

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
ST. ANDREWS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
OCTOBER 23, 2022
10:00 AM



GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME

OPENING VOLUNTARY *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending* Setting: Dale Wood

†CALL TO WORSHIP

This is the day the Lord has made:

**a day for praise and prayer;
a day for gratitude and generosity.**

This is the time God has given us:

**a time for singing and silence;
a time for speaking and listening.**

This is the life to which God calls us:

**a life of humility and service;
a life of faith and trust.**

†HYMN 32

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

ELLACOMBE

CONFESSING OUR SIN

Watching God, like the Pharisee, we think we can stick our thumbs into life, pull out a prayer, and congratulate ourselves for being such good Christians. Then, we remember the harsh words we have spoken this week, the hurt we have inflicted on someone we loved, and the compassion we failed to offer to someone who needed our help.

Forgive us, God of Grace, and deal gently with us. May we become more like the tax collector - humble, penitent, acknowledging our faulty lives to you. Then, may we receive the mercy promised to us through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. *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.

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Refer to Hymn 716.

I SING THE MIGHTY
POWER OF GOD

Based on the creation accounts in the opening chapters of Genesis, this hymn also includes allusions to the Psalms (33:5, 107:25, 139:7-10, and 148:8). The tune illuminates the words from scripture as we praise God for creation.

SILENCE

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

CHORAL PETITION

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

HEARING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Margaret Ellingson

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 65

MUSICAL OFFERING

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

Thomas Dorsey

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 18:9-14

CHILDREN'S LESSON

SERMON

The Prayer of Comparison Rev. Camille LeBron Powell

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

†HYMN 69

Here I Am, Lord

HERE I AM

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

At St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, we believe in
The Father, Son, and Holy Ghost;
Being Christ-centered;
The Bible as the core of our belief;
Doing justice, loving mercy, and walking humbly with our God;
Being an open and safe place for confession and forgiveness;
Being involved in the community, locally and beyond;
Being welcoming and inclusive;
Caring for creation.
We believe that the church is the people.

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.

LITTANY FOR THE DEDICATION OF PLEDGES

As you have chosen us, O God, and enriched our lives:

We offer you ourselves, and our financial support.

For the ministry of the Christian Gospel, the inspiration of sacred music, and the singing of hymns from every age:

We offer you ourselves, and our financial support.

For the Christian education of children, for the guidance of youth, and for the spiritual well-being of adults:

We offer you ourselves, and our financial support.

For compassion and justice in our land, and for a spirit of respect and hospitality:

We offer you ourselves, and our financial support.

For the calling of the world to Christ, and for the economic and spiritual elevation of untold millions:

We offer you ourselves, and our financial support.

For the sake of that day when the spirit of Christ shall clothe itself in the hearts of our age, and swords shall be beaten into plowshares, and peace shall embrace the world:

We offer you ourselves, and our financial support.

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE

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

MUSICAL OFFERING

"Georgia Tom" Dorsey, the son of a revivalist preacher, was born in Villa Rica, GA and served as choral director of Pilgrim Baptist Church in Chicago for 40 years. He wrote the words in the grief following the death of his wife in childbirth.

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.

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Presentation of 2023 Commitments

*You are invited to bring your pledge cards and offerings
to the basket in front of the Communion Table*

†Offertory Response 608

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore.

PRAISE GOD

†Prayer of Dedication

GOING TO SERVE GOD IN THE WORLD

†HYMN 643

Now Thank We All Our God

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†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

†SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

BENEDICTION IN MUSIC

Postlude on 'Hymn to Joy' Ludwig van Beethoven
Arranged: Matthew Corl

NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD

The first two stanzas are based on passages from the Apocrypha (Sirach 50:22-24). The sense of peace, plenty, and gratitude conveyed in this hymn are surprising, knowing that it was written during the Thirty Years' War in Germany (1618-1648). Yet, even amid conflict and fear, this hymn attests that we can join with others and give thanks to God.

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

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 23rd

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

Monday, October 24th

8:00 PM AA Meeting

Tuesday, October 25th

12:00 PM 39ers
7:30 PM NomCom (Zoom)

Wednesday, October 26th

12:30 PM Lunch and Learn
4:30 PM Light of Grace
7:30 PM Chancel Choir

Thursday, October 27th

Friday, October 28th

9:00 AM Church at Prayer
8:00 PM AA Meeting

Saturday, October 29th

Sunday, October 30th

9:00 AM Sunday School
10:00 AM Worship
Shortbread & More
Reception

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

The family of 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

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 Charlie and Deborah Chambers to the glory of God.

Today 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, talents, gifts, time, and treasures to God. If you forgot your pledge card there are extras available in the narthex, or you can mail it, or put it in the mail slot of the church office.

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 in the narthex and in your Thursday email, or contact the church office, Ashley, or Camille.

Filming in our East Parking Lot October 24-25 All church parking will be on the west side of our campus, in the lot by Heffner Hall on Monday and Tuesday October 24-25. Heffner Hall will also be unavailable those days.

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.

Reformation Sunday Join us on October 30th as we celebrate Reformation Sunday in Worship. Everyone is invited to wear something that represents and celebrates their heritage—whether it be a tartan, a kente cloth, or cowboy boots—as we worship the God who continues to work in and through us and look forward to what God has in store for us in the future.

Shortbread & More Reception On October 30th, a Shortbread & More reception will be held following our Reformation Sunday worship service. You are invited to bring either shortbread or another snack or dessert that represents your cultural heritage. Scan this code if you would like to bring food or to help with the reception.



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