# ST. ANDREW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*Do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God. -Micah 6:8*



# Worship Bulletin

## Sunday, November 8th, 2026

**Prelude**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Minute for Mission: Thanksgiving Collection for EFAA** **Kids and Youth**

**Call to Worship** **Liturgist, Cheryl Bradfute**

Leader: We come today, carrying our hopes and our worries, our weariness and our wonder.

**People: We come to worship the God who meets us in the waiting.**

Leader: In a world that tempts us to despair, God calls us to stay awake to the promise of new life.

**People: Keep our lamps burning, O God, and kindle in us the light of hope.**

Leader: When we grow weary, remind us that your kingdom is drawing near. When we become distracted, open our eyes to your presence among us.

**People: Make us ready to recognize your grace and faithful enough to live in its light.**

Leader: Come, let us worship the God of promise, the Christ who is coming, and the Spirit who keeps hope alive.

**People: We worship with open hearts and expectant spirits. Let us stay awake to the love of God and the work of God's kingdom. Amen.**

**Opening Prayer**

***Hymn #393 - *O Day of Rest and Gladness***

**Prayer of Confession**

**Gracious God, we confess that we grow weary in the waiting. We become distracted by the demands of the day, discouraged by the troubles of the world, and comfortable with ways of living that leave little room for hope. Forgive us when we close our eyes to your presence and let our lamps grow dim. Awaken us to your grace, renew our hope, and teach us to live with open hearts, attentive spirits, and faith that shines in the darkness.**

*(Time for silent prayer and confession)*

**Assurance of Forgiveness**

**Passing the Peace**

Leader: God makes peace within us.
**People: Let us claim it.**
Leader: God makes peace between us.
**People: Let us share it.**
Leader: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
**People: And also with you!**

*Please share signs of peace (ex. a wave, handshake, or high five) with each other.*

**A Word for God's Children** **Erica Russell**

**Anthem** ***Lord of Forever*** **St. Andrew Choir**

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Scripture – Psalm 70**

Be pleased, O God, to deliver me.
O LORD, make haste to help me!
Let those be put to shame and confusion
who seek my life.
Let those be turned back and brought to dishonor
who desire to hurt me.
Let those who say, "Aha, Aha!"
turn back because of their shame.
Let all who seek you
rejoice and be glad in you.
Let those who love your salvation
say evermore, "God is great!"
But I am poor and needy;
hasten to me, O God!
You are my help and my deliverer;
O LORD, do not delay!

**Scripture – Matthew 25:1-13**

Jesus said: "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten young women took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those young women got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet, and the door was shut. Later the other young women came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake, therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon** **The Rev. Jacqueline Decker Vanderpol**

**A Moment for Silent Reflection**

***Hymn #39 - *Great is Thy Faithfulness***

***Affirmation of Faith**

**We believe in God, whose love sustains us in every season and whose promises give us hope.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ, who calls us to stay awake to God's presence, to live with courage and generosity, and to recognize the sacred worth of every person.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, who keeps our faith alive when we grow weary, lights our way when the future is uncertain, and calls us to participate in God's work of healing and reconciliation.**

**We believe that God's kingdom is drawing near, and that we are called to live as people of hope—not in fear of what is to come, but in faithfulness to what God is doing among us now.**

**With open hearts and lamps burning bright, we seek to follow Christ, love our neighbors, and bear witness to God's grace until the day when all things are made new.**
**Amen.**

**Offering our Gifts and Gratitude**

*To give electronically, please visit standrewboulder.org/giving*

***Song of Dedication #652 – *A Grateful Heart (v. 1)***

***A grateful heart is what I bring, a song of praise, my offering.***
***Among the saints I lift my voice: in you, O God, I will rejoice.***

***Prayer of Dedication**

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

**Our loving God, who is in Heaven, hallowed be Your name, Your kingdom come, Your 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 Yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen!**

***Hymn #840 - *When Peace Like a River (vv. 1, 3, 4)***

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

*Stand as able

---

*Today's bulletin cover artwork is provided by Joan Baker.*

CCLI- #3195519, OneLicense -A-732031

## St. Andrew At-A-Glance

- **November 8 -** Hybrid Worship, Nursery, Choir Rehearsal, Adult Education, Sunday School, Navigating Difficult Conversations with Adult Children Seminar, Youth Group, In-Between Young Adults Dinner and Worship
- **November 10 -** Boulder Interfaith Council, Bread and Belonging Student Dinner at St. Aidan's
- **November 11 -** Noon Prayer Service
- **November 14 -** HomeAhead Open Donation Hours
- **November 15 -** Hybrid Worship, Nursery, Choir Rehearsal, Adult Education, Sunday School, Youth Group, Baseline Interfaith Gathering, In-Between Young Adults Dinner and Worship
- **November 17 -** Bread and Belonging Student Dinner at St. Aidan's, Session Meeting
- **November 18 -** Noon Prayer Service
- **November 21 -** HomeAhead Open Donation Hours
- **November 22 -** Hybrid Worship, Nursery, Choir Rehearsal, Adult Education, Sunday School, Youth Group, In-Between Young Adults Dinner and Worship

## Worship Leaders

**Pastor**
The Rev. Jacqueline Decker Vanderpol
Jacqueline@StAndrewBoulder.org

**Music Director**
Dr. Chad Clark
Chad@StAndrewBoulder.org

**Organist**
Joshua Yuen-Schat
Josh@StAndrewBoulder.org

**Sexton/Facilities**
Basil Miller
Basil@StAndrewBoulder.org

**Director of Family Ministries**
***(Children and Youth)***
Erica Russell
Erica@StAndrewBoulder.org

**Life Enrichment Director**
***(Active Retirees and Older Adults)***
Marisa Marotta
Marisa@StAndrewBoulder.org

**Office Administrator**
Savannah Morton
Office@StAndrewBoulder.org

**Sound Team**
Gene Harano,
Basil Miller, Steve Niessner

**Zoom Techs**
Evaristo Ramirez-Aguilar, Norah Vanderpol, Samuel Martin, and Gillian Johnson

# Navigating Difficult Conversations *with* *Adult Children*

Join us for a seminar on how to navigate challenging conversations with adult children with more understanding, grace, and connection.

*with*
Jody Pierce, LCSW

**November 8**
after worship

**Parish Hall**






# Assistance and Resources

## 2-1-1 COLORADO

**Call 2-1-1 or visit www.211colorado.org**

211 is a multilingual and confidential service that connects individuals to critical resources including food, shelter, rental assistance, childcare, and more.

## 988 SUICIDE & CRISIS LIFELINE

**Call or text 9-8-8 or visit www.988lifeline.org**

988 allows anyone with emotional, mental health or substance use concerns to be immediately connected with a trained specialist who will listen without judgment.

## SPAN

SAFEHOUSE PROGRESSIVE ALLIANCE FOR NONVIOLENCE

**Call (303) 444-2424 or visit www.safehousealliance.org**

The SPAN (Safehouse Progressive Alliance for Nonviolence) Crisis Hotline offers 24/7 emergency support to those in an abusive home environment.

## THE TREVOR PROJECT

**Text 'START' to 678-678, Call (866) 488-7386 or visit www.thetrevorproject.org**

The Trevor Project offers 24/7 confidential crisis support for LGBTQ+ youth experiencing suicidal thoughts, self-harm, bullying, family rejection, or emotional distress.