# ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH OF THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST Perkasie, Pennsylvania

**Rev. Barbara Pence** 

Website: www.standrewsucc.org Phone (215) 257-2880 10:15 am Worship Service 9:00 am Faith Formation

October 12, 2025 Liturgist: Denise Mayhew

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE **GREETING** 

If able, please rise in body or in spirit

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Long ago a vineyard was planted. The ground was prepared, and all was made ready.

But the vines grew wild, the ground was unable to support the wild grapes.

What happened in that place of promise?

People forgot the One who planted the vineyard. They chose their own ways and failed.

Let us again turn to the Lord, who will again plant, prune, and cause us to grow in faithfulness.

Let us open our hearts to God, trusting in God's ways and God's word. Amen.

# **Opening Prayer**

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the gift of your Son, Jesus Christ, who came to bring fire to the earth and to reveal your truth. We acknowledge that his message can bring both division and transformation, and we ask for your guidance to understand its implications. Help us to discern the times and to interpret your word with wisdom and clarity. Grant us the courage to be your witnesses, even amidst conflict, and to seek your peace in all circumstances. In Jesus's name, we pray. Amen

Faith of Our Fathers Hymn #530

### Please be seated

# **Prayer of Confession**

Forgiving God, in our imperfection, we have prioritized the absence of conflict over the presence of justice.

We have stayed silent when we have had the opportunity to speak out, fearing disagreement more than sin.

## All: Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy.

The prophets of the Old Testament criticized those who cried "peace, peace!" When there is no peace.'

We know we can be tempted to do the same – favoring the comfortable status quo over the disturbance of the Holy Spirit.

# All: Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy.

Too often, we have robbed your message of its transforming power – quick to present it as one of niceness, rather than one which comforts the disturbed and disturbs the comfortable.

## ALL: Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy.

Help us to live in the tension of the now and the not yet – safe in the promise of ultimate peace and rest, while learning to live with conflict in the present.

All: Amen.

### **WORDS OF GRACE**

Friends, hear this good news true peace comes through Jesus and his presence in our lives. This peace is not the absence of conflict but a deep sense of security and hope in the midst of trials.

Senior Choir Anthem

Take Now My Voice

Nolan

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

Scripture

Old Testament: Isaiah 5:1-7

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

The Gospel: Luke 12:49-56

The word of the Lord. This is the good news.

Blessed are they that hear the word of God and keep it.

**SERMON** 

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### Hymn #569

## God of Grace and God of Glory

### Please be seated

Koinonia Time (community; communion; fellowship; intimacy)
(Please date, sign, and pass the pew pad to your neighbors)

Sharing Joys and Concerns Prayers of Intercession

Lord's Prayer

Our Father/Mother who art in heaven, Our Creator, you are all around us and within us. hallowed be thy name.

We praise you with many different names.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done

Help us live as we understand we should from knowing you

in harmony and connectedness with each other,

on earth as it is in heaven.

With all creatures of the earth,

and with the earth and the universe itself.

Give us this day our daily bread,

Help us to use your resources wisely

So that we might be sustained.

and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Help us take responsibility when we fail to live harmoniously,

And help us understand and forgive when others let us down.

And lead us not into temptation,

Let us know you well enough that we are not tempted

to live outside of your love.

but deliver us from evil,

and empower us to work together to overcome evil.

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

Amen.

### INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

This earth has been given to us by God, our creator. The gifts of our lives are blessings to be shared. Let us share our gifts as we reflect on the ways in which we can serve and care for others and for this earth.

**OFFERTORY** 

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### **OFFERTORY RESPONSE**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, you heavenly host.

Praise Creator, Christ and Spirit, One. Amen.

### PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Loving Gardener, we offer ourselves into your nurturing hands. Receive the devotion of our labors, the fruits of our vines, and all that we are and know, that we may make a difference: in our homes, in our communities, and in our world. Receive these sacrifices, as a pledge to live our beliefs, through Jesus Christ, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith. Amen.

Hymn #730

Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory

### **BENEDICTION**

Go forth into the world, singing a love-song in the vineyard of life. Remember the Gardner who nurtures your faith and provides for your needs.

Grow into the promise of Christ, secure in the knowledge that you are loved.

### Please be seated

### Postlude

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# Head Ushers for October are Lance Ide and Ron Grace Ushers today are Linda Brickajlik and Ron Grace Altar Guild for the month of October are Robin Ide and Doris Lindmeier

Pastor Barb is on vacation starting October 6<sup>th</sup> and will return October 20<sup>th</sup>. Rev. Jeff Wargo from St. Stephens will be covering for pastoral emergencies. You may contact St. Stephen's directly or call the church office.

Pastor Barb's contact information: Email - pastorbarb90@gmail.com; Cell 267-374-5692

## **Consistory 2025**

Elders: Ron Grace, Doris Lindmeier, Lee Metzger (President), Karen Peterson

Deacons: Robert Creager, Cindy Grace, Tara Howell, Lance Ide, Erin Rush,

Herb Volk (Vice President)

Consistory Secretary – Angela Stofflet; Treasurer – Jen Flexer





RUMMAGE SALE: October 18<sup>th</sup> – Fall Clean-up! Bring your items to the church. For more details see Angela Stofflet (stoffletangela@gmail.com or 610-202-4680). Please leave your donations in fellowship hall. There will be a bake sale that day so if anyone is able to donate baked goods let Angela know. Thank you!

# This is a list of items we will be UNABLE to accept for donation:

Automotive	

- a. Vehicle Roof Top Carriers
- b. Tires
- . Wheels

### 2. Baby Items

- Car seats
- b. Cribs
- Equipment over 10 years old

### Bedding

- a. Box Springs/Bed Springs
- b. Electric Blankets
- c. Hospital & Electric Beds
- d. Water Beds

### . Building Supplies

- a. Built in Cabinets
- b. Doors
- c. Sinks
- . Windows

### Computer/Office Equipment

- a. CRT Monitors
- b. Computers
- c. Copiers
- d. Fax Machines
- . Keyboards/Mouse
- f. Printers
- g. Scanners
- 6. Major Appliances

### 7. Electrical

- a. Ceiling Fans
- b. Foot Spas
- C. TVs: Older than 5yo, Larger than 32\*
- d. Projection TVs

### B. Household Items

- a. Exercise Equipment older than 5vo
- b. Food
- c. Helmets: Bike & Equestrian
- d. Kerosene Heaters
- e. Wire hangers

#### 9. Furniture

- a. "Bean Bag" Chairs
- b. Entertainment Centers
- c. Pianos and Organs
- d. Wood TV and Stereo Console Units

### 10. Medical Equipment

- a. CPAP Machines
- . Nebulizers

### 11. Outdoor Equipment

- . Camping Tents & Canopies
- b. Gasoline, Propane Powered Equipment
- . Grills
- d. Paint and Oil
- . Skis, Ski Boots & Poles

### 12. Refrigeration Misc.

- a. Air Conditioners
- b. Dehumidifiers

### COMMUNION OF SAINTS

# Faith of Our Fathers



WORDS: Frederick W. Faber (1814-1863), alt. MUSIC: Henri F. Hemy (1818-1888); arr. James G. Walton (1821-1905) ST. CATHERINE 8.8.8.8.8.8. MINISTRY & SERVICE

# 569 God of Grace and God of Glory



WORDS: Harry E. Fosdick (1878-1969), alt. MUSIC: John Hughes (1873-1932) CWM RHONDDA 8.7.8.7.8.7.7. SPECIAL TIMES & SEASONS

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SPECIAL TIMES & SEASONS

