

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

ST. ANDREWS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

JANUARY 8, 2023

10:00 AM



GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME

OPENING VOLUNTARY *A Gaelic Improvisation* Charles Callahan
Baptized in Water

†CALL TO WORSHIP

In the beginning, at creation, the Spirit hovered over the waters of the deep.

In the waters of the flood, God cleansed the earth and humankind.

God caused the waters to part so that Israel could cross from slavery to liberation.

God formed Jesus in the waters of Mary's womb.

Jesus taught us how to live by washing his disciples' feet in water.

Drinking water from a well, Jesus met a Samaritan woman, the first person to recognize that he was the Christ.

Today we celebrate the baptism of Jesus, the Christ.

God meant for Jesus to be the firstborn in a large family. Praise be!

†HYMN 757 *Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples* KINGSFOLD

LITTANY FOR THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

O Christ, by your epiphany your light shines upon us, giving us the fullness of salvation.
Help us show your light to all we meet today.

Lord, have mercy.

O Christ of glory, you humbled yourself to be baptized, showing us the way of humility.
Strengthen us to serve you in humility all the days of our life.

Lord, have mercy.

O Christ, by your baptism you cleansed us from our sin, making us children of your
Father. Give the grace of being a child of God to all who seek you.

Lord, have mercy.

O Christ, by your baptism you sanctified creation and opened the door of repentance to
all who are baptized. Make us servants of your gospel in the world.

Lord, have mercy.

O Christ, by your baptism you revealed to us the glorious Trinity when the voice from
heaven proclaimed, "This is my beloved Son," and the Holy Spirit descended upon you
like a dove. Renew a heart of worship within all the baptized.

Lord, have mercy.

†JOYFUL RESPONSE 152 *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* NETTLETON

Come, thou Fount of every blessing; tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.

Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;
praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love!

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.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Gretchen Turner

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 42:1-9

MUSICAL OFFERING *Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized* Scottish Psalter, 1635
Based on the hymn tune CAITHNESS Arr. Kenneth Lowenberg

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 3:13-17

CHILDREN'S LESSON

SERMON *The Gift of Committed Community* Rev. Camille LeBron Powell

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

†HYMN 543 *God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me* GREEN TYLER

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS OF GOD'S CHURCH, COMMUNITY & WORLD

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

†Offertory Response

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

Prayer of Dedication

†REAFFIRMATION OF THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world?

I do.

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Lord and Savior, trusting in his grace and love?

I do.

Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his love?

I will, with God's help.

With the whole church, let us confess our faith:

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day He arose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

THE CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE

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

GOD, BE THE LOVE TO SEARCH AND KEEP ME
Based on a prayer for divine protection, not only in times of battle but also for daily life by St. Patrick, this text is known as a "breastplate" hymn (as is *Be Thou My Vision*). This modern adaptation reaffirms God's presence as we are sent out into the world as disciples.

REAFFIRMATION OF THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Baptism is a sign and seal of our incorporation into Jesus Christ. Baptism marks the beginning of new life in Christ, in which we are called to deep commitment, disciplined discernment, and growth in faith. We believe in one baptism, but it is also fitting to reaffirm that baptism on the day we remember and celebrate Jesus' baptism.

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

In the act of remembering that is the Lord's Supper, we receive and trust the love of Christ present to us and to the world. Through it, we are renewed and empowered to be the church, the body of Christ, in the world.

The invitation to the Lord's Supper is not just for Presbyterians or "members of the church." All who confess Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord are invited to partake of the Lord's Supper. Access to the Table is not a right conferred upon the worthy but a privilege given to the undeserving who come in faith, repentance, and love. Even one who doubts or whose trust is wavering may receive the

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.

Breaking of the Bread and Pouring of the Cup

Communion of the People

Prayer after Communion

GOING TO SERVE GOD IN THE WORLD

†HYMN 765

May the God of Hope Go with Us

ARGENTINA

†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 *God Moves in a Mysterious Way* Setting by Roy Brunner

Based on the tune DUNDEE from the Scottish Psalter, 1615

bread and grape juice (in place of wine) to be assured of God's love and grace in Jesus Christ.

All are invited to the Lord's Table to receive Communion, which is served by intinction. Congregants proceed via the center aisle to receive the bread (gluten-free bread and individual cups of juice are available at the center station), which they then dip into the chalice of nonalcoholic grape juice. Worshipers return to their pews by the side aisles. If you are unable to come forward to receive communion, we will come to you in your seat.

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.

Notes on Today's Music

The text for **"Baptized in Water"** was written by Michael Saward (1932-2015) in 1981 which was first published in *Hymns for Today's Church* (London, 1982). The 19th century Gaelic melody was reportedly collected from the singing of a wandering Scottish highlander. The tune, BUNESSAN, is named for a small village on the Isle of Mull, off the west coast of Scotland.

Charles Callahan (b. 1951) is well-known as an award-winning composer, organist, choral conductor, pianist, and teacher.

The **Musical Offering** is a setting of the text by F. Bland Ticker (1895-1984), an American Bible scholar, pastor and hymn writer. It is set to the tune CAITHNESS from the Scottish Psalter, 1635 by Kenneth Lowenberg (b. 1939), a well-known American organist, composer and arranger of works for organ, diverse choirs, handbells, and other instruments.

The **Benediction in Music** is based on the tune DUNDEE from the Scottish Psalter, 1615, published in Edinburgh by Andro Hart. The tune's name comes from the city of Dundee, known as the "Scottish Geneva" during the era of the Scottish Reformation. Roy Brunner (b. 1945), an American composer and organist who is currently organist of historic Park Street Church (Congregational) on the Boston Common.

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, January 8th

9:00 AM Sunday School
10:00 AM Worship
11:15 AM Diaconate
1:00 PM Session

Monday, January 9th

8:00 PM AA Meeting

Tuesday, January 10th

Wednesday, January 11th

1:00 PM Lunch and Learn
5:00 PM Light of Grace
7:30 PM Chancel Choir

Thursday, January 12th

7:00 PM Management Ministry

Friday, January 13th

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

Saturday, January 14th

Sunday, January 15th

9:00 AM Sunday School
10:00 AM 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.

**Marcia Noble's daughter,
Michelle**

Robert Hall

**Congratulations to Maria Mackas
on receiving her PhD**

**The Kubik family on the death of
Craig's step-father, Chuck Hud-
son**

**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

Lunch and Learn In January we will be having shortened Lunch and Learn meetings. Join us on Zoom Wednesdays from 1:00-1:30 PM. We will be studying Matthew 4:12-23 and Isaiah 9:1-4 on 1/11/22.

Our Annual Congregational Meeting will be held in worship on Sunday, January 29th for the purposes of receiving the 2022 SAPC Annual Report, voting on pastoral terms of call, and the election of officers for 2023.

Clifton Sanctuary Ministries Volunteers are needed to supply the meal for Clifton on Jan 22 and several upcoming dates. Please see the sign-up link in your weekly email.

PW The Presbyterian Women will meet in the meeting room and on Zoom at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, January 17. All of the women of St. Andrews are welcome to attend.

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