

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH OF THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
Perkasie, Pennsylvania
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9:00 am Faith Formation

Website: www.standrewsucc.org
10:15 am Worship Service

September 21, 2025
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Liturgist: Denise Mayhew

PRELUDE
GREETING

If able, please rise in body or in spirit

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 113:1-4)
Praise the Lord! Praise, O servants of the Lord; praise the name of the Lord.
Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time on and forevermore.
From the rising of the sun to its setting the name of the Lord is to be praised.
The Lord is high above all nations and the glory of the Lord above the heavens.

Hymn #56 Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

Please be seated

CALL TO CONFESSION
Let us confess our sins against God, our neighbors, and all Creation.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
We have forgotten who we are.
We have alienated ourselves from the unfolding of the cosmos.
We have become estranged from the movements of the earth.
We have turned our backs on the cycles of life.

We have forgotten who we are.
We have sought only our own security.
We have exploited simply for our own ends.
We have distorted our knowledge.
We have abused our power.

We have forgotten who we are.
Now the land is barren.
And the waters are poisoned.
And the air is polluted.

We have forgotten who we are.
Now the forests are dying.
And the creatures are disappearing.
And humans are despairing.

We have forgotten who we are.
We ask forgiveness.
We ask for the gift of remembering.
We ask for the strength to change.
Help us to remember who we are.
Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE
When we forget who we are, God remembers.
When we lose our way, Christ calls us back.
The Spirit reminds us, “We are God’s beloved creation, forgiven, renewed, and restored.”
Thanks be to God!

Senior Choir Anthem God Is There

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION
Creator God, you have knit together earth and sky, waters and creatures, plants and people.
Each are dependent on the other and alive through your Spirit’s breath. As we open your
Word, open also our hearts that we may hear your wisdom for life. Amen.

Scripture: Luke 16:1-13
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.

**We believe in God, who creates all things,
who embraces all things, who celebrates all things,
who is present in every part of the fabric of creation.**

We believe in Jesus Christ, the suffering one, the poor one, the malnourished one, the refugee, who loves and cares for this world and who suffers with it.

God will put an end to death and all destructive forces.

Please be seated

Angela Stofflet

(Please date, sign, and pass the pew pad to your neighbors)

Prayers of Intercession

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.

In God's creation, nothing thrives alone. The earth needs the sun for light, the seed needs soil and water to grow, we need one another to live fully, and all of us need God, who is the source of life. By sharing what God has entrusted to us, others flourish. Let us bring our gifts knowing that in giving, we are a part of God's interwoven creation of love.

If able, please rise in body or in spirit

Praise Creator, Christ and Spirit, One. Amen.

Triune God, whose life is shared in perfect unity, you created all things to be part of one living whole. Help us see ourselves not as separate from creation but woven into its web of life. May our offerings reflect our deep connection to each other and all your creatures. Bless us and our gifts so that we may nourish humanity and all creation in Christ's name we pray. Amen.

Hymn #28 For Beauty of Meadows

Care for your neighbor and tend to God's good creation for we all are bound together in holy interdependence. And may the love of God sustain you, the peace of Christ guide you, and the Spirit of life empower you today and always. Amen.

Please be seated

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Head Ushers for September are Erin Rush and Doris Lindmeier
Ushers today are Lance & Robin Ide
Altar Guild for the month of September are Karen Gossard, Lois-Ann Barndt & Barb Kieffer

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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



October 5th Give to Neighbors in Need

Gifts to Neighbors in Need (NIN) support the United Church of Christ’s ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States.

One-third of NIN funds support the Council for American Indian Ministry (CAIM). The other two-thirds of the offering support a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, direct service projects and grants.

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above 56

GOD OF LOVE & MERCY

1 Sing praise to God who reigns a - bove, the God of all cre -
2 What God's al - might - y power has made, in mer - cy he is
3 We sought the Lord in our dis - tress; O God, in mer - cy
4 Let all who name Christ's ho - ly name give God the praise and

a - tion, the God of power, the God of love, the God of our
keep - ing; by morn - ing glow or eve - ning shade his eye is nev -
hear us. Our Sav - ior saw our help - less - ness and came with peace
glo - ry. Let all who know his power pro - claim a - loud the won -

sal - va - tion. My soul with com - fort rich he fills, and
er sleep - ing. And where he rules in king - ly might, there
to cheer us. For this we thank and praise the Lord, who
drous sto - ry. Cast ev - ery i - dol from its throne; the

ev - ery grief he gent - ly stills: to God all praise and glo - ry!
all is just and all is right: to God all praise and glo - ry!
is by one and all a - dored: to God all praise and glo - ry!
Lord is God, and he a - lone: to God all praise and glo - ry!

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583 You Call Us, Lord

1 You call us, Lord, to be a peo - ple set a - part,
2 You call us, Lord, to care for self and neigh - bor too,
3 You call us, Lord, to be good stew - ards of the earth;
4 You call us, Lord, to serve: to die that we may live,

to feel with thought - ful mind and think with ten - der heart.
to take the risk, and dare to show what love can do.
to tend it as a place of bless - ed - ness and worth.
to know we best re - ceive when joy - ful - ly we give.

Refrain

Thus cho - sen, now, O Lord, we ask for faith in your

un - fail - ing grace to make us e - qual to the task.

For Beauty of Meadows 28

1 For beau - ty of mead - ows, for gran - deur of trees,
2 As stew - ards of beau - ty re - ceived at your hand,
3 Teach us once a - gain to be gar - deners in peace;

for flow - ers of wood - lands, for crea - tures of seas,
as crea - tures who hear your most ur - gent com - mand,
all na - ture a - round us is ours but on lease;

for all you cre - at - ed and gave us to share,
we turn from our waste - ful de - struc - tion of life,
your name we would hal - low in all that we do,

we praise you, Cre - a - tor, ex - tol - ling your care.
con - fess - ing our fail - ures, con - fess - ing our strife.
ful - fill - ing our call - ing, cre - at - ing with you.



RUMMAGE SALE: October 18th – 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:

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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JOIN US FOR THE
BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS
ON OCTOBER 5th AT 1:30PM.
WE WILL GATHER AT THE
PAVILION.
ALL ANIMALS WELCOME!



JOIN US FOR A

PIG ROAST



Hosted by
ST. ANDREW'S UCC

SATURDAY
SEPT. 27

ST. ANDREW'S UCC
615 E. WALNUT ST.
PERKASIE, PA 18944
4-7PM
OR UNTIL FOOD RUNS OUT

DELICIOUS ROAST PIG, BAKED POTATOES,
BAKED BEANS, COLESLAW, CORN CASSEROLE,
ROLLS AND BUTTER, AND VARIOUS DESSERTS.

COST BY DONATION
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