



# Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 16, 2018 | 8:30 + 11:00 am

## We Gather in the Presence of the Triune God

**Gathering Music** | Fanfare for a New Day by J. Wayne Kerr

**Welcome + Announcements**

**Prelude** | Lift Up Your Heads setting by Aaron David Miller

### \*Call to Worship

Fling wide the temple gates!

**Open up the ancient doors!**

The mighty and glorious one is coming.

**Who is this mighty and glorious one?**

This is the Lord for whom we have waited.

**Let us be glad and rejoice in God.**

### \*Gathering Hymn | Lift Up Your Heads

1. Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates,  
behold, the King of glory waits;  
the King of kings is drawing near;  
the Savior of the world is here!

2. Fling wide the portals of your heart;  
make it a temple, set apart  
from earthly use for heaven's employ,  
adorned with prayer, and love, and joy.

3. Redeemer, come! I open wide  
my heart to Thee: here, Lord, abide.  
Let me Thy inner presence feel;  
Thy grace and love in me reveal.

Text: Georg Weisell (1590-1635), trans. Catherine Winkworth  
(1827-1878)

Music: TRURO; Charles Burney (1726-1814), harm. Lowell Mason  
(1792-1872)

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**Hymns + Songs** | *Lift Up Your Hearts* (red hymnal)

**Bold Print** | Speak or sing together in unison

*\*Please rise in body or in spirit*

# We Seek Renewal in God's Presence

## \*Call to Confession

God has promised to make of us a new creation, laying to rest the former things, making all things new. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

## \*Prayer of Confession

**Almighty Lord and God, in Jesus Christ you came from heaven to dwell among us, calling us to be your faithful people. Yet we remain shrouded in sin—we hurt and disgrace ourselves; we abuse and destroy one another; we dishonor your holy name. In Jesus, you have forgiven us; unbind us and let us go so that we may stand among your saints, rejoicing in your saving grace; through Jesus, the Christ, our redeemer. Amen.**

## \*Declaration of Forgiveness

Listen! The one who is seated on the throne says, "See I am making all things new."

**And now it is finished!**

Hear the good news:

**In Jesus, the Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God.**

## \*The Peace | time of greeting

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

## The Word of the Lord

**Old Testament Lesson** | Isaiah 25:6-9 *Bible*, pg. 568

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

(8:30) **Choral Response** | Open Your Ears, O Faithful People *setting by Robert Hobby*

**Psalms Lesson** | Psalm 24 *Bible*, pg. 436

**Time for Young Disciples** | Heather Woodin, Director of Children's and Family Ministry

*Parents who would like to have their children (3 year old-Kindergarten) participate in Children's Time are welcome to accompany their children downstairs during the congregational hymn.*

**Congregational Hymn** | In Christ Alone *red hymnal*, #770

**New Testament Lesson** | Revelation 21:1-6a *Bible*, pg. 1007

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Message** | A New Day Dawning *Rev. Dr. Danie deBeer*

## Responding to the Word

### Worship with Tithes and Offerings

*Prayer requests may be written on a prayer card and placed in the offering plate.*

**Offertory** | Love Divine, All Loves Excelling *setting by Mark Sedio*

*meditate on text in hymnal*, #351



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**\*Offertory Response** | Doxology *red hymnal, #965*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;**

**Praise him, all creatures here below;**

**Praise him above, ye heavenly host;**

**Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**Prayers of the People + The Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father 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.**

## Sending

**\*Sending Hymn** | Soon and Very Soon *red hymnal, #482*

**\*Charge + Blessing**

**\*Postlude** | Soon and Very Soon *by André Crouch*

*You are invited to remain for the postlude. Soli Deo Gloria! Glory to God Alone!*

*If you desire a personal time of prayer, we're here to pray with you and for you. Please join a prayer partner in the Prayer Room at the back of the Sanctuary immediately following the worship service.*

## Today's Worship Participants

Matthew Penning, *director of music*

Logos Choir

Tamera Penning, *accompanist*

(8:30) Myrna Farraj; (11:00) Jan Taylor, *worship leaders*

## Leadership

Interim Senior Pastor ..... Rev. Dr. Danie deBeer

Associate Pastor ..... Rev. Kyle Otterbein

Pastor Emeritus..... Rev. Mark Martin

Music Director ..... Matthew Penning

Assistant Director of Instrumental Ministries ..... Lee Rabe

Assistant Director of Children's Vocal Ministries ..... Nelda Wittig

Assistant Director of Handbell Ministries ..... Laura Kastens

Children's & Family Ministry Director ..... Heather Woodin

Youth Ministries Director ..... Randy Hausler

Finance Administrator ..... John Benson

Office & Communications Administrator ..... Sarah Dyck

# Announcements

**Welcome!** We are happy to have you here with us today. If you would like more information about St. Andrew, please indicate your interest on the Connection Card. Join us for a time of fellowship and refreshments after the service. This is a wonderful way to meet the St. Andrew family.

**Prayer:** If you desire a personal time of prayer, we're here to pray with you and for you. Please join a prayer partner at the Prayer Room at the back of the Sanctuary immediately following the worship service.

**All ages are welcomed in our worship services.** Worship materials for children and adults, including large print hymnals, bibles, and bulletins are available on the shelves outside the north sanctuary doors. A T-Coil hearing assist loop is also available for those with this feature on their hearing aids.

If needed, **infant and toddler care** (up to age 2) is provided downstairs in the Nursery. Children's Time, for ages 3 years through Kindergarten, is also downstairs.

**Prayer Requests** may be written on a blue Prayer Request Card and placed in the offering plate.

**QR Coding for Giving:** The QR code in the Sunday bulletin is an electronic code that links to the giving page on our church website. In worship, we respond to God's love with our offering. We hope that people who like technology will use these prompts to connect their gifts to our worship.

**Connection Cards** are one way we can extend welcome and hospitality to our guests while also helping us consider steps we can take in the mission and ministry of Jesus Christ. We ask each person to fill out the card and place it in the offering plate. Members, once your contact information is correct, you only need to write your name.

Think about...*(no need to check anything!)*

- ◇ The images and fascinations of the book of Revelation can create turmoil in people's lives, and create strife, demonic fantasies, and misled people of faith. How can we prevent it?
- ◇ Revelation is at its heart a book of consolation, a vision of comfort for a people persecuted in distress. How does our reading from Revelation 21:1-6 give you comfort?
- ◇ How is the message that affirms God's final triumph and the outcome of the struggle of the faithful a protest against any situation in which brothers and sisters (and all people!) are ignored or abused?
- ◇ Is this vision of God's triumph a mirror in which we may catch a glimpse of the hopes and fears of St. Andrew Presbyterian Church, as well as our own personal fears and hopes?

- The **flowers** are given by Pat and Skip Wells in thanksgiving for all of the blessings in their lives.
- Is your child ready to take communion? Parents interested in learning more should attend the **Preparing for Communion** class today in the Atrium at 12:15 pm.
- If you took the school lost and found clothing home earlier this year, we will collect the **clothing for the annual winter clothing distribution** on either Sunday, September 30 or Sunday, October 7. If you cannot make it to church either day, please contact Janet Maas at 319/466.7562, and she will pick them up from you.
- **Sunday, October 7, is our annual Disability Inclusion & Awareness Celebration** at both services. We will also have the *More God, Less Psychiatric Illness* devotionals and the *Be Still* music CD companion available for purchase in the Atrium. For more information, contact Marcia Murphy at [murphyma87533@gmail.com](mailto:murphyma87533@gmail.com).
- **TRUE Moms will be hosting a night out** from 6:30 to 8:00 pm in the Atrium on Tuesday, September 18.

