

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

ST. ANDREWS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

REFORMATION SUNDAY

OCTOBER 30, 2022

10:00 AM



GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

GATHERING CALL

WELCOME

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Otley

Malcom C. Wilson

PROCESSIONAL

Highland Cathedral

Uli Roever & Michael Kolb

CHORAL INTROIT

Bryn Calafaria

William Owen

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Our help is in the name of the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.

Let us call upon the one who knows every thread in the fabric of our lives.

God of every seam and stitch, gather and mend us.

Let us call upon the one who embroiders new designs, who weaves new textiles with patience and delight.

God of every seam and stitch, gather and mend us.

Let us call upon the one who patches worn places with compassion.

God of every seam and stitch, gather and mend us.

We are the tapestry of God, each strand important to the pattern, each frayed end worth the mending, every thread a treasure.

May we hope in these words, may harmony be our mending.

Let us worship our God!

†HYMN

Let All Things Now Living

ASH GROVE

PSALTER

Brother James's Air

James Leith Macbeth Bain

Psalms 23

Arr. Gordon Jacob

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, you made us in your image, with a mind to know you, a heart to love you, and a will to serve you. But our knowledge is imperfect, our love inconstant, our obedience incomplete. Day by day we fail to grow into your likeness; yet you are slow to be angry with your children. For the sake of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior, do not hold our sins against us, but in your tender love, forgive. *Silence is kept for personal prayers of confession.*

CHORAL PETITION 469

Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us

John Meerbecke



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.

CALL TO CONFESSION

This invitation to confess comes from *The Scots Confession*, the charter document of the Church of Scotland (1560). Following civil war, the parliament declared Scotland a protestant nation and called upon prominent pastors, including John Knox, to write a confession of faith for the Kirk. Following the reunion of the Presbyterian Church (USA) in 1983, this document became a part of our *Book of Confessions*.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Our corporate prayer of confession comes from the Church of Scotland's current *Book of Common Order* (1994).

SILENCE

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

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

†JOYFUL RESPONSE

Glory Be to God on High

OLD SCOTTISH CHANT

1. Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men.
 2. { We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we } wor-ship Thee, { we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee for } Thy great glo - ry.

3. O Lord God, Heaven - ly King, God the Father Al - mighty - y:

4. { O Lord, the only-be- } gotten Son, } Je - sus Christ: { O Lord God, } Fa - ther: { Lamb of God, } Son of the }

5. That takest away the sins of the world, have mercy up - on - us;
 6. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, re - ceive our prayer;
 7. { Thou that sittest at the } right hand of } God the Father, have mercy up - on - us;

8. For Thou on - ly art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.
 9. { Thou only, O Christ, } Ho - ly Ghost, { art most high } in the glory of } God the Fa - ther. A - MEN.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Margaret Williams

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 10:25-37

MUSICAL OFFERING

Variants on an Irish Hymn

John Ness Beck

SCRIPTURE READING

1 John 1:5-10

SERMON

Still Reforming...

Rev. Camille LeBron Powell

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

†HYMN 435

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

IN BABILONE

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

This declaration is adapted from the liturgy John Calvin used in churches he served in Geneva and Strasbourg (circa 1542).

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE

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

THERE'S A WIDENESS IN GOD'S MERCY

This text reminds us that the God we love and serve is "ready to forgive, gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love" (Nehemiah 9:17b). When we confess, God who is "faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9). There is no limit to God's mercy and grace.

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from *The Belhar Confession*

We believe that God has revealed himself as the one who wishes to bring about justice and true peace among people; that God, in a world full of injustice and enmity, is in a special way the God of the destitute, the poor and the wronged; that God calls the church to follow in this; for God brings justice to the oppressed and gives bread to the hungry; that God supports the downtrodden, protects the stranger, helps orphans and widows and blocks the path of the ungodly; that God wishes to teach the church to do what is good and to seek the right; that the church must therefore stand by people in any form of suffering and need, which implies, among other things, that the church must witness against and strive against any form of injustice, so that justice may roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream; that the church as the possession of God must stand where the Lord stands, namely against injustice and with the wronged; that in following Christ the church must witness against all the powerful and privileged who selfishly seek their own interests and thus control and harm others.

Therefore, we reject any ideology which would legitimate forms of injustice and any doctrine which is unwilling to resist such an ideology in the name of the gospel.

Jesus is Lord.

To the one and only God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be the honor and the glory for ever and ever.

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

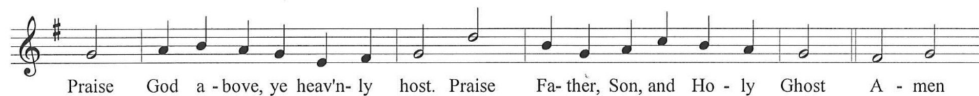
Offertory

Togail Curs Air Leodhas

Traditional Air

†Offertory Response

OLD HUNDREDTH



†Prayer of Dedication

GOING TO SERVE GOD IN THE WORLD

†HYMN 649

Amazing Grace

EXCELL

†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

†SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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

CHORAL BENEDICTION

Deep Peace

Benjamin Harlan

BENEDICTION IN MUSIC

The Rose of Kelvingrove

Arranged: David Knox

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Confession of Belhar is a powerful confession of the Christian faith that emerged in South Africa during Apartheid. Named for the city where it was first adopted, it is a statement that focuses on the themes of Unity, Reconciliation, and Justice. Churches around the globe have recognized the power and theological insight of *Belhar* as an expression of Scriptural truth for their contexts. In 2016 the 222nd General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA) formally adopted the confession into our *Book of Confessions*.

AMAZING GRACE

John Newton wrote the text to this popular hymn to accompany a sermon preached on 1 Chronicles 17:16-17. These verses record David reflecting on the message from the prophet Nathan, remembering how he was raised from a lowly shepherd and how he would not see his hopes for the future realized.

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.

CALENDAR

Sunday, October 30th

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

Monday, October 31st

8:00 PM AA Meeting

Tuesday, November 1st

7:00 PM Tucker Civic Association

Wednesday, November 2nd

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

Thursday, November 3rd

Friday, November 4th

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

Saturday, November 5th

10:30 AM Walk in Henderson Park

Sunday, November 6th

9:00 AM Sunday School
10:00 AM Worship
11:00 AM Chancel Bells
11:15 AM *Remembering Your Story*
Class

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

The family of 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

2023 Pledges Thank you to all who have sent in their pledge cards. If you have not pledged yet, it is not too late. You can still mail, email or bring your pledge card on Sunday morning. We invite you to prayerfully consider and reflect on the ministry you make possible through your financial pledge. Your commitment helps St. Andrews continue to love God and neighbor in the coming year.

Shortbread & More Reception Join us after worship in the Youth Lounge for fellowship and treats.

Today in Worship We extend our sincere appreciation to The Saint Andrews Society of Atlanta and The Stone Mountain Highland Games for the tartans, and a special thank you to Michael Grest, piper. Please scan this code, or pick up a paper copy in the narthex to learn more about today's musical selections and traditions.



Nominating Committee Members of the congregation who wish to suggest someone (either self or another member) as elder or deacon candidates should complete the Nominating Committee Form found in the narthex and in your Thursday email, or contact the church office, Ashley, or Camille.

Parking Lot Rental October 31 There will be a limited number of staff and volunteer spaces reserved in the east parking lot on Monday, October 31st.

Nature Walk November 5th Join us in the Native Plant area of Henderson Park at 10:30 AM. We'll walk and after those who are interested will have lunch together nearby.

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 by Tuesday, November 1st with the link in your email.

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
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