

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH OF THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
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10:15 am Worship Service

August 31, 2025
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Liturgist: Kathy Fretz

PRELUDE

GREETING

If able, please rise in body and in spirit

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, beloved of God, for love leads us here.

We come to let love continue among us.

Do not forget to welcome the stranger.

For in welcoming others, we welcome Christ.

And let us not neglect to do good and to share what we have.

For such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Let us worship the living God.

Hymn #24 God, You Spin the Whirling Planets

Please be seated

CALL TO CONFESSION

God invites us to mutual love. To find that mutuality, we must humble ourselves and seek forgiveness. Trusting in the promises of God in Christ Jesus, let us go to God in prayer.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

For the times we fail to offer hospitality

to those in our world who suffer injustice, oppression, and poverty, we pray:

God, have mercy on us and your people

For the times we lack courage to address the causes

of injustice, oppression, and poverty, we pray to our God:

God, have mercy on us and on your people.

For the times we give in to despair and resignation

when confronted with the injustice of our world, we pray to our God:

God, have mercy on us and on your people.

For the times we allow our fears to triumph

over the call to solidarity, we pray to our God:

God, have mercy on us and on your people.

Merciful God, receive our petitions.

Heal the brokenness in our hearts and in our world

caused by injustice, indifference, selfishness, and fear.

Open our hearts to hear the cries of your suffering people.

Support us as we seek to respond in mutual love and hospitality. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

God's love is unconditional. Therefore, in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God of Wisdom, open us to the work of your Spirit, that we may hear and faithfully respond to your holy Word. Amen.

Scripture: Jeremiah 2:4-13

Luke 14:1, 7-14

The word of the Lord.

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

If able, please rise in body or in spirit.

Hymn #649 Gather Us In

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 Creator/Mother/Father/Spirit, 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.

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY
Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

OFFERTORY

If able, please rise in body or in spirit

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
Faithful God, you bless us in Jesus, who is the same yesterday, today, and tomorrow. We praise you with lips that confess his name and dedicate these offerings for the good of the world. Amen.

Hymn #393 Blest Be the Tie That Binds

BENEDICTION
Go into the world, confident in the Lord’s provision, seeking those who are the stranger and providing for those who cannot repay you. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all this day and forevermore. Amen.

Please be seated

Postlude

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**Head Ushers for August are Doris Lindmeier and Lee Metzger  
Ushers today are Ron Grace and Doris Lindmeier  
Altar Guild for the month of August are Ethel Dietrich and Doris Lindmeier**  
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**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

# God, You Spin the Whirling Planets 24

1 God, you spin the whirl-ing plan-ets, fill the seas and spread the plain,  
2 You have called us to be faith-ful in our life and min - is - try.  
3 God, your will is still cre - at - ing, call - ing us to life made new,

mold the moun-tains, fash-ion blos-soms, call forth sun-shine, wind, and rain.  
We re-spond in grate-ful wor-ship, joined in one com - mun - i - ty.  
now re - veal to us fresh vis - tas where there's work to dare and do.

We, cre - at - ed in your im - age, would a true re - flec-tion be  
When we blur your gra - cious im - age, fo - cus us and make us whole,  
Keep us clear of all dis - tor-tion, fash - ion us with lov - ing care,

of your jus - tice, grace, and mer-cy, and the truth that makes us free.  
healed and strength-ened as your peo-ple, we move on - ward toward your goal.  
thus, new crea - tures in your im-age, we'll pro-claim Christ ev - ery-where.

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MUSIC: Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827)  
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HYMN TO JOY  
8.7.8.7.D.

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# Gather Us In

Unison D A/C# C G Gm/Bb Dm  
1 Here in this place, the new light is stream-ing, shad-ows of doubt are  
2 We are the young, our lives are a mys - tery; we are the old, who  
3 Here we re-ceive new life in the wa - ters; here we re-ceive the  
4 Not just in build-ings, small and con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,

C G D A/C# C G  
van-ished a - way. See in this space our fears and our dream-ings,  
yearn for your face. We have been sung through-out all of his - tory,  
bread of new birth; here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,  
light years a - way, here in this place the new light is shin - ing;

Gm/Bb Dm C Am7 D  
brought here to you in the light of this day.  
called to be light to the whole hu - man race.  
call us a - new to be salt for the earth.  
now is God pres-ent, and now is the day.

A C/G D/F# G A C/G  
Gath - er us in, the lost and for - sak - en; gath - er us in; our  
Gath - er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty; gath - er us in, the  
Give us to drink the wine of com-pas-sion; give us to eat the  
Gath - er us in and hold us for - ev - er; gath - er us in and

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GATHER US IN

GATHERING

spir - its in - flame. Call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en;  
proud and the strong; give us a heart so meek and so low - ly;  
bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion  
make us your own; gath - er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,

we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.  
give us the cour-age to en - ter the song.  
lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.  
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

Chords: D/F#, G, A, D, A/C#, C, G, Gm/Bb, Dm, C, Am7, D, C/D, Bb/D, D

CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY

Blest Be the Tie That Binds 393

1 Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Chris - tian love;  
2 Be - fore our Fa - ther's throne we pour our ar - dent prayers;  
3 We share our mu - tual woes, each oth - er's bur - dens bear;  
4 From sor - row, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free;

the fel - low - ship of kin - dred minds is like to that a - bove.  
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our com-forts and our cares.  
and oft - en for each oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.  
and per - fect love and friend-ship reign through all e - ter - ni - ty.



**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 downstairs in the first room on your right. 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:

1. Automotive Supplies
  - a. Vehicle Roof Top Carriers
  - b. Tires
  - c. Wheels
2. Baby Items
  - a. Car seats
  - b. Cribs
  - c. Equipment over 10 years old
3. Bedding
  - a. Box Springs/Bed Springs
  - b. Electric Blankets
  - c. Hospital & Electric Beds
  - d. Water Beds
4. Building Supplies
  - a. Built in Cabinets
  - b. Doors
  - c. Sinks
  - d. Windows
5. Computer/Office Equipment
  - a. CRT Monitors
  - b. Computers
  - c. Copiers
  - d. Fax Machines
  - e. 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
8. Household Items
  - a. Exercise Equipment older than 5yo
  - 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
  - b. Nebulizers
11. Outdoor Equipment
  - a. Camping Tents & Canopies
  - b. Gasoline, Propane Powered Equipment
  - c. Grills
  - d. Paint and Oil
  - e. Skis, Ski Boots & Poles
12. Refrigeration Misc.
  - a. Air Conditioners
  - b. Dehumidifiers

# DRIVE-THRU PET FOOD DRIVE

**SEPTEMBER  
27TH, 2025  
8:30AM - 10:30AM**



Please help support the efforts of St. Andrew's UCC in Perkasio to support Pennridge FISH by collecting pet (dog, cat, gerbil, etc.) food. St. Andrew's volunteers will be on-site to unload items from your car. Will also be accepting regular FISH items.

**DROP-OFF LOCATION**  
St. Andrew's UCC  
615 E Walnut St, Perkasio PA 18944

## ITEMS NEEDED

- ▶ Canned and dry cat or dog food
- ▶ Food for other household pets
- ▶ Other regular FISH items

For More Information : 267-614-1453 (Kelly Finno)

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