SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

St. Andrews Presbyterian Church

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY ANNUAL MEETING JANUARY 29, 2023 10:00 AM



GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME

OPENING VOLUNTARY Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

Anna Laura Page

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, all who are poor in spirit; Come, all who mourn;

Come, all who are meek; Come, all who hunger and thirst for righteousness.

Come, all who would be merciful; Come, all who would be pure in heart; Come, all who would be peacemakers.

Let us come together—the weak, the simple, the powerless, the foolish.

Let us confess that the source of our life is Christ Jesus.

Let us worship the God of every blessing.

†HYMN 804

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!

MARION

CONFESSING OUR SIN

Merciful God, you call us to live out our faith in ways which honor you and bless our neighbors. Now we confess that too often our lives become so cluttered with personal baggage that we worship you with distracted minds and drifting thoughts. Forgive us if we worship you with words and actions which do not arise from hearts centered on you; so that our rituals, words and gestures become trite and emptied of meaning. Forgive us when concern over our outward appearance of piety is greater than our generosity of spirit; so that we fail to identify and own the longings of your heart, O God. Forgive us when we choose to ignore your desire to work with us to create a genuinely human community where justice is done and mercy is truly experienced; where the oppressed are set free; the hungry are fed; the homeless are given shelter and peace is experienced by all. This we pray in Jesus' name.

(A time of silent, personal confession)

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

†JOYFUL RESPONSE 582 Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

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HEARING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Judy Cook

SCRIPTURE READING

Micah 6:1-8

MUSICAL OFFERING

Offertory

John Ness Beck

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 5:1-12

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.

ANNUAL MEETING

As people of God, we believe we are called to take part in intentional acts of worship and service. Therefore, let us express that belief today, tangibly and meaningfully, by integrating the Annual Congregational Meeting into our regular Sunday worship gathering.

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE

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

The Gift of Poetic Challenge

Rev. Camille LeBron Powell

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

†HYMN 731 Give Thanks for Those Whose Faith Is Firm REPTON

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

At St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, we believe in

The Father, Son, and Holy Ghost;

Being Christ-centered;

The Bible as the core of our belief;

Doing justice, loving mercy, and walking humbly with our God;

Being an open and safe place for confession and forgiveness;

Being involved in the community, locally and beyond;

Being welcoming and inclusive;

Caring for creation.

We believe that the church is the people.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

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 733 We All Are One In Mission es flog ein kleins waldvögelein

†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

†ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

†SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

BENEDICTION IN MUSIC Gigue Fugue on the 'Magnificat' Johann Pachelbel

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Today's Affirmation of Faith was written by a St. Andrews' Sunday School Class in 2018.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD In response to the Word of God read and proclaimed, it is appropriate to respond to the Good News. Today we will respond by electing a new class of elders and deacons who have answered God's call to serve this church in a particular role.

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

We celebrate this congregation's generosity in the past and commitment to supporting the mission of the church in 2023. As stewards of God's gifts, we seek to use them appropriately and wisely to further God's mission and ministry through this congregation. Today we will present the 2023 session approved budget for information and the terms of call for the pastor to be voted on by the congregation.

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

Notes on Today's Music

The **Opening Voluntary** is a setting of the hymn "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven" with a new tune (ANDREWS) composed by Mark Andrews (b. 1930). This tune first appeared in the 1986 Great Songs Revised edited by Forrest M. McCann. The text of the hymn, a paraphrase of Psalm 103, is by Henry Francis Lyte (1793-1847) was first published in The Spirit of the Psalms (London, 1834)

This setting is by Anna Laura Page (b. 1943), active as a composer, clinician, and organist. Her publications include choral works for children, youth, and adults and compositions for handbells, organ, and piano.

Musical Offering The setting for the text of Micah 6:6-8 was composed by John Ness Beck (1930-1987), an American composer, arranger, and conductor of international renown. His works are highly celebrated and performed by high school, college, church, community, and professional choirs across the globe today.

Benediction in Music Johann Pachebel (1653-1706) was a German composer, organist, and teacher who brought the south German organ schools to their peak. He composed a large body of sacred and secular music, and his contributions to the development of the chorale prelude and fugue have earned him a place among the most important composers of the middle Baroque era. Early in life he demonstrated great talent both musically and academically. His compositional style was influenced by earlier southern German composers as well as Italian and French composers. He preferred an uncomplicated contrapuntal style that emphasized melodic and harmonic clarity.

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 29th

9:00 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship

Congregational Meeting

Monday, January 30th

8:00 PM AA Meeting

Tuesday, January 31st

12:00 PM 39ers

Wednesday, February 1st

12:30 PM Lunch and Learn 5:00 PM Light of Grace 7:30 PM Chancel Choir

Thursday, February 2nd

Friday, February 3rd

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

Saturday, February 4th

Sunday, February 5th

9:00 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship

11:15 AM Called Session 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

Congratulations to Helen Hoang, and her husband Billy Tran on the birth of their Son, Bentley.

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

<u>Our Annual Congregational Meeting</u> will be held in worship today for the purposes of receiving the 2022 SAPC Annual Report, voting on pastoral terms of call, and the election of officers for 2023.

Flowers Today are given by Mary McCowen to the glory of God.

<u>Lunch and Learn</u> Join us on Zoom Wednesdays from 12:30-1:30 PM. We will be studying Matthew 5:13-20 and Isaiah 58:1-9a on 2/1/23.

<u>39ers</u> 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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