

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
ST. ANDREWS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 5, 2021
10:00 AM



GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME

OPENING VOLUNTARY *Bring a Torch, Janette Isabella* Laubengayer

INTROIT *For You O Lord, My Soul in Stillness Waits* MY SOUL IN STILLNESS WAITS
Refrain: For you, O Lord, my soul in stillness waits; truly my hope is in you.

O Key of Knowledge, guide us in our pilgrimage;
we ever seek, yet unfulfilled remain;
open to us the pathway of your peace. (*Refrain*)

†CALL TO WORSHIP

If life was a home, then we would pray—
may love be the foundation.
May God be the cornerstone.
May the Spirit be the windows—ushering light in.
And may hope be the walls—holding us together.
In this hour of worship, let us work toward building that home together.
We may not know the path ahead, but God is here, even now.
Let us give thanks for a foundation of love.
Let us worship Holy God.

†HYMN 93 *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates* TRURO

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.
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.
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.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Sung Response *As We Light the Candle* PICARDY

As we light the candle of peace,
We await the Christ yet to come.
Seeking peace within and around us,
To a world with fear overgrown.
Christ come to us, upon our earth do dwell,
May we carry peace close to home.

WELCOME

The service begins with the first note of the Opening Voluntary.

Please join in reading or singing those parts of the service printed in **bold**.

† When this symbol precedes an element of the service, please rise in body or spirit, as able.

ADVENT THEME AND PRAYERS

This Advent season we are following the theme, "Close to Home" from A Sanctified Art, LLC. A Sanctified Art believes God speaks to us through many mediums and that creativity is an integral part of worship. They create curriculum and worship resources, including the Advent Devotionals found in the Narthex. The Call to Worship, Prayer of Confession, and Candle Lighting Liturgy are by Rev. Sarah (Are) Speed of A Sanctified Art.

CONFESSING OUR SIN

Holy God, When John was Born, Zechariah leaned down and whispered words of love into his ear. We know that you do the same for us, day in and day out, yet we fail to hear it.

We forget that in the beginning we were made good.

We doubt that we could possibly be enough.

We hustle for our self-worth and wear ourselves out aiming for perfection.

We deflect words of praise.

We hide behind shiny first impressions.

Forgive us. Trusting our worth is the hardest job.

Open our ears as you open our hearts, so that we might rest on the foundation of goodness you have laid for us. Gratefully we pray...

Silence is kept for personal prayers of confession.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Family of faith, no matter how old we get, God continues to say to us: "You are loved; you are forgiven." That is the foundation of our lives. That is the truth upon which we build our home. So breathe deeply. There is grace and peace here.

Join me in proclaiming this good news:

We are loved. We are forgiven. We are claimed. This is our foundation.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Philippians 1:3-11

MUSICAL OFFERING

Comfort Ye, My People

John Carter

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 1:57-80

CHILDREN'S LESSON

SERMON

Laying the Foundation

Brittney Daniel

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS OF GOD'S CHURCH, COMMUNITY & WORLD

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Offertory

Savior of the Nations, Come

J. S. Bach

†Offertory Response *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

TALLIS' CANON

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God all creatures here below;

Praise God above ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

†Prayer of Dedication

THE CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

SILENCE

The time of silence allows you to speak or listen to God as you best need this morning.

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE

After each scripture reading the reader will say, "The Word of the Lord." All are invited to respond, "Thanks be to God."

THE CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

In the act of remembering that is the Lord's Supper, we receive and trust the love of Christ present to us and to the world. Through it, we are renewed and empowered to be the church, the body of Christ, in the world.

The invitation to the Lord's Supper is not just for Presbyterians or church members. With the knowledge that we can never earn the grace we receive through Christ, we believe that anyone with the desire to come to the table demonstrates a desire to know Christ, and is welcome. Access to the Table is not a right conferred upon the

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Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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.

Breaking of the Bread and Pouring of the Cup

Communion of the People

Prayer after Communion

GOING TO SERVE GOD IN THE WORLD

†HYMN 106

Prepare the Way, O Zion

BERDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN

Prepare the way, O Zion, your Christ is drawing near!

Let every hill and valley a level way appear.

Greet One who comes in glory, foretold in sacred story.

Refrain: O blest is Christ who came
in God's most holy name.

He brings God's rule, O Zion; he comes from heaven above.

His rule is peace and freedom, and justice, truth, and love.

Lift high your praise resounding, for grace and joy abounding.

Fling wide your gates, O Zion; your Savior's rule embrace,
and tidings of salvation proclaim in every place.

All lands will bow rejoicing, their adoration voicing.

†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

†SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

†BENEDICTION RESPONSE

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

VENI EMMANUEL

O come, Desire of nations, bind

all peoples in one heart and mind;

bid envy, strife, and discord cease;

fill the whole world with heaven's peace.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel

shall come to thee, O Israel.

BENEDICTION IN MUSIC

People Look East

Langlois

worthy but a privilege given to the undeserving who come in faith, repentance, and love. Even one who doubts or whose trust is wavering may receive the bread and cup in order to be assured of God's love and grace in Jesus Christ.

All are invited to the Lord's Table to receive Communion. Those worshipping onsite will receive individual portions of bread and juice as they enter the sanctuary. Those worshipping online are invited to have their own bread and juice while watching so that we can all share the elements together, no matter where we are.

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Because we have been forgiven in Christ, we can forgive one another. We demonstrate this by sharing Christ's peace with one another.

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Website- sapctucker.org *Church Calendar, Sunday School Page, Youth News, Sermon Archive*

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CALENDAR

Sunday, December 5th

9:00 AM Sunday School
10:00 AM Worship
11:30 AM Chancel Bells

Monday, December 6th

10:00 AM Chrismon Making

Tuesday, December 7th

Wednesday, December 8th

12:30 PM Lunch and Learn (Zoom)
7:30 PM Choir Practice

Thursday, December 9th

Friday, December 10th

9:00 AM Church at Prayer
8:00 PM AA/ALAnon

Saturday, December 11th

Sunday, December 12th

9:00 AM Sunday School (Zoom)
10:00 AM Worship
11:30 AM Chancel Bells
4:00 PM Youth Group
7:00 PM Fellowship Hour (Zoom)

PRAYER CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

If you have a prayer concern, please complete a Prayer Request Card, and place it in the offering plate. Please update the office about any changes in the condition of your loved ones.

Paul Ellingson

John Artley

Lynn Kozlosky

The family of Loretta Parker

In the Nursing Home, Home Care, or Assisted Living:

Peggy Benedict at home
Elinor Bryan - Westminster Village
Del Rey Humphreys-Sunrise
Sue Puckett-Camelia Place
Evelyn Wallace-at home
Ron Weber at home, **Betty Weber**
Camelia Place

WELCOME

Welcome to St Andrews. Your presence is a joy for us.

We invite you to join St Andrews, a congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA), in ministry and in worship.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today's Special Offering is in support of the PC (USA) Board of Pensions, which helps support past and present church workers and their families who are facing critical financial circumstances. This offering also benefits the education and development of our future leaders at Presbyterian-related racial ethnic schools and colleges. Please put **Christmas Joy** on the memo line of your check, or in the notes if giving online.

Change for Children We will take our monthly offering for change for children in the narthex today.

Welcome We welcome Anna Price as Organist morning. Please greet her following this morning's worship with thanks for sharing her talents to God's glory. Ed Weaver is in Annapolis, Maryland as harpsichordist for the performances of Handel's Messiah at the United States Naval Academy.

Chrismon Making is planned for Monday, December 6th at 10 AM in the youth lounge. Please bring a hot glue gun, if you have one. Contact Margaret Williams with any questions, pieceseeker@gmail.com.

Advent Devotionals that follow our theme, *Close to Home*, are available in the narthex and in the breezeway by the office. These devotionals include prayers, journal prompts, reflections, original art, and coloring pages all inspired by our scripture texts for the season. There is also a family advent calendar available.

Skivvies and Shower Shoes for Clifton Sanctuaries Our congregation will collect donations of underwear, undershirts and shower shoes (flip-flops) in support of Clifton Sanctuary Ministries. There are 2 ways to give:

1. Purchase new men's t-shirts, underwear, and shower shoes and drop them off at church, unwrapped, through December 24. There will be collection bins in the narthex and in the breezeway by the office.
2. Make a donation to St. Andrews on-line, or by check. Please put Skivvies & Shower Shoes in the memo line of your check. Online, please choose Mission and fill in Skivvies & Shower Shoes.

Contributions needed: white short-sleeve tee shirts and underwear (many prefer briefs; in sizes M, especially L and XL, and XXL); adult briefs/diapers are also appreciated (in sizes M, especially L and XL, and XXL).

Fellowship Hour Our next Zoom fellowship hour will be Sunday, December 12 from 7-8 PM. We hope this will be a meaningful time to share joys and concerns, as well as announcements. But mostly, we hope it will be an opportunity to strengthen ties within our community. This month's theme will be Christmas and we'll begin by sharing our favorite Christmas hymns. We may utilize Zoom's breakout rooms for small group sharing and discussion.

CHURCH STAFF

The Rev. Camille LeBron Powell, Pastor
John McCrosky, Director of Children and Youth Ministries
David Lukens, Director of Music
Edward Weaver, Associate Director of Music and Organist
Pat Baker, Director of Older Adult and Caregiver Ministries
Lonneta Bruce, Director, St. Andrews School
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