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Worship Bulletin for November 15, 2026

St. Andrew Day

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Procession - Scottish Reels

Welcome and Announcements

Minute for Mission **Sally Griffin**

***Call to Worship** *(responsive)*

O God, you summon the day to dawn, you teach the morning to waken the earth.
Great is your Name. Great is your love.
For you the valleys shall sing for joy, the trees shall clap their hands.
Great is your Name. Great is your love.
Your love and mercy shall last forever, fresh as morning, sure as the sunrise.
Great is your Name. Great is your love.

***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 *(unison)*

God you called us to follow, but often we stray. We follow instead the ways of this world and forget your claim on our lives. You ask us to lead in your name but we lead for our own purpose, often unaware of who is following us. Help us to be imitators of you, O Lord. Make us faithful in our following and courageous in our leading. Forgive when we stumble. Hear our confessions Lord. *(Personal confession)* Amen.

Assurance of Grace *(responsive)*

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Glory to God. 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.**
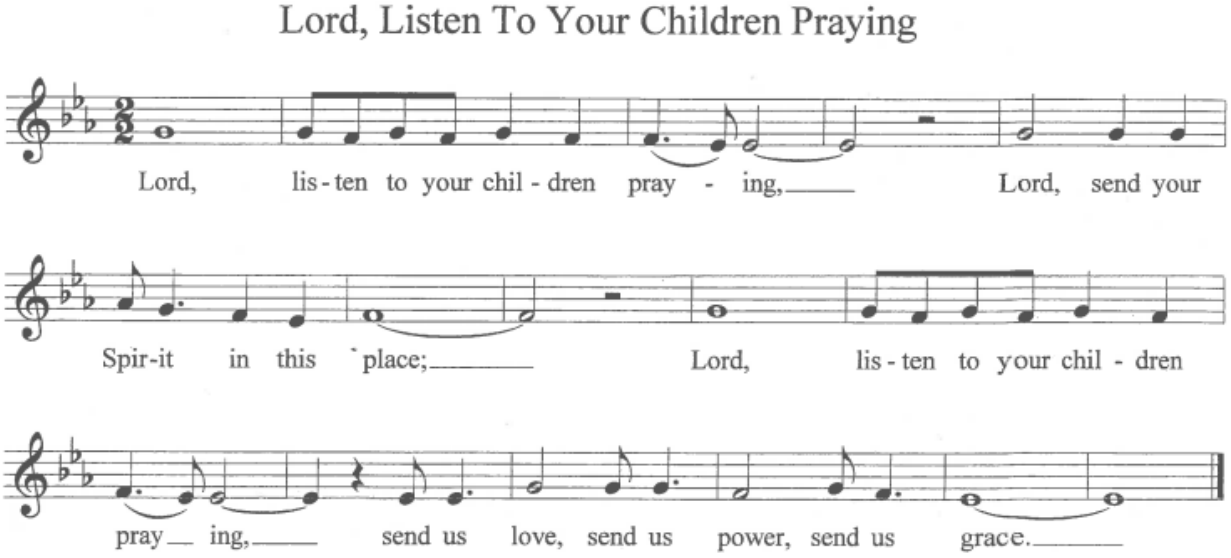
Special Music *Scottish Aire – the Dawning of the Day* Coty Catlin & Grainne O'Flynn

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



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** *I Danced in the Morning* GtG # 157

I danced in the morning when the world was begun,
and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,
And I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth.
At Bethlehem I had my birth.

(Refrain)
Dance, then, wherever you may be;
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he,
And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,
and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee,
but they would not dance and they would not follow me.
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John.
They came with me and the dance went on. **(Refrain)**

I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame.
The holy people said it was a shame.
They whipped and they stripped and they hung me high,
and left me there on a cross to die. **(Refrain)**

I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black.
It's hard to dance with the devil on your back.
They buried my body and they thought I'd gone,
but I am the dance and I still go on. **(Refrain)**

They cut me down and I leapt up high.
I am the life that will never, never die.
I'll live in you if you'll live in me,
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he. **(Refrain)**

The Kirking of the Clans

Prayer *(unison)*

Gracious God, we thank you this day for the goodly heritage given to us by forebears 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.

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination *(unison)*

Bless our hearing of your Word this day. Speak to each of us; speak to all of us; and grant that by the power of your Spirit, we may be hearers and doers of your Word. Amen.

First Lesson: **1 Thessalonians 5:1-11** **NT page #205**

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So, then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober, for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

Second Lesson: **Matthew 10:1-8a** **NT page #10**

Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him. These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: "Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, proclaim the good news, 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' Cure the sick; raise the dead; cleanse the lepers, cast out demons.

Sermon **Called to the Light** **The Rev. Anne McAnelly**

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

Offering

Offertory *As the Sun was Setting* **Coty Catlin and Grainne O'Flynn**

***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)*

O God, most merciful and gracious, of whose bounty we have all received, accept this offering of your people. Remember in your love those who have brought it and those for whom it is given, and so follow it with your blessing that it may promote peace and goodwill among all peoples, and advance the kingdom of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

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

Recession *Scottish Slide* Coty Catlin and Grainne O'Flynn

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

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TODAY'S SERVERS

LITURGIST: Erik Ottem **GREETER:** Stan Cowan

COFFEE HOST: Meet in Courtyard **ACCOMPANIST:** Matthew Mather

OFFERING COUNTERS: Kathryn Adkins and Linda Walker

Unity Candle: This week we pray for Northminster Presbyterian Church in Salinas

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today

- **Join us in the Courtyard after worship to celebrate St. Andrew Day**

Thursday

- **Choir at 2PM with Choir Director, Gail Swain**

<u>Upcoming Events</u>

- **Nov. 15th-Dec. 2nd:** A San Ardo Christmas (donations can be dropped off in the Office) – see below
- **Nov. 22nd:** Cluster #1 meeting at Erik's DeliCafe (102 Rancho Del Mar, Aptos) hosted by Shari Gallegos.
- **Nov. 26th-27th:** Office Closed for Thanksgiving
- **Nov. 29th:** Congregational Meeting: Elect new officers and approve pastor's housing allowance.
- **Nov. 29th:** Last day to donate to help raise $850 to purchase gift cards for CASA – see below

Give Back This Holiday Season! 🎁

Looking for ways to make a difference this holiday season? There are two meaningful ways you can give back and help bring joy and comfort to others:

1. CASA Court Appointed Special Advocates FOR CHILDREN OF SANTA CRUZ COUNTY **SHARE THE LOVE – GIFT CARD DONATION DRIVE**

Help Us Spread Holiday Cheer!

Our goal is to raise $850 to purchase 17 gift cards valued at $50 each for the older children at CASA.

Your generosity will help make the holiday season a little brighter by offering encouragement, support, and a reminder that our community cares.

How to Donate: Please drop off your check during worship or mail it to the church office. **Be sure to note "CASA Stocking" in the memo line.**

Donation Deadline: November 29th

Thank you for your kindness and generosity! Together, we can make a difference and be a blessing to these young people this holiday season.



2. JOIN WITH VETERANS TO SUPPORT A SAN ARDO CHRISTMAS

For 23 years, the Marine Corps League of Monterey Bay has helped make Christmas special for the approximately 90 students at San Ardo School (Grades 1–8), a community where many families face financial hardship.

This Christmas, we invite our St. Andrew congregation to share the spirit of giving by donating new or gently used adult or children's clothing, bedding, and towels. These items are greatly needed and deeply appreciated by local families.

Please bring donations to the church office by **Wednesday, December 2nd**. Al Cheney will deliver them to San Ardo for the Christmas celebration on Friday, December 18th.

Your generosity will help bring warmth, comfort, and Christmas joy to families who truly need it.

Thank you for sharing the true meaning of Christmas!

~ Al Cheney





