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Worship Bulletin for November 1, 2026

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship** *(responsive)*
When we stand at the edge of fear and worry,
God invites us to step into the waters of faith and trust.
When we stand at the edge of the world's pain and need,
Jesus invites us to step into the land of humble service.
When we stand at the edge of our hunger and thirst:
the Spirit invites us to sit at the Table of grace.

***Hymn** *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* GtG # 65

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but thou art mighty. Hold me with thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more;
feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow.
Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer, be thou still my strength
and shield; be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside.
Death of death, and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises I will ever give to thee;
I will ever give to thee.

Prayer of Confession *(responsive)*

Jesus, teacher and Lord, when we hear your criticism of the behavior of the scribes and the Pharisees in the gospel today, we wonder what has changed. People still place unwarranted burdens on others, still demand preferential treatment, still abuse positions of leadership. We are ashamed to confess that this does not only happen in society at large, it happens also within the church.

Forgive our participation in practices which inflate our egos at the expense of others.

(Pause for silent reflection)

Jesus, forgive us when we parade our piety and expect favored treatment, forgetting that you emptied yourself of power so that you could be the servant and Savior of all.

Forgive us when we care more for impressive outward appearances rather than inner dispositions shaped by tolerance and love.

(Pause for silent reflection)

Jesus, forgive us for any behavior which is experienced or perceived as hypocritical— any actions which lack integrity and justice.

Renew and refresh us with your gentle and selfless Spirit, Lord, so that we know what it is to be your followers not only in name, but in reality. Amen

Assurance of Grace *(responsive)*

Hear the good news: God has forgiven us all our sins.
In Jesus Christ, therefore, we 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.
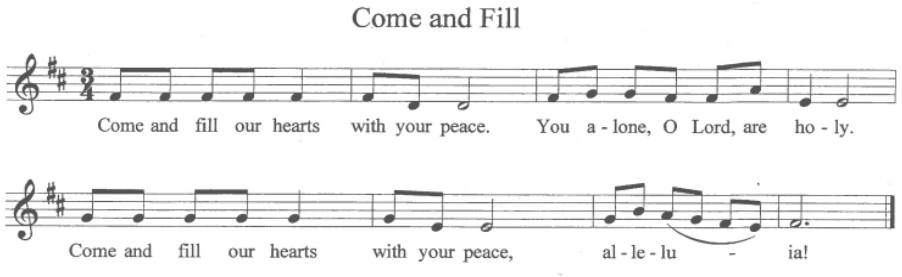
Anthem *Autumn Vesper* St. Andrew Choir

Passing the Peace

Prayers of the People

(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



Prayers lifted to God

***Hymn** *Taste and See* GtG # 520

(Refrain)

Taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord.
O taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord, of the Lord.

I will bless the Lord at all times. Praise shall always be on my lips;
my soul shall glory in the Lord, for God has been so good to me. **(Refrain)**

Glorify the Lord with me. Together let us all praise God's name.
I called the Lord, who answered me; from all my troubles, I was set free. **(Refrain)**

Worship the Lord, all you people. You'll want for nothing if you ask.
Taste and see that the Lord is good; in God we need put all our trust. **(Refrain)**

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination *(unison)*

Gracious God, give us humble, teachable, and obedient hearts, that we may receive what you have revealed, and do what you have commanded. Amen.

First Lesson: Psalm 34:8-10, 22 OT page #508

O taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are those who take refuge in him. O fear the Lord, you his holy ones, for those who fear him have no want. The young lions suffer want and hunger, but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing. The Lord redeems the life of his servants; none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.

Second Lesson: Matthew 23:1-12 NT page #25

Then Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples, "The scribes and the Pharisees sit on Moses's seat; therefore, do whatever they teach you and follow it, but do not do as they do, for they do not practice what they teach. They tie up heavy burdens, hard to bear, and lay them on the shoulders of others, but they themselves are unwilling to lift a finger to move them. They do all their deeds to be seen by others, for they make their phylacteries broad and their fringes long. They love to have the place of honor at banquets and the best seats in the synagogues and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces and to have people call them rabbi. But you are not to be called rabbi, for you have one teacher, and you are all students. And call no one your father on earth, for you have one Father, the one in heaven. Nor are you to be called instructors, for you have one instructor, the Messiah. The greatest among you will be your servant. All who exalt themselves will be humbled, and all who humble themselves will be exalted.

Sermon One Instructor, the Messiah The Rev. Anne McAnelly

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

Offering

Offertory

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)*

Loving God, you call us not only to believe the gospel, but to live it. Receive these gifts as signs of our gratitude and our willingness to embody the good news of Christ. Use what we offer to nurture communities of compassion, where faith is lived gently, courageously, and with humility. Amen.

Communion

The Lord be with you.

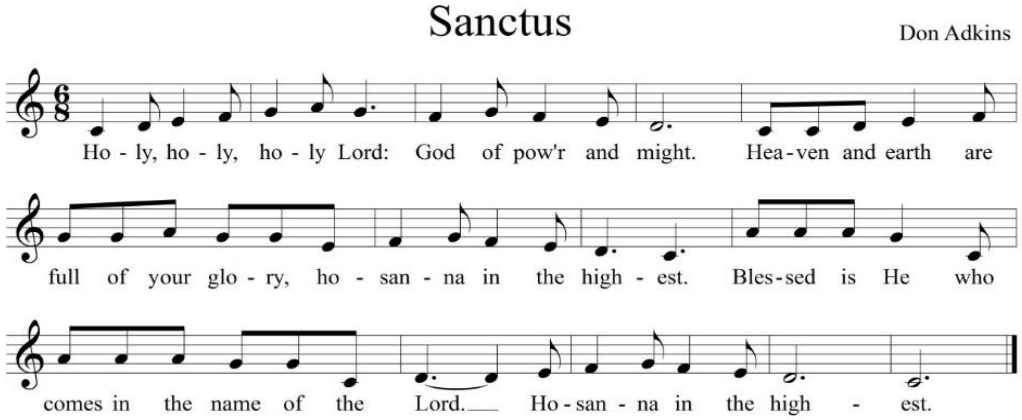
And also with you.

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.



Eat This Bread (v.1)

Eat this bread; drink this cup;
come to me and never be hungry.
Eat this bread; drink this cup;
trust in me and you will not thirst

WE LIVE TO SERVE

***Hymn** *O Jesus, I Have Promised* GtG # 724

O Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end;
be thou forever near me, my Master and my friend;
I shall not fear the battle if thou art by my side,
nor wander from the pathway if thou wilt be my guide.

O let me feel thee near me! The world is ever near:
I see the sights that dazzle; the tempting sounds I hear.
My foes are ever near me, around me and within;
but, Jesus, draw thou nearer and shield my soul from sin.

O let me hear thee speaking in accents clear and still,
above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self-will;
O speak to reassure me, to hasten or control;
O speak, and make me listen, thou guardian of my soul.

O Jesus, thou hast promised to all who follow thee
that where thou art in glory there shall thy servant be.
And, Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end;
O give me grace to follow, my Master and my friend.

Benediction

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

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TODAY'S SERVERS

LITURGIST: David Allshouse **GREETER:** Janet Maack

COFFEE HOST: Stan Cowan **ACCOMPANIST:** Barbara Lopez

COMMUNION: Janet Maack, Pat Manning, and Dorothy Glaum

OFFERING COUNTERS: Janet Maack and Judy Zscheile

Unity Candle: This week we pray for First Presbyterian Church of Monterey.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tuesday

- **Bible Study at 1PM, Zoom. *Pastrix, The Cranky, Beautiful Faith of a Sinner and Saint by Nadia Bolz-Weber*. Please read Ch.15 - Ch.16**

Thursday

- **Choir at 2PM**
- **Bells at 3PM**

Upcoming Events

- **Nov. 11th:** Red Cross Blood Drive from 9-2PM, Hubler. By appointment only. You can sign up either on the Red Cross app or www.redcrossblood.org
- **Nov. 15th:** St. Andrew Day
- **Nov. 29th :** Congregational Meeting: Elect new officers and approve pastor's housing allowance

New Accompanist at St. Andrew

Welcome Barbara Lopez to our worshiping community. She will be our new Accompanist for worship and choir, along with our two students, Christian and Matthew. Barbara plays both piano and organ and has been a church musician for many years. She teaches both piano and voice and has taught Jazz Piano and Music Theory at Cabrillo College. We feel blessed to have Barbara leading us in worship. Let's give her a warm welcome.