Saint Andrew's Presbyterian and St. Paul's United Ecumenical Shared Ministry

October 25, 10:30 AM, 21st Sunday After Pentecost -Reformation Sunday

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We acknowledge that the land on which we worship is the traditional unceded territory of the Wəlastəkwiyik, Mi'kmaq, and Passamaquoddy Peoples. This land is covered by the "Treaties of Peace and Friendship," signed with the British Crown in 1726, which established the rules for an ongoing relationship between the nations, not a surrender of land and resources. May we continue working toward a just and right relationship with the First Peoples of this land.

Please note that the words in **Bold** are congregational responses in which we join our voices together.

COMING TOGETHER BEFORE GOD

Prelude: Weigenlied Bohn

Welcome & Announcements:

Moment for Missions:

Lighting the Christ Candle:

Call to Worship:[1]

People of God,
look around and see the faces of those we know and love—
neighbours and friends, sisters and brothers—
a community of kindred hearts.
People of God,
look around and see the faces of those we hardly know—
strangers, visitors, forgotten friends—
the ones who need an outstretched hand.
People of God,
look around and see all the images of God assembled here.
In me, in you, in each of us,

God's spirit shines for all to see.

People of God, come. Let us worship together.

Opening Hymn: Come, Let us Sing TBoP 706

Come, let us sing of a wonderful love,
tender and true, tender and true;
out of the heart of the Father above,
streaming to me and to you:
wonderful love, wonderful love
dwells in the heart of the Father above.

Jesus the Saviour this gospel to tell
joyfully came, joyfully came,
came with the helpless and hopeless to dwell,
sharing their sorrow and shame:
seeking the lost, seeking the lost,
saving, redeeming at measureless cost.

Jesus is seeking the wanderers yet;
why do they roam? why do they roam?
Love only waits to forgive and forget;
home, weary wanderers, home:
wonderful love, wonderful love
dwells in the heart of the Father above.

Come to my heart, O thou wonderful love;
come and abide, come and abide,
lifting my life till it rises above
envy and falsehood and pride:
seeking to be, seeking to be
lowly and humble, a learner of thee.

Grounding Prayer

Prayer of Confession:[2]

From self-righteousness that will not compromise,

and from selfishness
that gains from the manipulation of others,
deliver us, O God.
From the lust for money or power that drives to kill,
deliver us, O God.
From the arrogance and thoughtlessness
that abuses your good creation,
deliver us, O God.
From trusting in the weapons of war,
and mistrusting the councils of peace,
deliver us, O God.
From suspicions and fears
that stand in the way of reconciliation,
deliver us, O God.
From words and deeds that encourage discord,
perpetuate racist assumptions,
sexist stereotypes, and classist attitudes;
from everything that contributes to oppression,
deliver us, O God. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon:[3]

HEARING AND PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Time for all ages:

Prayer for Understanding:[3]

Lord God, as we listen to the Scriptures this day, send your Holy Spirit so we encounter the words as your Living Word. Open our hearts to respond in love and service for Christ's sake. Amen.

Hebrew Scripture: 2 Samuel 11:2-9, 14-15, 26-2 Samuel 12:7a

It happened, late one afternoon when David rose from his couch and was walking about on the roof of the king's house, that he saw from the roof a woman bathing; the woman was very beautiful. David sent someone to inquire about the woman. It was reported, "This is Bathsheba daughter of Eliam, the

wife of Uriah the Hittite." So David sent messengers to get her, and she came to him, and he lay with her. (Now she was purifying herself after her period.) Then she returned to her house. The woman conceived, and she sent and told David, "I am pregnant."

So David sent word to Joab, "Send me Uriah the Hittite." And Joab sent Uriah to David. When Uriah came to him, David asked how Joab and the people fared and how the war was going. Then David said to Uriah, "Go down to your house and wash your feet." Uriah went out of the king's house, and there followed him a present from the king. But Uriah slept at the entrance of the king's house with all the servants of his lord and did not go down to his house.

In the morning David wrote a letter to Joab and sent it by the hand of Uriah. In the letter he wrote, "Set Uriah in the forefront of the hardest fighting, and then draw back from him, so that he may be struck down and die."

When the wife of Uriah heard that her husband was dead, she made lamentation for him. When the mourning was over, David sent and brought her to his house, and she became his wife and bore him a son.

But the thing that David had done displeased the Lord, and the Lord sent Nathan to David. He came to him and said to him, "There were two men in a certain city, the one rich and the other poor. The rich man had very many flocks and herds, but the poor man had nothing but one little ewe lamb that he had bought. He brought it up, and it grew up with him and with his children; it used to eat of his meager fare and drink from his cup and lie in his bosom, and it was like a daughter to him. Now there came a traveler to the rich man, and he was loath to take one of his own flock or herd to prepare for the wayfarer who had come to him, but he took the poor man's lamb and prepared that for the guest who had come to him." Then David's anger was greatly kindled against the man. He said to Nathan, "As the Lord lives, the man who has done this deserves to die; he shall restore the lamb fourfold because he did this thing and because he had no pity."
Nathan said to David, "You are the man!

Responsive Reading: Psalm 51:1-9

To the leader. A Psalm of David, when the prophet Nathan came to him, after he had gone in to Bathsheba.

Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy,
blot out my transgressions.
Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin.
For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is ever before me.
Against you, you alone, have I sinned
and done what is evil in your sight,
so that you are justified in your sentence
and blameless when you pass judgment.
Indeed, I was born guilty,
a sinner when my mother conceived me.
You desire truth in the inward being;
therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.
Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
Let me hear joy and gladness;
let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.
Hide your face from my sins,
and blot out all my iniquities.

Gospel: Matthew 22:34-46

When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, an expert in the law, asked him a question to test him. “Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” He said to him, “ ‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the greatest and first commandment. And a

second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.”

Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: “What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?” They said to him, “The son of David.”

He said to them, “How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying,

‘The Lord said to my Lord,
“Sit at my right hand,
until I put your enemies under your feet” ’?

“If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?” No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

Choir Anthem: All Things Bright and Beautiful Shephard

Message: What is driving your actions?

Hymn of Response: Thy Kingdom Come- On Bended Knee TBOP 784

Thy kingdom come– on bended knee
the passing ages pray,
and faithful souls have yearned to see
on earth that kingdom's day.

But the slow watches of the night
not less to God belong,
and for the everlasting right
the silent stars are strong.

And lo! already on the hills
the flags of dawn appear;
gird up your loins, ye prophet souls;
proclaim the day is near:

the day in whose clear-shining light
all wrong shall stand revealed,
when justice shall be clothed with might,
and every hurt be healed,

when knowledge, hand in hand with peace,
shall walk the earth abroad:
the day of perfect righteousness,
the promised day of God.

Invitation to Offering:

Doxology: Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow TBoP 306

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise God all creatures high and low;
praise God in Jesus fully known:
Creator, Word and Spirit, One.

Prayer of Dedication:[4]
Ever-present God, with this offering, we present also ourselves: all that we have been, all that we are, and all that we shall become, and our resolve to walk in your way. Accept us and our offering; we pray for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Prayers of The People & Lord's Prayer:

GOING OUT TO THE WORLD FOLLOWING THE WAY

Closing Hymn: How Clear is our Vocation, Lord TBoP 649

How clear is our vocation, Lord,
when once we heed your call:
to live according to your Word,
and daily learn, refreshed, restored
that you are Lord of all
and will not let us fall.

But if, forgetful, we should find
your yoke is hard to bear,
if worldly pressures fray the mind
and love itself cannot unwind
its tangled skein of care:
our inward life repair.

We mark your saints, how they became
in hindrances more sure,
whose joyful virtues put to shame
the casual way we wear your name,
and by our faults obscure
your power to cleanse and cure.

In what you give us, Lord, to do,
together or alone,
in old routines and ventures new,
may we not cease to look to you–
the cross you hung upon—
all you endeavoured done.

Commissioning and Benediction:

Postlude: Taccota in E minor Pachelbel

Celebrate God's presence Weekly Worship- General, Call to worship 13F002
Celebrate God's presence Weekly worship- general, Prayer of Confession 19J001
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Celebrate God's presence Weekly worship -General, offering prayer 0R004

Announcements

Reformation Sunday is observed on or the Sunday before October 31st, the date Martin Luther reportedly posted his 95 Theses on the church door in Wittenberg in 1517. This act fanned the already glowing embers of religious and political discontent into the full fire of the Protestant Reformation. The traditional liturgical colour for today is Red, in recognition

of the Holy Spirit's ongoing work to form, reform, and empower the church through the living Word in each new age. (Gathering, Pentecost 2 2026 page 15)

Thank you to those who have used their gifts, time and talents to serve God in worship. Today's all-stars:

READERS
Hebrew Scripture: Kathy Berry
Responsive Psalm: Cathy Davis
Gospel: Sandra Steeves

GREETERS: Sandra and Ron Steeves and Mary Hossack

AUDIO VISUAL (zoom): Beth and Shawn Meister and Alan Thorne

FELLOWSHIP COFFEE: The Simpsons

Call for more Photo's! The Worship C has acquired quite a few photos from Saint Andrews **of family members who served during the wars**. We are making a poster made for our Remembrance Day Service. If anyone has photos (photocopies) of their family, especially in military dress, to add to the collection, please leave it in the **office mail holder or give it to Roger by October 31**

It's Socktober! The lighted tree at the back of the sanctuary is decorated with socks! For the month of October, our Mission and Outreach Committee is requesting **Men's and Women's Winter socks,** which will be shared with needy men and women in our community who come to our doors or to the Emergency Shelters. Donated Socks can be placed in the basket at the base of the tree. We greatly appreciate your support!

Current Needs of our Outreach Programs

The Pantry: Our pantry staples of canned meats, Peanut butter, juice and School Safe snacks (such as puddings, fruit cups) are always needed!
Breakfast 2 Go: Cheez Whiz; cans of ham, chicken turkey, fish; peanut butter; instant coffee; nutritional drinks; mini cereal boxes; TP

Weekly Congregational Activities

Tuesdays ~ Ladies Group, in the Hall: 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. All are welcome!!
Tues. & Thurs. ~ Quilting Group, Parlour - 1-4 p.m. ~ All are welcome!
Wednesdays ~ Pantry Program, Basement - 9-11 a.m. - Basement
Thursdays ~ Choir Practice, in the Hall: 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. ~ All are welcome!
Fridays ~ Breakfast 2 Go, Hall entrance - 9 - 10:30 a.m.

Church Meetings

If you have a church committee meeting coming up, please let Office/Rev. Michelle know so we can print the date details. Thank you!

The **next EA meeting** will be held after Service Today, **October 25th, 2026**. 12:00-1:30 p.m. Session & Council members are encouraged to bring a brown bag lunch.

Looking to **connect with Rev. Michelle**, you can call her direct office line at **(506)455-0639**, email michellenarmstrong@hotmail.com, or **text (506)259-7602**. For pastoral emergencies, please call her cell. Please note: Rev. Michelle will be off October 28 and away on Continuing Education November 2-8th inclusive.

Can't attend Sunday Service in person?

Consider joining us online. Worship via Zoom - Link:
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83673756287
Passcode: 2023
View past services here: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCG2wvjhQzgAm-2Co5WvRkmA

External Announcements

St. Francis of Assisi Church Hall is having a Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, November 14,2026 from 9:00 AM- 2:00 PM.Location St. Francis of Assisi Hall, 2130 Rte 102 Hwy, Lincoln. There will be local crafts,Baking, Books, Cafe. Something for everyone.