

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

ST. ANDREWS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
NOVEMBER 27, 2022
10:00 AM



GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME

OPENING VOLUNTARY *Variation on HYFRYDOL* Charles Callahan

†CALL TO WORSHIP AND LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

From generation to generation,
God has brought good news of love and compassion, justice and community.
Let us rest and abide in that good news. Amen.

†HYMN 88, verses 1-4 *O Come, O Come Emmanuel* VENI EMMANUEL

CONFESSING OUR SIN

God of today and God of tomorrow,
you say, "Bring your full self. There's room for you here."
But we say, "Our lives are too messy."
You say, "Bring your hopes and your dreams. There's room for you here."
But we say, "It's too risky to hope."
You say, "Bring your grief and your prayers. There's room for you here."
But we say, "Some things are easier to forget."
God of today and God of tomorrow,
we know in our hearts that there's room for us here.
Forgive us for withholding our full selves from you.
Forgive us for giving only our Sunday best. Help us remember, today and tomorrow,
There's room for every story.
Silence is kept for personal prayers of confession.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

†JOYFUL RESPONSE *O Little Town of Bethlehem* ST. LOUIS
**O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light;
the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.**

HEARING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Charlton Allen

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 1:1-6, 15-16

MUSICAL OFFERING *Every Valley* John Ness Beck

SCRIPTURE READING Genesis 17:1-7, 15-19

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
An homage to J. S. Bach

SILENCE

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

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
Based on Isaiah 40:4-5

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

†HYMN 51

To Abraham and Sarah

LLANFYLLIN

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in a God
 who promised to Abraham, who wrestled with Jacob,
 who walked with Ruth, who spoke with Moses,
 who grieved with Bathsheba, who danced with David,
 who dreamed with Joseph, and who hoped like Mary.
 We believe in a God who has been
 loving, inviting, transforming, and challenging us
 from generation to generation.
 And we believe that same God
 is here with us now,
 saying, "Come on in; there's room for you here." Amen.

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

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
 praise God, all creatures here below;
 praise God above, ye heavenly host;
 praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

TALLIS' CANON

†Prayer of Dedication

GOING TO SERVE GOD IN THE WORLD

†HYMN 82

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

HYFRYDOL

†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 *O Little Town of Bethlehem* Setting by Dale Wood

ADVENT THEME AND LITURGY

This Advent season we are following the theme, "From Generation to Generation..." from A Sanctified Art, LLC. A Sanctified Art believes God speaks to us through many mediums and that creativity is an integral part of worship. They create curriculum and worship resources, including the Advent Devotionals found in the Narthex. The Call to Worship and Candle Lighting Liturgy, Prayer of Confession, and Affirmation of Faith are adapted from prayers written by Rev. Sarah (Are) Speed of A Sanctified Art. Sanctifiedart.org

COME, THOU LONG-EXPECTED JESUS

This familiar hymn is often associated as a signal of the advent season, though there is little focus on the nativity. The lyrics remind us of the larger mystery to be celebrated in Christ's birth: freedom from fear and death.

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.

BENEDICTION IN MUSIC

This piece of music is based on the tune *Forest Green*.

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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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 27th

9:00 AM Sunday School
10:00 AM Worship
4:00 PM Dinner, Clifton Sanctuary

Monday, November 28th

8:00 PM AA Meeting

Tuesday, November 29th

12:00 PM 39ers

Wednesday, November 30th

12:30 PM Advent Study (Zoom)
4:30 PM Light of Grace
7:30 PM Chancel Choir

Thursday, December 1st

Friday, December 2nd

9:00 AM OACM Day Trip
8:00 PM AA Meeting

Saturday, December 3rd

11:00 AM Advent Study

Sunday, December 4th

9:00 AM Sunday School
10:00 AM Worship
11:00 am Chancel Bells
11:00 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, or contact the office. Please update the office about any changes in the condition of your loved ones.

**Marcia Noble's daughter,
Michelle
Robert Hall**

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

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

Nominating Committee The Nominating Committee is still in need of your recommendations. Please continue to make suggestions by contacting church staff or filling out the form in the Narthex.

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.

Advent Book Study Our study of *Light of the World* by Dr. Amy-Jill Levine begins next week. Be sure to get your copy! Join us on Zoom on Wednesday at 12:30 PM or in the Meeting Room on Saturday at 11:00 AM.

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.

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. Contact Charles Mills with any questions, 678-575-2637.

Madison Holiday Tour of Homes Pat Baker is planning a day trip to Madison, GA on Friday, December 2nd to see the Holiday Tour of Homes. The plan is to leave St. Andrews at 9:00 am, take the tour at 10:00, and return after lunch at Farmview. The cost is \$30 per person for the tour of homes. RSVP to Pat Baker before November 30th, if you would like to go, pat@sapctucker.org.

Coffee and Chocolate Orders If you are wanting Equal Exchange Coffee or Chocolate for yourself or as gifts, please email Cindy Weimer at cindybethe@gmail.com by December 1st. Equal Exchange seeks to build long-term trade partnerships that are economically just and environmentally sound. You can also check out their selection of coffee and chocolate.

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.

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

