

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY  
ST. ANDREWS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS  
DECEMBER 26, 2021 10:00 AM



GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Isaiah 40:11  
*Newborn*  
Luke 1:35

CALL TO WORSHIP

Jesus said,  
"This is my Father's house."  
So come into this space  
**just as you are.**  
Come into this space  
**speaking your truth.**  
Come into this space  
**with your authentic self.**  
This is God's home.  
**This is our home.**  
Let us worship God.

HYMN

*O Come All Ye Faithful*

ADESTE FIDELES

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant;  
O come ye; O come ye to Bethlehem!  
Come, and behold him, born the King of angels!  
REFRAIN: O come, let us adore him; (3x) Christ, the Lord!  
True God from true God, Light from light eternal,  
born of a virgin, a mortal he comes;  
very God, begotten, not created! REFRAIN  
Sing, choirs of angels; sing in exultation;  
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!  
Glory to God, all glory in the highest! REFRAIN  
Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning;  
Jesus, to thee be all glory given;  
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing! REFRAIN

SCRIPTURE AND SONG

Matthew 1:21  
*Breath of Heaven*

CONFESSING OUR SIN

We could offer welcome,  
**but we often choose judgment.**  
We could choose action,  
**but we often choose silence.**  
We could choose advocacy,

*Continued*

**but we often choose comfort.**  
We could choose truth,  
**but we often choose ignorance.**  
We could choose God,  
**but we often choose ourselves.**

Forgive us, gracious God, for the moments when we chose poorly.

**Open our hearts to choose you, to choose community, to choose love. Gratefully we pray...**

*Silence is kept for personal prayers of confession*

**SCRIPTURE AND SONG**

Luke 1:42  
*Silent Night*

**DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

Family of faith, no matter how we choose, we cannot lose God's love. It is undeserved, overwhelming, ever-present, and always with us. So may we accept God's grace, and use it as fuel for better days. Hear and believe the good news of the Gospel:

**No matter how many times we walk away, God always welcomes us home. We are loved. We are forgiven. We are invited. Thanks be to God, amen.**

**JOYFUL RESPONSE**

**SCRIPTURE AND SONGS**

Matthew 2:2

*Christmas Alleluia*

Luke 2:7

*Emmanuel*

Luke 2:6, 9

*A Strange Way to Save the World*

Luke 2:10, 1:46

**HEARING GOD'S WORD**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**GOSPEL READING**

Luke 2:41-52

**REFLECTION**

*Chosen Home*

Rev. Camille LeBron Powell

**RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD**

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

John 3:16

*Welcome to Our World*

**JOYS AND CONCERNS OF GOD'S CHURCH, COMMUNITY AND WORLD**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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.

**OFFERING OUR GIFTS**

**Offertory**

**Offertory Response**

**Prayer of Dedication**

## GOING TO SERVE GOD IN THE WORLD

### HYMN

ANTIOCH

#### *Joy to the World*

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!  
Let earth receive her king;  
let every heart prepare him room,  
and heaven and nature sing,  
and heaven and nature sing,  
and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!  
Let all their songs employ,  
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains  
repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow,  
nor thorns infest the ground;  
he comes to make his blessings flow  
far as the curse is found,  
far as the curse is found,  
far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace,  
and makes the nations prove  
the glories of his righteousness  
and wonders of his love,  
and wonders of his love,  
and wonders, wonders of his love.

### CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

#### THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

#### BENEDICTION IN MUSIC

Luke 1:46 & 2:14

*We Are the Reason*

Call to Worship, Prayer of Confession, and Affirmation of Faith  
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*As one part of the church of Jesus Christ, we are inspired and guided by Christ's vision of God's realm – one that includes all who seek to love God and neighbor.*

*St. Andrews Presbyterian Church welcomes all people, regardless of age, race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, economic situation, family status, mental or physical abilities to become part of the membership and ministry of the church. We welcome all of each of you.*

## CALENDAR

### **Sunday, December 26<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 AM Sunday School (Zoom)

10:00 AM Worship (online)

### **Monday, December 27<sup>th</sup>**

12:00 PM 39ers

8:00 PM AA/ALAnon

### **Tuesday, December 28<sup>th</sup>**

### **Wednesday, December 29<sup>th</sup>**

### **Thursday, December 30<sup>th</sup>**

### **Friday, December 31<sup>st</sup>**

8:00 PM AA/ALAnon

### **Saturday, January 1<sup>st</sup>**

### **Sunday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>**

9:00 AM Sunday School (Zoom)

10:00 AM Worship

## 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**

**Lynn Kozlosky**

### 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

**Welcome Light of Grace** We welcome Light of Grace as they lead us in worship today. Thank you for sharing your gifts at St. Andrews.

**39ers** The 39ers is a group of folks who like to meet and eat and have fellowship together, and everyone is welcome to attend. Their next meeting will be Monday, December 27 at Always Fresh in Lilburn (5394 Five Forks Trickum Road. Lilburn, GA 30047) Please contact Charles Mills with any questions 678-575-2637.

**Year-end Giving** In order for your gift to be applied to 2021, you can give the following ways:

1. By Mail-it must be postmarked by 12/31/2021.

2. Online-it must be paid by 12/31/21

3. Drop off-office mail slot by Friday, 12/31/21. The mail slot is located to the left of the Office door on the courtyard side of the Administration Building. The drop box is below the office window that looks into Gretchen's office.

## CONNECT AT ST. ANDREWS

**Facebook-** facebook.com/sapctucker/ *Like and follow us for photos and announcements*

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

**Instagram-** st.andrewspresbyteriantucker *Follow us- pictures and updates*

**Weekly Email and Monthly Newsletter-** *email the office to be added to our list*

**Contact Us-** 770-938-2833, office@sapctucker.org

## CHURCH STAFF

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