

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
ST. ANDREWS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
OCTOBER 16, 2022
10:00 AM



GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME

OPENING VOLUNTARY *Praise the Lord Who Reigns Above* Anna Laura Page

†CALL TO WORSHIP

We have gathered in God's holy presence, the One who etches grace on our hearts.

This is the place where God will transform us into disciples.

We glorify our God, who yearns for justice, not just for a favored few, but for the least of our world.

This is the place where God will write compassion on our souls.

We give thanks to God for unceasing grace; we remember God's persistence in saving us.

This is the place where God will breathe the Word into our lives.

†HYMN 645 *Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above* MIT FREUDEN ZART

CONFESSING OUR SIN

Gracious God, we confess that we do not meditate on your commands and teachings all day long. We do not keep your word before us always and in all things. Instead, we turn away from your demanding truth and wander toward easier options. Forgive us, we pray, for pursuing our own desires rather than yours. Forgive us for growing weary in following you; for failing to pray and work tirelessly for justice; for losing hope in your power to transform the powers of this world.

Tune our ears to the sound of your justice. Turn our hearts to your commandments and word of grace. Do not remember our sin, but remember your mercy forever. *Silence is kept for personal prayers of confession.*

CHORAL PETITION 469 *Lord Listen to Your Children Praying* CHILDREN PRAYING
Lord, listen to your children praying.
Lord, send your Spirit in this place.
Lord, listen to your children praying.
Send us love; send us power; send us grace.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

JOYFUL RESPONSE 648 *Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise* THANKFUL HEARTS
Thankful hearts and voices raise; tell everyone what God has done.
Let everyone who seeks the Lord rejoice and bear the name of Christ.
Send us with your promises and lead your people forth in joy
with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.

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.

SILENCE

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

CHORAL PETITION

This month we will explore how the scripture readings from Luke call us to honest, unfiltered conversation with God in prayer. Each week this simple chorus will join our spoken and silent prayers.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Cindy Weimer

SCRIPTURE READING 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

MUSICAL OFFERING *Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning* André Thomas

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 18:1-8

CHILDREN'S LESSON

SERMON *The Prayer That Quits* Rev. Camille LeBron Powell

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

†HYMN 465 *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* CONVERSE

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

In life and in death we belong to God.

Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

MINUTE FOR MINISTRY Generosity

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

†Offertory Response 608 PRAISE GOD

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Christ, all people here below;

Praise Holy Spirit evermore;

Praise Triune God, whom we adore.

†Prayer of Dedication

GOING TO SERVE GOD IN THE WORLD

†HYMN 546 *Lord, Dismiss Us With Your Blessing* SICILLIAN MARINERS

†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE

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

WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS

Written as a comfort to the author's mother, this song of assurance is an effective reminder of the centrality of prayer in a well-rounded spirituality. Along with several stanzas that are no longer included, this hymn encourages the faithful to pray without ceasing (1 Thessalonians 5:17).

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Following the reunion of the northern and southern Presbyterian denominations in 1983 the church sought to make a statement of faith to be endorsed by the new denomination. Adopted in 1990, *The Brief Statement of Faith* confesses enduring Reformed beliefs and invites readers to explore more fully their rich meanings.

†SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

BENEDICTION IN MUSIC

Voluntary

Samuel Wesley

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.

CHURCH STAFF

The Rev. Camille LeBron Powell, Pastor
Ashley Lewis, Coordinator of Congregational Vitality
David Lukens, Director of Music
Edward Weaver, Associate Director of Music and Organist
Pat Baker, Director of Older Adult and Caregiver Ministries
Lonnelle Bruce, Director, St. Andrews School
Gretchen Perkins, Office Manager
Helen Hoang, Financial Administrator

Notes on Today's Music

The **Opening Voluntary** is based on the hymn tune AMSTERDAM first published in the *Foundery Collection*, 1742. The text for the hymn was written by Charles Wesley (1707-1788), the great hymn-writer of the Wesley family, and perhaps, taking quantity and quality into consideration, the great hymn-writer of all ages. The *Foundery Collection* was so named because the Wesleys purchased an unused cannon foundry and restored it as a gathering center for preaching and learning. In essence, it is the first distinctly Methodist hymn book.

The **Musical Offering** is a traditional Spiritual arranged by André Thomas (b. 1952). Dr. Thomas is an internationally sought after conductor, composer, choral director, and for 35 years, the Professor of Music and Director of Choral Activities at Florida State University. He was recently named Associate Artist with the London Symphony Orchestra where he will be conducting concerts of Gospel choral music and a program of purely orchestral music featuring works by African American artists, including compositions by Wynton Marsalis and Adolphus Hailstock.

The **Benediction in Music** was composed by Samuel Wesley (1766-1837), an English organist and composer in the late Georgian period. Wesley was a contemporary of Mozart (1756-1791) and was called by some "the English Mozart." He was the son of noted Methodist hymnodist Charles Wesley and the nephew of John Wesley, the founder of the Methodist Church. He had seven children, among them Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-1876) who was a cathedral organist and notable composer.

A **Voluntary** is a distinctly English term for pieces intended to be played in connection with the church service. The earliest printed voluntaries date from around 1550 and referred to pieces that were largely improvisatory. By the eighteenth century, it had evolved to usually containing a slow and a fast movement; however, this piece is an example of a single movement.

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.

Approved and adopted by the Session of St. Andrews, August 2019

CALENDAR

Sunday, October 16th

9:00 AM Sunday School
Sunday Morning Together
10:00 AM Worship
11:00 AM Chancel Bells
1:00 PM Session Meeting

Monday, October 17th

11:00 AM re:loom
8:00 PM AA/ALANon

Tuesday, October 18th

10:00 AM Presbyterian Women

Wednesday, October 19th

12:30 PM Lunch and Learn
7:30 PM Chancel Choir

Thursday, October 20th

Friday, October 21st

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

Saturday, October 22nd

Sunday, October 23rd

9:00 AM Sunday School
Sunday Morning Together
10:00 AM Worship
11:00 AM Chancel Bells
4:00 PM Dinner Clifton Sanctuary

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.

**Marcia Noble's daughter,
Michelle**

Robert Hall

Winston Cunningham

Evelyn Wallace

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

Millie Ball at home

Peggy Benedict at home

Elinor Bryan Westminster Village

Henry Tribble The Villages

Evelyn Wallace Sunrise

Ron Weber at home, **Betty Weber**

Camelia Place

WELCOME

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

Please note your presence on the list in the narthex so that members of our church family may welcome you. Your presence is a joy for us.

Families are welcome to use the parlor in the narthex during worship. Books, quiet games, and comfy seating are available, and you will be able to view a live stream of the service. For those who wish to stay in the sanctuary, the PRAYground is available, offering educational and interactive materials.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Flowers Today are given by Christine Kauffman in honor of Christine and Jim's wedding anniversary on October 15th.

Nominating Committee The Nominating Committee has begun the process of identifying and nominating a slate of elder and deacon candidates to present to the congregation this fall. Members of the congregation who wish to suggest someone (either self or another member) for these positions should complete the Nominating Committee Suggestion Form found on your Thursday email, or contact the church office or Camille.

Filming in Heffner Hall October 16-18 All church parking will be on the east side of our campus, in the lot by the sanctuary on October 16-18. Heffner Hall will be unavailable on October 16-18.

re:loom will meet Monday, October 17th at 11:00 am. in the church library. Please feel free to bring your lunch and we will share a meal together.

Presbyterian Women The PW will meet in the meeting room and on Zoom on Tuesday, October 18th at 10:00 AM. All of the women of St. Andrews are welcome to attend. Please contact Judy Cook with any questions, 770-496-0007.

Sunday, October 23rd is commitment Sunday, please bring your pledge cards with you to worship next week as we express our gratitude to God and offer the commitments of our lives, treasures, talents, gifts, time and treasures to God.

Sunday Morning Together Through October 23rd, we will gather on Sunday mornings in the Youth Lounge at 9:00 AM for a Bible study, entitled "Welcome All." As the title suggests, all are invited to attend. Contact Cindy Weimer and Mike Bearden with questions.

Remembering Your Story Class Pat Baker will be continuing the book study, *Remembering Your Story: Creating Your Own Spiritual Autobiography* from the retreat for adults last May. Sessions are planned for November 6th, and December 4th & 18th from 11:15 AM-12:45 PM. Sign up with the link in your email.

If you missed the retreat, there is an additional class on Sunday, October 30th from 11:15 AM-1:15 PM. Please get a copy of the book by Richard Morgan and sign up.

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