THE LORD'S DAY

25th Sunday after Pentecost

November 15, 2026

St. Andrew PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)

Community UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Worshipping together, through Christ,
we are made one with God.

GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS — Kris King, Worship Leader

PRELUDE — ***Beauty for Brokenness (Song of the Poor)*** — GRAHAM KENDRICK

*UNITY HYMN *(*stand as we are able)* — AURELIA

In Unity, we gather to worship and rejoice.
From our own faith traditions, we pray with one strong voice:
Lord, help us love each other and serve all those in need,
and live as your disciples – in heart and word and deed.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Clothe yourself with faith and love;
be confident in your salvation in Christ Jesus.
The Lord is with us! Let us worship God.

*HYMN – No. 697 GTG — ***Take My Life*** — HENDON

*OPENING PRAYER

God of Righteousness, you overcome those who abuse their power and lift up those who suffer. Even now, when evil seems to hold sway, we know that you will have the last word. Keep us faithful as we wait and watch for your coming realm, when you will welcome all your children into your kingdom of justice, peace, and love. **Amen**

*CALL & PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God has not destined us for wrath,
but for salvation in Jesus, who died for us.
Confident in God's mercies, let us confess our sin.
Almighty God,
you have shown us the ways of justice
and nurtured us with love.
Even so, we have not lived according to your will.
When we are oppressed or unjustly accused,
we cling to fear and forget to trust in your deliverance.
When we are giddy with power and abuse the rights of others,
we hold tight to our privilege and forget your laws.
Have mercy on us, Lord,
for we are weak and prone to disobedience.
Hear our confession, and respond to us with kindness,
that we might turn to you again,
walk in the light, and live in equity and peace;
Through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Children of light, because we belong to our Lord Jesus Christ,
We need not fear-
For he lived for us, he died for us,
He was raised for us and prays for us.
Believe the promise of your baptism:
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*RESPONSE – No. 581 GTG ***Glory Be to the Father*** GLORIA PATRI

*PASSING THE PEACE

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
And also, with you.
(As a forgiven people, greet one another and share the Peace of Christ)

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION — Alan Peters, Reader

Shine your light on your Word, O Lord;
By your Spirit let us see your wonder.
For your justice outruns our sense of fairness;
Your love overwhelms our deepest affections.
Open our eyes, unstop our ears, and show us your most excellent way;
For Jesus' sake. **Amen**.

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Judges 4:1-7; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*HYMN – No. 708 GTG ***We Give Thee but Thine Own*** SCHUMANN

*GOSPEL READING: Matthew 25:14-30 — Reverend Stanley Larson

Holy wisdom, holy Word.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

*AFFIRMATION: Pg. 35 GTG ***Apostles' Creed***

*INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

God has entrusted us with a variety of gifts; let us return to the Lord
a generous measure of our bounty with thanksgiving and praise.
(Please place tithes and offerings in the designated offering plates.)

DEDICATION OF OUR TIME, TALENTS, AND PLEDGES FOR 2027

(*Please come forward to place yours in the basket*) +

God, Whose Giving Has No Ending BEACH SPRING

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

For all that you are and all that you do,
We give you thanks our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer.
We wait in hope for the coming of your realm
And offer these gifts to further your kingdom on earth;
In Jesus' name. **Amen**

*DOXOLOGY – No. 606 GTG ***Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow***

PRAYER CONCERNS AND JOYS OF THE CHURCH

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

THANKSGIVING

*HYMN – No. 69 GTG ***I, the Lord of Sea and Sky*** HERE I AM

*CHARGE & BLESSING

*POSTLUDE ***Now Thank We All Our God*** GEORG FRIEDRICH KAUFMANN

+ If you didn't bring your Time & Talents Sheet or blue Pledge Card, there are extras in the Narthex. Please return them to the Church Office by Tuesday, December 1st .

Organ – Dr. Bill Holda
Piano – Ga-Young Park
Soloist – Matthew McKinnon

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome friends! May the welcome you feel here be worthy of the gracious God that we serve. In this service, an asterisk (*) invites you to stand as health allows. Material printed in **bold** is for the congregation to sing or say. Let us worship God!

The **Wednesday Night Live** menu on November 18th features **Turkey and dressing**, dessert, and a beverage. Adults pay $10, with reduced prices for children. Please RSVP by 11:30 a.m. on Monday. Please sign up in the Narthex or call the office at 903.758.4952. **No WNL on Nov. 25th.**

Ministry Group & Committee meetings this month:
Budget, Finance, and Stewardship MG – Tuesday, November 17th @ 3 p.m.
Session – Tuesday, November 17th @ 4 p.m.

Feeding our Firefighters: Once a month, we feed all three of the 7-person crews at Station 6 on McCann Rd. Our November theme is Delightful Desserts! We need afternoon deliveries on Mon. 11/16 & Fri. 11/20. Please contact Rose Briggs (903-238-6463 rosebriggs07@gmail.com) or Katy Manck (903-918-1154 katyroo@gmail.com) to sign up or ask questions.

All-Church Workday is Saturday, November 21st, from 8 am to noon, with flex-time opportunities Nov. 16-20. We're sprucing up the church & grounds before Advent, so look at things with "visitors' eyes" while you work. Your Ministry Group elders have task lists, so please check them off as you finish so we know what's already done.

The flower beds will get special attention on Workday: Please contact these folks if you'd like to help now and/or throughout the year (weeds never take a break…):
Ann Smith (903.235.0388) Circle drive garden
Katy Manck (903.918.1154) Front door gardens
Robin & Tom Burns (903.240.0179) Chapel area gardens
Kathy & Steve Crane (903.452.4115) Fellowship Hall entrance gardens

We won't have a Potluck on Sunday, November 29th. With the chili cook-off on Sunday, November 22nd for Hanging of the Greens, it was decided to forgo our usual 5th Sunday potluck this month.