

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
ST. ANDREWS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
JANUARY 22, 2023
10:00 AM



GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME

OPENING VOLUNTARY *Brethren We Have Met to Worship* Arr. Dale Wood
Based on HOLY MANNA

†CALL TO WORSHIP

God is ready to answer us, even before we call.

God is eager to listen to us, even before we are ready to speak.

The hills sing together to praise God's name. All of nature proclaims God's glory.

If the hills are alive with song, let us, too, awake and sing God's praises.

Make a joyful noise to God, all people of the earth.

Let us worship God with great joy and delight!

†HYMN 301 *Let Us Build a House* TWO OAKS

CALL TO CONFESSION

CONFESSING OUR SIN

Almighty Sovereign God, we confess that we often do not act like we are ready for your holy realm. You guide us toward right paths, but we refuse to follow where you lead. You love and feed and care for us, but we fail to love and serve others. Forgive us, merciful God, so that we may return to your fold and rejoice in your presence, through Jesus Christ our Lord, the Lamb upon the throne. Amen. *(A time of silent, personal confession)*

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Hear the good news, the prophet Joel also tells us to be glad and rejoice in the Lord; that the Lord has poured out God's spirit on all flesh; and that everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved. Friends, you can believe the good news of the gospel. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God!

†JOYFUL RESPONSE 441 *Hear the Good News of Salvation* NETTLETON

Hear the good news of salvation: Jesus died to show God's love.
Such great kindness! Such great mercy! Come to us from heaven above.
Jesus Christ, how much I love you! Jesus Christ, you save from sin!
How I love you! Look upon me. Love me still and cleanse within.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Mary Evans

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 95:1-7

MUSICAL OFFERING *O Come, Let Us Sing* Cindy Berry

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.

Let Us Build A House

Written as a gift at the dedication of a new church building, this hymn describes the four actions of worship (gather, proclaim, seal, and send) and community life. Although the language sings of a physical church building, the focus is really on the spiritual. This hymn affirms that the church is not the building, but the people.

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE

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

SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 5:1-11

CHILDREN'S LESSON

SERMON

God's Love Transforms Us

Rev. David Rogers

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

†HYMN 722

Lord Speak to Me, That I May Speak

CANONBURY

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

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 rose 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 the life everlasting. 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 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

GOING TO SERVE GOD IN THE WORLD

†HYMN 366

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

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†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

Flourish

Alan Bullard

LORD, SPEAK TO ME, THAT I MAY SPEAK

Francis Havergal, author of *Take My Life*, wrote this text as a poem entitled "A Worker's Prayer." Each stanza is a request that God will empower the people to live and serve as Christ's own.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

This ancient creed, which has its roots in Pentecost, states central mysteries without precisely explaining them. The early church originally used this creed responsively at baptism. Its current form was fixed through efforts of Charlemagne in 814.

LOVE DIVINE, ALL LOVES EXCELLING

Charles Wesley reworked a song from John Dryden's opera *King Arthur* to craft this now-beloved hymn. "Fairest Isle, all isles excelling" is a song sung by Venus, the mythological goddess of love. Wesley believed that nothing was beyond redemption or could not be enlisted for God's purposes, so he turned these words and rhymes into a hymn celebrating the true divine Love.

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
Lonnelle Bruce, Director, St. Andrews School
Gretchen Perkins, Office Manager
Helen Hoang, Financial Administrator

Notes on Today's Music

The tune for the **Opening Voluntary** is attributed to William Moore (ca. 1790 - ca. 1850). It first appeared in *The Columbian Harmony* (Cincinnati, 1825), a collection of shaped note Appalachian tunes, of which Moore was the editor. Like many folk tunes and spirituals, HOLY MANNA, is based on a five-note (pentatonic) scale and its AABA structure makes it easy to learn, sing, and remember. The name derives from the text of "Brethren, We Have Met to Worship," attributed to George Askins (d. 1816), a Methodist pastor who was an itinerant preacher for the Baltimore Conference.

The setting is by Dale Wood (1934-2003), an American composer, organist, and choral director best known for his church music compositions.

The **Musical Offering** was composed by Cindy Berry, an American composer and arranger of sacred choral anthems for all voicings, for children's anthems, and piano collections for several major publishers.

The music for the **Offertory Response** was composed by Hal Hopson (b. 1933), a full-time composer, church musician, conductor, and clinician. He has over 3000 published works, which comprise almost every musical form in church music. With a special interest in congregational song, he continues to make a significant contribution to the new repertoire of hymn tunes and responsorial psalm settings.

The **Benediction in Music** was composed by Alan Bullard (b.1947), a British composer known mainly for his choral and educational music. His compositions are regularly performed and broadcast worldwide, and they appear on a number of recordings.

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 22nd

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

Monday, January 23rd

8:00 PM AA Meeting

Tuesday, January 24th

Wednesday, January 25th

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

Thursday, January 26th

Friday, January 27th

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

Saturday, January 28th

Sunday, January 29th

9:00 AM Sunday School
10:00 AM Worship and
Congregational Meeting

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

Our Annual Congregational Meeting will be held in worship next 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.

We Welcome Rev. David Rogers in worship today. David is an honorably retired minister in the Presbyterian Church (USA). David also served as a seminary intern at SAPC in 2007-2008. He and his wife, Lynn, continue to live in the Tucker area. Join us in welcoming him today.

Flowers Today are given by Mike and Phyllis Bearden in memory of Mike's sister, Kathy Bearden.

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 Micah 6:1-8 and Matthew 5:1-12 on 1/25/22.

39ers The 39ers are a group of folks that like to meet and eat and have fellowship together and everyone is welcome to attend. Their next meeting will be at Madras Mantra, an Indian buffet restaurant, at Noon on Tuesday, January 31st. (2179 Lawrenceville Hwy #A, 30033 Decatur)

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