

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

ST. ANDREWS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 18, 2022

10:00 AM



GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Magnificat

Marcel Dupré

†CALL TO WORSHIP AND LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

In a lonely world, let this light shine bright.
From generation to generation, we are held in God's love.
Thanks be to God for that good news. Amen.

†HYMN 105

People Look East

BESANÇON

CONFESSING OUR SIN

God of today and tomorrow,
when Mary was pregnant and afraid, she ran to her cousin Elizabeth's house.
Elizabeth threw open the door with joy and showered blessings upon her.
How often do we have that same opportunity?
How often do we leave the door locked, the curtains drawn, and the lights off?
How often do we shower critique or judgment instead of blessings and joy?
Gracious God, forgive us for our wrongs.
We want to see you when we see our neighbor.
Silence is kept for personal prayers of confession.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Let us respond together, using the words from Mary's song:
**"My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant,
Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed."**

†JOYFUL RESPONSE

Love Will Come!

BRING A TORCH

Love will come - a light in the darkness!

Love will fill the Bethlehem skies.

Soon, all heaven will come to proclaim it - Soon, their song of joy arises:

Love! Love! Born unto you, a Savior!

Love! Love! Glory to God on high.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Cindy Weimer

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 1:46-55

MUSICAL OFFERING

Walk in the Light

Arr. André Thomas

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 1:39-45; 56-58

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

Song of Mary, Luke 1:46-55

PEOPLE LOOK EAST

This hymn reflects the longstanding Jewish and Christian belief that the revelation and accomplishment of God's purposes would come from the East. With the construction of each stanza, including "Love is on the way," the hymn moves toward the promise of Christ.

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

Traditional Spiritual

CHILDREN'S LESSON

SERMON

We See God in Each Other Rev. Camille LeBron Powell

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

†HYMN 99

My Soul Gives Glory to My God

MORNING SONG

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe that creation is inextricably linked.
We belong to one another in an undeniable way.
We are bone of bone and flesh of flesh, life breathed into dust.
We believe that God invites us to live into that truth—
to love without abandon,
to see the good in one another,
to trust that all belong to God.
We know that this life of connection is easier said than done,
which is why we gather in this space, week after week,
generation after generation, to be reminded:
We see God in each other.
This we believe. 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 88 v. 1, 5-7

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

VENI EMMANUEL

†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 GLORIA

Setting by Michael Helman

MY SOUL GIVES GLORY TO MY GOD

This is a 20th-century paraphrase of the song Mary sings about God's purposes that lead to the reversal of human values. Her song appears in Luke 1:46–55 while visiting her kinswoman, Elizabeth. This setting is significant because it shows the importance of human relationships for nurturing faith. By singing this song, we are encouraged to voice our faith amid ordinary life.

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.

sanctifiedart.org

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
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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  DECEMBER 24
SERVICES 5 PM & 11 PM

December 25, 10 am
Christmas morning Worship will be
online: YouTube.com/@sapctucker

For more information, please see our website
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, December 18th

9:00 AM Sunday School
10:00 AM Worship
1:00 PM Session (Zoom)
6:30 PM Lessons and Carols
Cookie Reception

Monday, December 19th

8:00 PM AA Meeting

Tuesday, December 20th

Wednesday, December 21st

12:30 PM Advent Study (Zoom)
6:30 PM Longest Night
Firepit Fellowship
7:30 PM Chancel Choir

Thursday, December 22nd

Friday, December 23rd

8:00 PM AA Meeting

Saturday, December 24th

4:30 PM Cocoa and Crafts
5:00 PM Family Worship
10:45 PM Organ Prelude
11:00 PM Worship & Communion

Sunday, December 25th

10:00 AM Online Worship

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.

Congratulations to the Brilling family on the birth of Charlie Lee Brilling on November 22nd

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

“Socks & Skivvies” Collection Today is the last day we are collecting new underwear and undershirts for the men of Clifton Sanctuary Ministries. Through Socks are not needed, but they do need men's underwear and white t-shirts in sizes M-XXL. Bring donations to the tree in the narthex, or to the collection bin in the breezeway by the church office door.

Today - Lessons and Carols is a candlelight worship service of Scripture and music to celebrate the Lord's birth. A Christmas Cookie Celebration will follow the service in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring a batch of your favorite cookies to share if you wish. The remaining cookies will be shared with agencies in our community. Also, bring your friends and neighbors to enjoy the service and celebrate the good news of Christ's coming. This evening in the sanctuary, 6:30 PM.

Longest Night On the longest night of the year, we will pause to honor those who are facing hardships. Through scripture, prayer, silence, and candle lighting; we will bear witness to the light that has come and is coming into the world. This brief service will create a safe and sacred space to lament and grieve the many losses we've experienced in this year and years past. All are welcome. The service will take place outside in the courtyard barring inclement weather. We will have chairs set up, but if you have lawn chairs and would like to bring them, please do.

Firepit Fellowship The Engagement Ministry is planning a s'mores firepit fellowship at 7:00 PM following the Longest Night Worship Service. Come make s'mores and enjoy the company around warm fires.

Advent Book Study Our final meeting for the Wednesday group will be at 12:30 PM on Zoom. The final meeting of the Saturday group will be January 7th at 11:00 AM in the Meeting Room.

Christmas Eve Both services will be live-streamed on you YouTube channel

4:30 PM Cocoa and Crafts Come early for a time of fellowship to enjoy hot cocoa and make some crafts to use in worship and take home with you.

5:00 PM Candlelight Family Service Everyone is invited to gather in the sanctuary for our early, casual Christmas worship service as we sing carols and hear the Christmas story.

10:45 PM Organ Prelude A candlelit organ prelude of carols

11:00 PM Worship and Communion Candlelight celebration of Christ's coming

Sunday December 25th Worship will be live streamed online on our YouTube channel <https://www.youtube.com/@sapctucker>, no in-person service.

Advent and Christmas at SAPC There are a lot of wonderful events happening 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.

Office Closed The church office will be closed December 26-30.