

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

ST. ANDREWS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

REIGN OF CHRIST
NOVEMBER 20, 2022
10:00 AM



GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME

OPENING VOLUNTARY *How Firm a Foundation* Setting: Anna Laura Page

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Blessed be the Lord God who looks with kindness on us.

We are the inheritors of the promises made long ago to our ancestors.

Blessed be the Lord God who gathers us here in this place.

From across the street, from halfway around the world, God brings us home to the heart of grace.

Blessed be the Lord God who has remembered us.

Scoffers and singers, watchers and wigglers, we are those redeemed by God.

†HYMN 305

Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!

DARWALL'S 148TH

CONFESSING OUR SIN

In these moments, Remembering God, we bring to you all the ways we have not lived as your people:

**we stand by watching
while those in need struggle to survive;
we cast our lots with those
who worship power and success;
we offer insults rather than words of grace
to those who care for us;
we scoff at your words
which call us to a different lifestyle.**

Forgive us, God of Mercy, for not knowing what we do to you, to others, to ourselves. Speak to us through Jesus Christ, our King and our Savior, who bears words filled with your tender mercy and gracious hope.

Silence is kept for personal prayers of confession.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

†JOYFUL RESPONSE 432

O My Soul Bless Your Redeemer

STUTTGART

**O my soul, bless your Redeemer; all within me bless God's name;
bless the Savior, and forget not all God's mercies to proclaim.**

**Far as east from west is distant, God has put away our sin;
like the pity of a father has the Lord's compassion been.**

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.

COME SING, O CHURCH, IN JOY!

This hymn was chosen to celebrate the bicentennial of the Presbyterian Church (USA) in 1988. Inspired by the bicentennial theme, "Celebrate the Journey," this hymn emphasizes the Spirit's sustaining presence throughout the life of the church.

SILENCE

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

HEARING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Gretchen Turner

SCRIPTURE READING Colossians 1:11-20

MUSICAL OFFERING *Jesus, the King*

Lloyd Larson

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 23:33-43

CHILDREN'S LESSON

SERMON *Proving Who You Are* Rev. Camille LeBron Powell

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

†HYMN 298 *Lord, You Give the Great Commission* ABBOT'S LEIGH

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

“Fear God. Honor the emperor.” Scripture tells us that, in the as yet unredeemed world in which the church also exists, the State has by divine appointment the task of providing for justice and peace. It fulfills this task by means of the threat and exercise of force, according to the measure of human judgment and human ability.

The church acknowledges the benefit of this divine appointment in gratitude and reverence before him. It calls to mind the Kingdom of God, God's commandment and righteousness, and thereby the responsibility both of rulers and of the ruled. It trusts and obeys the power of the Word by which God upholds all things.

We reject the false doctrine, as though the State, over and beyond its special commission, should and could become the single and totalitarian order of human life, thus fulfilling the church's vocation as well.

We reject the false doctrine, as though the church, over and beyond its special commission, should and could appropriate the characteristics, the tasks, and the dignity of the State, thus itself becoming an organ of the State.

The church's commission, upon which its freedom is founded, consists in delivering the message of the free grace of God to all people in Christ's stead, and therefore in the ministry of his own Word and work through sermon and Sacrament.

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 *Praise and Thanksgiving* Setting: Dale Wood
Based on the Gaelic melody BUNESSAN

†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

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE

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

LORD, YOU GIVE THE GREAT COMMISSION

In Matthew 25:40, Jesus says, “I assure you that when you have done it for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you have done it for me.” This hymn captures what it looks like when we follow this call. United by the refrain after each stanza, this text relies on passages from Matthew and Luke to highlight various dimensions of the church's mission and ministry in the world.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Following the proclamation of the Word, the congregation is given the opportunity to respond to hearing God's Word by affirming what the church believes and expressing our faith. Today's responsive affirmation is adapted from The Theological Declaration of Barmen, which was written to help Christians withstand the challenges of the Nazi party. In May of 1934 delegates representing Lutheran, Reformed, and United churches from around Germany assembled in the town of Barmen to proclaim their faith in Jesus Christ. The Declaration, written primarily by Karl Barth, affirmed that while Christians must still listen to the surrounding culture, Christ is ultimately the only one to whom the church owes obedience. The church should not hand over its message to the prevailing ideological convictions of the day.

GOING TO SERVE GOD IN THE WORLD

†HYMN 321

The Church's One Foundation

AURELIA

†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

Voluntary on DIADEMA

Charles Callahan

THE CHURCH'S ONE FOUNDATION

In 19th century England there was great controversy over Biblical interpretation. Samuel Stone wrote this hymn as a plea for unity. This hymn reminds us of the foundation we have in Jesus Christ that unites the church and that the church, for better and worse, is Christ's new creation.

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

Lonnette Bruce, Director, St. Andrews School

Gretchen Perkins, Office Manager

Helen Hoang, Financial Administrator



Advent Book Study
Light of the World by Amy-Jill Levine
online Wednesdays, 12:30 pm
or in person Saturdays, 11 am

WORSHIP  SUNDAYS
10 AM

Light of Grace presents
The Christmas Story
December 11, 4 pm

Lessons and Carols
December 18, 6:30 pm

The Longest Night
and Firepit Fellowship
December 21, 6:30 pm

CANDLELIGHT SERVICES  DECEMBER 24
5 PM & 11 PM

December 25, 10 am
Christmas morning Worship will be
online: [YouTube.com/@sapctucker](https://www.youtube.com/@sapctucker)

For more information, please see our website,
[sapctucker.org/advent-and-christmas/](https://www.sapctucker.org/advent-and-christmas/)



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, November 20th

9:00 AM Sunday School
10:00 AM Worship
11:00 AM Hanging of the Greens
12:00 PM Community Lunch
1:00 PM Session

Monday, November 21st

8:00 PM AA Meeting

Tuesday, November 22nd

Wednesday, November 23rd

4:30 PM Light of Grace

Thursday, November 24th

Thanksgiving Day

Friday, November 25th

Office Closed

8:00 PM AA Meeting

Saturday, November 26th

11:00 AM Light of Grace Rehearsal

Sunday, November 27th

9:00 AM Sunday School
10:00 AM Worship
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

**John Brooke, on the death of his
mother**

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 Deb Chambers in honor of World Children's Day.

Advent Devotionals are available in the Narthex and in the courtyard by the office door.

Community Lunch & Hanging of the Greens Join us after worship today; the Engagement Committee will host a Pizza lunch following the Hanging of the Greens, which will occur immediately after worship. Pizza will be served in the Youth Lounge. We hope everyone will join for fellowship and festive fun.

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.

Gift Card Collection for NETWORKS This holiday season NETWORKS is collecting gift cards to grocery stores and Walmart in the amount of \$10 and \$25 dollars to distribute to families who visit their food pantry. They are also collecting Christmas cards, written out, but not sealed. Please place cards and gift cards in the basket in the Narthex, or in the drop slot in the window of the office through December 4th.

Advent and Christmas at SAPC There are a lot of wonderful events coming up at St. Andrews. We have dedicated a page on our website with details: <http://sapctucker.org/advent-and-christmas/>. There are also postcards in the narthex to use to invite your neighbors.

39ers The 39ers are a group of folks that like to meet and eat and have fellowship together and everyone is welcome to join them. Their next meeting will be on Tuesday, November 29 at Noon at Colossus Pizza, 4369 Hugh Howell Rd in Tucker.

Christmas Joy Offering We will take our annual offering in worship on December 4th. This offering goes to the support needed by some of our leaders, including supporting leadership development for communities of color, and providing support for Presbyterian church workers in their time of need. Please put Christmas Joy on the memo line of your check, or in the notes if giving online.

Notes on Today's Music and a digital copy of this bulletin are available by scanning this link to our website.



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