

SAINT ANDREW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sanctuary

November 19, 2023

10 AM

25th Sunday after Pentecost

“Shout aloud and sing for joy, for great in our midst is the Holy One.” — Isaiah 12: 6

GATHERING MUSIC

Bill Holda

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

“All That We Have”

GARY AULT

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

To you, I lift up my eyes, O God, enthroned in the heavens.

Our eyes look to you, O Lord; have mercy on us.

Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we have had too much contempt.

Our eyes look to you, O Lord; have mercy on us.

***HYMN – No. 686**

“God of Our Life”

SANDON

***CALL TO AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

To you our Lord, we lift up our eyes. You who are enthroned in the heavens!

As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their master,

as the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,

so our eyes look to the Lord our God, seeking only your mercy.

So forgive us. Have mercy upon us, O Lord.

For we have held back in our commitment, we have not fully served you.

Even with Your goodness and love, we will not admit to our shame,

for do not see it; we are too busy. We are addicted to distractions.

Have mercy upon us, O Lord.

Our soul has been imprisoned others who judge us wrongly,

And we hold on to our contempt of the proud. Our hearts are hard.

Have mercy upon us, O Lord. Heal us! Amen.

(A time for silence, reflection, and prayer.)

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

***SHARING IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

The peace of God be with you also. Praise be to God.

(Time of sharing in the peace of Jesus Christ)

***PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

ENGAGING WITH THE WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

reader, Jackie Farmer

God, you never break your covenant with us. Your word is true.
Amid all the changing words of our generation, the lies, and half-truths,
we pray that you will speak your eternal word,
a truth and hope that does not change.
Then may we respond to your gracious promises with all we have.
May we learn to be more obedient and trust you at all times
through our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE TEXTS

Psalm 123

The Lord bless the reading of these words.
**The Lord bless the hearing of these words that we may treasure them
always. Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Lesson: Mark 12: 1-7

And the word became flesh and lived among us.
Full of Grace and Truth, thanks be to God.

HYMN – No. 716 “God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending”

BEACH SPRING

Hebrew Lesson: Isaiah 5: 1-7, Isaiah 11: 1-9

Holy wisdom, holy words.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON “Expecting Justice, Not Bloodshed, Righteousness, But a Cry!”

Rev. David F. Judd

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

ASCRPTION OF PRAISE

INVITATION TO BECOME THE CHURCH

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – - Apostles' Creed**

Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say:

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord.

**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day, he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

***Gloria Patri – Hymn 581**

GLORIA PATRI

GIVE THANKS UNTO THE LORD

CALL FOR OFFERING TO GOD

***HYMN 384**

"Soon and Very Soon"

SOON VERY SOON

STEWARDSHIP A time to present and dedicate our pledge cards and Time & Talent sheets at the Lord's Table.

***DOXOLOGY – No. 608 "Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow."**

PRAISE GOD

***THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, 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.

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever.

Amen.

GOING FORTH TO LIVE THE WORD

***HYMN – No. 273**

"He Is King of Kings"

HE IS KING

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Call to Order

Hear the Nominating Committee's report to elect a Trustee.

Elect Clerk pro tem

Receive the report of the Nominating Committee - Elder Terre Dunn

Nominations from the floor

Adjournment with Song of Praise

*HYMN – No. 273

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*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

“Take My Life”

HENDON

Announcements

NO **Wednesday Night Live** on Nov. 22. **Wednesday Night Live will resume on Nov. 29** at 6 p.m. Please call or email the church office by noon on Tuesday, so we have a meal for you, and note if you would like it packaged to-go. The cost is \$10 for adults, with reduced prices for children. The menu for the Nov. 29th is smothered steak, side, salad, drink, and dessert.

The nursery is back open! We are thankful for God’s healing power on our childcare coordinator, Kim Rickman. She will be back in the nursery area starting this Sunday. She would love to see little ones and your friendly faces welcoming her back. If you have a moment, go by the nursery to say hello!

The Advent Sunday School group will meet on the first four Sundays of December at 9 a.m. using the study guide, *Almost Christmas*, which explores how we can break down the barriers that prevent us from experiencing love, hope, joy, and peace in Christ in our lives and the world around us. Please contact the church office if you would like to attend.

The **Women’s Bible Study, *Sacred Encounters***, will meet

Tuesday, November 21 at 10:30 am. Quita Russell to lead Lesson 3.

Tuesday, December 19 at 10:30 am. Jackie Farmer to lead Lesson 4

On Sunday, November 26, after the church service, St. Andrew will celebrate the start of the Advent season with an annual chili cook-off and hanging of the greens. Community United Methodist Church is invited to take part in the festivities also. Please bring your favorite chili, cheese, sour cream, Fritos, cornbread, salad, side, or dessert. Voting will take place for the best chili, and then we will decorate.

Christ the King Sunday is next week, and communion will be served.

God of Our Life

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1 God of our life, through all the cir - cling years, we trust in thee.
 2 God of the past, our times are in thy hand. With us a - bide.
 3 God of the com - ing years, through paths un-known we fol-low thee.

In all the past, through all our hopes and fears, thy hand we see.
 Lead us by faith to hope's true prom-ised land. Be thou our guide.
 When we are strong, Lord, leave us not a - lone. Our ref - uge be.

With each new day, when morn - ing lifts the veil,
 With thee to bless, the dark - ness shines as light,
 Be thou for us in life our dai - ly bread,

we own thy mer - cies, Lord, which nev - er fail.
 and faith's fair vi - sion chang - es in - to sight.
 our heart's true home when all our years have sped.

This text was created for the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the Shadyside Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, by its pastor. He wrote these words especially for this tune, originally composed for John Henry Newman's text "Lead, Kindly Light."

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SANDON

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God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending 716

Capo 3: (D) F (Bm) Dm (G) B^b

1 God, whose giv - ing knows no end - ing, from your rich and
 2 Skills and time are ours for press - ing toward the goals of
 3 Trea - sure, too, you have en - trust - ed, gain through powers your

(D) F (Bm) Dm

end - less store, na - ture's won - der, Je - sus' wis - dom, cost - ly
 Christ, your Son: all at peace in health and free - dom, rac - es
 grace con - ferred: ours to use for home and kin - dred, and to

(G) B^b (D) F (A) C

cross, grave's shat - tered door: gift - ed by you, we turn
 joined, the church made one. Now di - rect our dai - ly
 spread the gos - pel word. O - pen wide our hands in

(Bm) Dm (F#m) Am (Bm) Dm (G) B^b (A) C (D) F

to you, of - fer - ing up our - selves in praise; thank - ful song shall
 la - bor, lest we strive for self a - lone. Born with tal - ents,
 shar - ing, as we heed Christ's age - less call, heal - ing, teach - ing,

(Bm) Dm (G) B^b (D) F

rise for - ev - er, gra - cious do - nor of our days.
 make us ser - vants fit to an - swer at your throne.
 and re - claim - ing, serv - ing you by lov - ing all.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This text on stewardship was one of about 450 submissions in a search for such hymns conducted by the Hymn Society of America in 1961. These words are well grounded by their musical setting, an early American shape note tune named for a Baptist church in Harris County, Georgia.

384 Soon and Very Soon

1 Soon and ver - y soon we are going to see the King.
 2 No more cry - ing there: we are going to see the King.
 3 No more dy - ing there: we are going to see the King.
 4 Soon and ver - y soon we are going to see the King.

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 No more dy - ing there: we are going to see the King.
 Soon and ver - y soon we are going to see the King.

Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, we're going to see the King!

This spirited African American gospel hymn draws on John's vision of the new heaven and the new earth in Revelation 21:3-4, with its wonderful promise that God will wipe away the tears from all eyes, that death will be no longer, and that there will be no more mourning or pain.

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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G C Am7 Dsus D G
Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise Christ, all

D Am7 Dsus D Am7 D G Am7
peo - ple here be - low; praise Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er -

G C Am7 G Am7 D G
more; praise Tri - une God, whom we a - dore.

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He Is King of Kings

Refrain

He is King of kings; he is Lord of lords, Je - sus Christ, the

first and last, no one works like him. O he is no one works like him.

1 He built his throne up in the air; and
 2 He pitched his tents on Ca-naan ground; no one works like him; and
 3 I know that my Re-deem-er lives; and

called his saints from ev - ery - where;
 broke op - pres - sive king - doms down; no one works like him. O he is
 by his love sweet bless - ing gives;

D.S.

This African American spiritual is a classic example of how praise of God rises out of human experience. The repeated response "no one works like him" shows confidence that the sovereign, liberating Christ abounds with the very attribute the singers need in order to survive.