

# ST. ANDREW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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10:30 a.m.

25<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

## *The Service for the Lord's Day*



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*"...but she, out of her poverty has put in ... all she had to live on."*

Mark 12:44

### **Stewardship Sunday**

**November 11, 2018**

**10:30 A.M.**

Ministers ..... All Members of St. Andrew  
Head Ushers ..... Charles & Daniel Anokye  
Lead Elder ..... Blaise Mvoa-Olama  
Liturgist ..... Dick Wallace  
Music Ministry ..... The Choirs  
Director of Music Emeritus ..... Garry Cornell  
Pianists ..... Melissa S. Robol and Susan Mild  
Organists ..... Judith F. Willour, Alex Chacon  
Director of Music ..... Stephen Smith  
Transitional Pastor ..... Roger Au

**PRAYER OF THE DAY (For silent meditation in preparation for worship)**  
*Holy God, in Christ you have revealed the true measure of your generosity and the great treasure of your grace. Move us, even in the poverty of our hearts, to offer everything we have to you, so that our lives may bear witness to the abundance of your love; through Jesus Christ our redeemer. Amen.*

### **RINGING OF THE HOUR – INTROIT**

**WELCOME**

Elder Blaise Mvoa-Olama

**PRELUDE** “O Sacred Head, Now Wounded” *Hans Hassler, arr. Victor Labenske*

### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

**Pastor:** Let us praise our God, who made the mountains and the wind.

**People:** **Let us sing to our God, who made the stars and the sun.**

**Pastor:** Let us turn to our God, who made you and me.

**People:** **Let us thank God for all God's goodness.**

**\*HYMN NO. 697** “Take My Life”

*Hendon*

### **\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

**Pastor:** Christ came into the world to save us from sin, once and for all.

**People:** **Because of his sacrifice for us, God waits in mercy to forgive.**

**Pastor:** Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sins as together we pray...

### **\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Gracious Giver of all that we have and are,  
we confess that we are often slow to give thanks and to share.  
Sometimes we deny our oneness with all your creatures  
and seek only after our own salvation, our own needs and hopes.  
Challenge us with a vision for all people,  
that we may commit our lives to your mission in the world  
for we are yours.

*\*All who are able may stand. – Hymnals are located at the end of each pew*

(Silent confession)

Pastor: We pray in the name of Jesus Christ. **Amen**

**\*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Pastor: Hear the good news: Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who died.

**People: For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being;**

Pastor: for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. Friends, believe the good news:

**People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven, loved, and freed. Thanks be to God.**

**\*GLORIA**

*Cornell*

*Joyfully*

Glo - ry to God, Cre - a - tor, Son and Spir - it; Who was and is and  
shall be for - ev - er: The One E - ter - nal God, the One E - ter - nal God.

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Pastor: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another. The Peace of Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

**SERVICE OF COMMISSIONING**

**Opening Statement**

**Questions to Participants**

**Questions to Congregation**

**Charge**

**Prayer (Unison)**

Holy God, how many are the ways we serve you within your Church! We thank you for Chris, Dean, David, Amos, Francine, Amy, and Mark who have pledged themselves to this task of seeking a leader for this congregation. Enlarge their gifts, and help them to seek your will. Together, we now dedicate ourselves to them and to you, that we may fulfill our mission faithfully and be your people. Amen.

*Proclaim God's Word*

If you want to follow the Scripture lessons on your electronic device, our network is **Andrew2 or Andrew3**; password: **calvinjohn**. A good website for the NRSV is [www.devotions.net/bible/00bible.htm](http://www.devotions.net/bible/00bible.htm) or the app Olive Tree.

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**ANTHEM**

“More Love to Thee”

*Fettke*

**THE LESSON**

Mark 12:38-44  
[p. 49-50 (NT) in pew Bible]

**SERMON**

“Rethinking Stewardship”

—Rev. Roger Au

“...but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.” Mark 12:44

*Respond to God's Word*

**\*HYMN NO. 708 “We Give Thee But Thine Own”**

*Schumann*

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND LORD'S PRAYER

**All:** 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.

## CALL TO COMMITMENT

From *Present on Earth*, Iona Community

In gratitude, in deep gratitude for this moment, this place, these people, we give ourselves to you. Take us out to live as changed people, because we have been touched by the living Lord and cannot remain the same. Ask much from us, expect much from us, enable much by us, encourage many through us. So, Lord, may we live to your glory both as inhabitants of earth and citizens of the commonwealth of heaven. Amen.

## ACT OF COMMITMENT

*(You are invited to come forward during the offering to embody your commitment to Christ, and place your pledge card in the basket on the communion table. If you have already made a pledge or choose not to make a pledge today, please spend this time in prayer that we may be wise stewards of all gifts given to the glory of God. Extra pledge cards can be found on the table at the back of the sanctuary.)*

## OFFERING

Offertory "Trees"  
poem by Joyce Kilmer who died in WWI trenches

*music, Oscar Rasbach*

*I think that I shall never see  
a poem as lovely as a tree.  
A tree whose hungry mouth is prest  
against the earth's sweet flowing breast;  
A tree that looks at God all day,  
and lifts her leafy arms to pray.  
A tree that may in summer wear  
a nest of robins in her hair.  
Upon whose bosom snow has lain,  
who intimately lives with rain.  
Poems are made by fools like me,  
but only God can make a tree.*

*[Today, in addition to our regular offering, we receive our "Second Sunday Offering." Specially marked envelopes are with the attendance pads should you choose to participate. This extra-commitment gift goes entirely toward local and global mission and may be placed in the plates with the regular offering. In honor of the centennial of Armistice Day, Session has designated the Second Sunday Offering for the Veterans Administration Hospital in Chillicothe, Ohio.]*

\*Response "The Doxology" *Old Hundredth*  
Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise Christ all people here below,  
Praise Holy Spirit evermore,  
Praise Triune God whom we adore.

*Give Thanks to God*

## \*LITANY OF DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS AND PLEDGE COMMITMENTS

Pastor: The Creator of all life and love  
has given our earth bountiful blessings.

**People: God created humanity to share  
in the wonder and joy of these blessings.**

Pastor: All thanks be to God, Giver and Receiver of all that is good.

**People: We return to God portions of what God has given us:  
our time, the fruits of our labors, our commitment.**

Pastor: May the giving from the fullness of our lives  
be acceptable in God's sight.

**People: May the gifts we bring show that God's rule is at hand –  
both now and to come.**

Pastor: We dedicate our offerings toward the ministry God has given us.

**People: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow!**

*Go in God's Name*

\*HYMN NO. 715 "God of the Fertile Fields" *Italian Hymn*

## \*CHARGE — BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE "Eternal Father, Strong to Save" *Victor Labenske*

*If you wish to enjoy the postlude, please remain quietly in your seats.  
Otherwise, consider it the final Alleluia on the day's worship  
and leave to honor God and serve in Christ's name.*

**WE GREET YOU** and are pleased that you have joined us for worship today. Whether you are a guest, member, or friend of the church, we hope you find a warm welcome here. After worship, you are invited and encouraged to enjoy a time of refreshment and fellowship.

**THE FELLOWSHIP HOUR TODAY** is hosted by Bev Green & Lucy Conner.

**PERSONAL LISTENING DEVICES** are available for use during the worship service. Please ask an usher for assistance.

**FOR THE CHILDREN: Activity sheets** (two sets: for ages 3—6 and for 7—12) related to today’s service are on the oak cabinet in the back of the sanctuary.

**Activity bags** with coloring books and crayons for younger children are on hooks underneath the bulletin boards in the front hall.

**THE GREETERS TODAY** are Jim and Susan Mild.

**THE FLOWERS TODAY** are given by Bob and Linda Foster in honor of Will’s and Jessica’s birthdays.

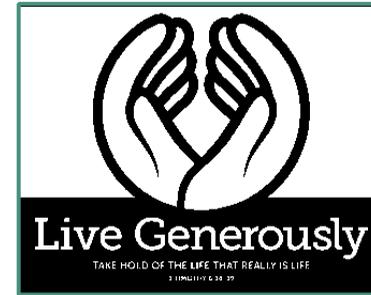
**THIS WEEK’S CARD MINISTRY COORDINATOR** is Bea White.

**THE LEAD ELDER NEXT WEEK** is Fred Vaughan.

**THE SECOND SUNDAY OFFERING** for the month of **November** has been designated to go to the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Chillicothe, Ohio, in honor of the centennial of Armistice Day. The VA Medical Center provides acute and chronic mental health services, primary and secondary medical services, as well as specialized women veterans health clinics to 40,000 to 50,000 veterans per year. The Chillicothe VA is dealing with veterans who are addicted to opiates, caring for homeless veterans, and helping our veterans in many other ways. Please consider a gift to the Second Sunday Offering to help our veterans.

**WOMEN’S FELLOWSHIP CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON** will be at the Worthington Inn on Friday, November 30, at 11:30 AM. Mark your calendars and let Charma Huddy know if you plan to attend. Instead of a gift exchange, bring unwrapped toys for the NNEMAP Toy Drive. This luncheon has always been a time of fun and fellowship and Christmas sweaters and holiday cheer.

**THE BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP** will meet on November 18 in the Blue Room from 9:15 – 10:10. The discussion will be on *Rules of Civility* by Amor Towles.



Today is Stewardship  
Sunday

*“They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous and ready to share...so they may take hold of the life that really is life.” (1 Timothy 6:18)*

Pledge cards and a letter from Session are available in the Narthex.  
We will dedicate our pledges in worship.



**This week at St. Andrew Presbyterian Church  
November 12 thru November 18\***

Monday	7:00 pm	Pastor Nominating Committee (Blue Rm.)
Tuesday	3:45 pm	Tai Chi Class (Blue Room)
Wednesday	10:30 am 12:30 pm 6:00 pm 7:30 pm	Prayer Meeting (Blue Room) Bible Study (Blue Room) Wellstreams (Blue Room) Choir practice (Choir Room & Sanctuary)
Saturday	9:00 am	Glass Class (Multipurpose Room)
Sunday	9:15 am	Book Discussion Group (Blue Room)

**\*please view the St. Andrew website for the complete November calendar**

**Church Office Hours:** Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 10:00 am – 2:30 pm

**NOTES from Stephen Smith:** This morning's anthem, *More Love to Thee*, is a new setting of the familiar hymn text written by Elizabeth Prentiss (1818-1878) in 1850. After experiencing the loss of two children, she penned the hymn as expression of her grief. The text is in the form of a prayer, and throughout, you will hear the phrase "More love to thee" numerous times. This repetition provides the singer with that sense of intimacy with Christ for which this era of hymnody is so known. Rather than use the standard hymn tune by William H Doane (as found on page 828 of our hymnal), composer/arranger Tom Fettke wrote a new melody which allows the familiar words to be heard in a new light.

To pair with that text, Fettke chose a second 19th century hymn, "I Love Thee." This hymn has a more ambiguous history, with both words and tune being handed down over time. In 1805, they appeared in their present form in a book of hymns compiled by Jeremiah Ingalls (1746-1828). Ingalls compiled the book while he was deacon and song director at the Congregational Church in Newbury, VT.

**ARMISTICE DAY CENTENNIAL CONCERT:  
A MUSICAL COMMEMORATION**

Pianist Melissa Robol  
Sunday, November 11 at 3:00 p.m.  
St. Andrew Sanctuary

Pianist Melissa Robol will share music influences from World War I, including "Shall We Meet Again" and "It's a Long Way to Tipperary," along with other tunes from the early 1900s. Several of her advanced piano students will play selections they have learned from this era. A reception featuring everything "pumpkin" will be held following the musical tribute. Contributions of pumpkin pie, pumpkin rolls, pumpkin cupcakes, along with other pumpkin recipes are welcome.

**HARMONY FOR HUNGER** concert benefitting NNEMAP will be held at King Avenue Methodist Church (229 King Avenue, Columbus) on Friday, November 16 at 7:30 p.m. This concert highlights top talent from many of the churches supporting NNEMAP. St. Andrew's own organist, Alex Chacon, and pianist, Melissa Robol, will be performing. Tickets are \$20 and are available at the door or by calling 614-297-0533. Susie Blackford also has tickets available.

**More Love to Thee**

Words by Elizabeth Prentiss (1856) &  
Jeremiah Ingalls' Christian Harmony (1805)

Music by Tom Fettke

Incorporating *I LOVE THEE*

From Jeremiah Ingalls' Christian Harmony (1805)

More love to Thee, O Christ, more love to Thee!  
Hear Thou the prayer I make on bended knee.  
This is my earnest plea: more love, O Christ, to Thee,  
More love to Thee, more love to Thee!

I love Thee, I love Thee, I love Thee, my Lord;  
I love Thee, my Savior, I love Thee, my God.  
Thy grace shall inspire both my heart and my tongue;  
Thy Name be my theme, and Thy love be my song.

Once earthy joy I craved, sought peace and rest;  
Now Thee alone I seek, give what is best.  
And shall my ev'ry breath sing out Your praise;  
This be the only song my heart shall raise.  
This still my prayer shall be: more love, O Christ, to Thee,  
More love to Thee, more love to Thee.

I love Thee, my Jesus, I love Thee, my Lord.

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