



# St. Andrews-Covenant

Presbyterian Church | PC (USA)

## Welcome to Worship! | June 26, 2022

*It is good you are here! Please silence all electronic devices.*

### GATHERING

**Prelude** *Blessed Assurance*

arr. Lani Smith

**Welcome  
Moment for Mission**

#### **\*Call to Worship**

Leader: We welcome one another in Jesus' name,

**People: for Christ is truly present among us.**

Leader: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases;

**People: the mercies of God never come to an end.**

Leader: For freedom Christ has set us free.

**People: Now we live by the Spirit of God.**

**Gathering Prayer**

**\*Hymn No. 649** *Amazing Grace*

**Prayer of Confession**

God of grace and love, we confess that we have failed to love you as we should with all our heart, soul and mind; and to love our neighbors as ourselves. Too often we ignore your commandments and stray from your way, following other gods. Have mercy on us. Forgive our sins and raise us to new life in Jesus Christ that we may serve you faithfully and give honor to your holy name.

Amen.

**Assurance of Forgiveness**

**\*Sung Response No. 581** *Glory Be to the Father*

**\*Sharing the Peace of Christ**

Leader: The Peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

### WORD

**Scripture Reading:** 1 John 5:9-15

**Sermon:** *"Blessed Assurance"*

Rev. Dr. Gary Smith

**\*Hymn No. 839** *Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine!*

**\*Affirmation of Faith:** Apostle's Creed (hymnal, p. 35)

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

### THANKSGIVING

**Offering**

**Offertory** *Alleluia*

Boyce arr. Kirk

**\*Doxology No. 606**

\*Please stand as you are able.

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**SENDING**

**\*Hymn No. 481** *I Believe in God the Father*

**\*Blessing**

**\*Choral Benediction**

**\*Dismissal** *We stand while the bell is rung three times, remembering that God, Creator, Redeemer and Renewer of Life goes with us. Go in Peace!*

**Postlude** *Prelude in A (BWV 536)*

J. S. Bach

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**Worship Leaders**

Interim Head Pastor, Rev. Dr. Robert Bayley  
Parish Associate, Rev. Dr. Gary Smith  
Director of Music, Cindy Litzinger  
Choir Director, Bryan Hughes

Organist, Sara Bryant  
Pianist, Steve Lowry  
Adult Choir  
Lay Reader, Melinda Stewart

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**Blessed Assurance**

I John 5: 9-15

*5:13: I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life.*

Many are perplexed about whether they are in the right relationship with God and will inherit eternal life. How can we know for sure that we have been saved, reconciled to God, made right with Him, and will spend eternity in heaven?

What is our basis for knowing we have eternal life?

1. Our salvation is not based on our good works; we are saved by grace, not by our good deeds. Eph. 2:8-9. Jesus has paid the full penalty for all our sins. On the cross, He declared, "It is finished."
2. Our assurance of salvation does not rest upon our worldly success.
3. Our assurance of eternal life is not based on our feelings.

What is the basis for our assurance?

1. First and foremost, because God says so. I John 5: 11-12
2. Because of the ministry of the Holy Spirit within us. Rom. 8:9
3. Because the Bible is precious to us. Ps 119:11
4. Because changes occur in our outlook, attitudes, and relationships. II Cor. 5:17
5. Because we love our brothers and sisters in Christ. I John 3:14
6. Because we want our friends and family to know Christ. II Cor. 5:20
7. Because we want to live godly lives. I John 3:6

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