http://www.aptospresbyterianchurch.org)

## **Worship Bulletin for January 18, 2026**

### **WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME**

#### **Welcome and Announcements**

##### **\*Call to Worship** (responsive)

Be still for a moment. What do you hear? What do you smell? What do you feel under your feet? Beloved, God is here.

##### **In the familiar and unfamiliar, God is here with us.**

Take a moment to look around. Whom do you notice? Who isn't here that you expected to see? Whether this community feels brand new or familiar to you, God is here.

##### **In the familiar and unfamiliar, God is here with us.**

Take a deep breath. We share this air, this space, this worship home together. In our breathing and worshipping in this time and place, God is here.

##### **In the familiar and unfamiliar, God is here with us.**

God *is* here. May we pay attention and discern how God brings us together in the familiar and the unfamiliar to be and become the Body of Christ.

**May we notice and join in God's work of forming us for community as we worship today.  
Amen.**

##### **\*Hymn**

##### ***God Is Here!***

**GtG # 409**

God is here! As we your people meet to offer praise and prayer,  
may we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share.

Here, as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts  
wait the coming of the Spirit into open minds and hearts.

Here are symbols to remind us of our lifelong need of grace;  
here are table, font, and pulpit; here the cross has central place.  
Here in honesty of preaching, here in silence, as in speech,  
here, in newness and renewal, God the Spirit comes to each.

Here our children find a welcome in the Shepherd's flock and fold;  
here, as bread and wine are taken, Christ sustains us as of old.  
Here the servants of the Servant seek in worship to explore  
what it means in daily living to believe and to adore.

Lord of all, of church and kingdom, in an age of change and doubt  
keep us faithful to the gospel; help us work your purpose out.  
Here, in this day's dedication, all we have to give, receive:  
we, who cannot live without you, we adore you! We believe!

**Prayer of Confession** (unison)

**Holy God, you call us to faith, but so often we walk by sight:**

**We want fact to be truth and truth to be obvious.**

**We seek answers that resemble what already lies in our field of vision.**

**We value clarity more than reality, what we can see more than what may be.**

**Light of the world, forgive us when we privilege our own sight and thus become blind.**

**Open our eyes to you – your deeper truth and your life within us**

**so that we might look around us and within us and see anew.**

**In faith, may we come to know you more fully, love more deeply,**

**and see the world and everyone it as you do, according to your grace. Amen.**

*Time for silent reflection.*

**Assurance of Grace** (responsive)

Brothers and sisters, regardless of how we see, we are loved by Christ, who came to bring  
sight to the blind in mind and spirit, who knows our blind spots and gives us new vision.

**May we learn to see with the eyes of Christ. Alleluia!**

**\*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.**

**Ordination and Installing of Officers** (responsive)

There are different gifts,

But it is the same Spirit who gives them.

**There are different ways of serving God,**

**But it is the same Lord who is served.**

God works through different people in different ways,

But it is the same God who achieves his purpose through them all.

**Each one is given a gift by the Spirit,**

**To use it for the common good.**

Together we are the body of Christ,

And individually members of him. (1 Corinthians 12:4-7, 27)

**Anthem**

## 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-831-345-6324)

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 *Womb of Life and Source of Being* GtG # 3

Womb of life and source of being, home of every restless heart,  
in your arms the worlds awakened; you have loved us from the start.

We, your children, gather 'round you, at the table you prepare.  
Sharing stories, tears, and laughter, we are nurtured by your care.

Word in flesh, our brother Jesus, born to bring us second birth,  
you have come to stand beside us, knowing weakness, knowing earth.  
Priest who shares our human struggles, life of Life and Death of Death,  
risen Christ, come stand among us, send the Spirit by your breath.

Brooding Spirit, move among us; be our partner, be our friend.  
When our memory fails, remind us whose we are, what we intend.  
Labor with us; aid the birthing of the new world yet to be,  
free of servant, lord, and master, free for love and unity.

Mother, Brother, holy Partner; Father, Spirit, Only Son:  
we would praise your name forever, one-in-three and three-in-one.  
We would share your life, your passion, share your word of world  
made new, ever singing, ever praising, one with all, and one with you.

## WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination (*unison*)

Light of the world, shine on us today. As your Word is read, illumine what we have not yet seen. Draw us toward your grace and send us out with your glory. Amen.

**First Lesson:****Isaiah 49:1-6****OT page #679**

Listen to me, O coastlands; pay attention, you peoples from far away! The Lord called me before I was born; while I was in my mother's womb he named me. He made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow; in his quiver he hid me away. And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." But I said, "I have labored in vain; I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the Lord and my reward with my God." And now the Lord says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honored in the sight of the Lord, and my God has become my strength—he says, "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."

**Second Lesson:****John 1:29-34****NT page #92**

The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' I myself did not know him, but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Chosen One."

**Sermon****The Wonder of Sight****The Rev. Anne McAnelly****WE RESPOND IN FAITH****\*Affirmation of Faith** (responsive)

We celebrate the resurrected Jesus, who lives among us,

**Whose Spirit empowers us to remove barriers, tear down walls, heal divisions and seek peace without and within.**

We celebrate the resurrected Jesus, who lives among us,

**Whose Spirit empowers us to see our sister's good as our own, to be our brother's advocate, to love our neighbor as ourselves, and to contribute to the well-being of every part of Christ's body,**

**SO THAT INDEED WE CAN BUILD UP, AND GROW UP, AND BE JOINED TOGETHER INTO A NEW LIFE: WHERE CHRIST'S SPIRIT DWELLS, WHERE CHRIST'S SPIRIT EMPOWERS US TO EXPERIENCE GOD'S LOVE, SHARE CHRIST'S GRACE AND WELCOME ALL INTO THE FAMILY OF GOD!**

**Offering****Offertory**

## Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Christ, all people here below;  
Praise Holy Spirit evermore; Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

## Offering Prayer (unison)

God, as we bring our offerings before you, we ask for your guidance in fine-tuning our faith. Help us to trust you more deeply, to step out in faith, and to follow where you lead. May our giving today be an expression of our growing faith in you. Amen.

## WE LIVE TO SERVE

### \*Hymn

*I, the Lord of Sea and Sky*

GtG# 69

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.  
I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

### (Refrain)

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.  
  
I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.  
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send? **(Refrain)**  
  
I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.  
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send? **(Refrain)**

## Benediction

\*\*\*\*\*

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

## TODAY'S SERVERS

**LITURGIST:** Myles Billheimer

**GREETERS:** Bill and Nancy Samsel

**COFFEE HOST:** Stan Cowan

**OFFERING COUNTER:** Pat Manning

**Unity Candle:** This week we pray for First Presbyterian Church of Santa Clara

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### This Week

*Monday:* Bell Choir at 2:15PM, Thomas Lounge

Office closed in observance of Martin Luther King Jr.

*Tuesday:* Operations Meeting at 10AM, Thomas Lounge

Session Meeting at 4PM, Zoom

*Wednesday,* Deacons Meeting at 10AM, Thomas Lounge

Annual Congregation Meeting January 25<sup>th</sup> following worship.

Printed copies available at church.

- Receive the budget
- Committee reports
- Approve pastor's terms of call