

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

ST. ANDREWS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

TRANSFIGURATION

FEBRUARY 19, 2023

10:00 AM



GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME

OPENING VOLUNTARY *Fairest Lord Jesus* Setting: Tedd Smith and Don Hustard

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Listen to God, whose voice speaks from the top of the tallest mountain to the depths of humanity.

May the peace of God's words resonate within us!

Marvel at the light of the Holy Spirit, which inspires all goodness and shines forth brilliantly against the darkness of sin and evil.

May the light of the Holy Spirit be the lamp to our true path!

Follow Jesus wherever he leads you – for Jesus' way is love.

May the love of Jesus lead us to change ourselves and the world! Amen.

†HYMN 12

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, even when we see your justice transfigured before us, we cower in fear of following your way in our world. We wonder what it might cost us to walk in the way of Jesus. Help us to listen. Empower us to be formed by the life of Jesus Christ. Restore in us the confidence to be disciples of Christ.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

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

VASILE

HEARING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Charlton Allen

SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 24:12-18

Pew Bible, page 68(OT)

MUSICAL OFFERING

Go Up to the Mountain of God

Michael Helman

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 17:1-9

Pew Bible, page 17(NT)

CHILDREN'S LESSON

SERMON

The Gift of the Unpredictable Jesus

Rev. Camille LeBron Powell

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

†HYMN 189

O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair

DEA GRACIAS

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

This morning's Opening Voluntary is based on a 17th century Silesian melody.

IMMORTAL, INVISIBLE,
GOD ONLY WISE

This hymn captures the vastness and majesty of God. Drawing on a variety of images from scripture, the text encourages singers to consider how God's life exceeds their own finite experience.

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE

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

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in one holy, universal Christian church, the communion of saints called from the entire human family. We believe that Christ's work of reconciliation is made manifest in the church as the community of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one another;

that unity is, therefore, both a gift and an obligation for the church of Jesus Christ;

that through the working of God's Spirit it is a binding force, yet simultaneously a reality which must be earnestly pursued and sought: one which the people of God must continually be built up to attain;

that this unity must become visible so that the world may believe that separation, enmity and hatred between people and groups is sin which Christ has already conquered, and accordingly that anything which threatens this unity may have no place in the church and must be resisted;

that this unity of the people of God must be manifested and be active in a variety of ways; in that we love one another;

that we experience, practice and pursue community with one another;

that we are obligated to give ourselves willingly and joyfully to be of benefit and blessing to one another;

that we share one faith, have one calling, are of one soul and one mind.

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, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore;
praise Triune God, whom we adore.

PRAISE GOD

Prayer of Dedication

GOING TO SERVE GOD IN THE WORLD

†HYMN 192

Shine, Jesus, Shine

SHINE JESUS SHINE

†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 853, v. 1

We Are Marching in the Light of God
We are marching in the light of God;
we are marching in the light of God.

SIYAHAMBIA

We are marching, oh we are marching in the light of God;
we are marching, oh, we are marching in the light of God.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Confession of Belhar is a powerful confession of the Christian faith that emerged in South Africa during the years of Apartheid. Named for the city where it was first adopted, it is a statement that focuses on the themes of Unity, Reconciliation, and Justice. Churches around the globe have recognized the power and theological insight of *Belhar* as an expression of Scriptural truth for their own contexts. In 2016 the 222nd General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA) formally adopted the confession into our *The Book of Confessions*.

SHINE, JESUS, SHINE

This song, written in 1988, incorporates a variety of scriptural images (John 1:5; Hebrews 13:20-21; Psalm 139:23; and 2 Corinthians 3:18; Isaiah 11:9; Habakkuk 2:14) to explore. The refrain continues the light-based imagery, making it appropriate for Jesus' Transfiguration (Matthew 17:1-9).

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 **Opening Voluntary** is based on a tune which is believed to be from the Glaz district of Silesia and was first published a collection *Schleisische Volkslieder mit Melodien* (Silesian folk songs with melodies) published in Leipzig, 1842. The version we sing was harmonized by Richard Willis for *Songs of the Church* (New York, 1862). Willis mistakenly attributed the tune to the twelfth century when in fact it was from the early 1800's. The tune earned the moniker CRUSADER'S HYMN when Franz Liszt used it in his oratorio *The Legend of St. Elizabeth* (1862) for a march of Crusader knights.

The text and music for the **Musical Offering** were composed by Michael Helman (b 1956), an American composer of handbell, organ, and choral music with well over 140 pieces. He is currently Director of Music/Organist at Faith Presbyterian Church in Cape Coral, Florida, where he directs the adult vocal choirs, conducts a graded handbell program for children through adults, and coordinates the church's Concert Series.

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, February 19th

9:00 AM Sunday School
10:00 AM Worship
1:00 PM Session

Monday, February 20th

11:00 AM re:loom
8:00 PM AA Meeting

Tuesday, February 21st

10:00 AM Presbyterian Women
12:00 PM *Remembering Your Story*
7:00 PM Education Ministry

Wednesday, February 22nd

12:30 PM Lunch and Learn
5:00 PM Light of Grace
6:30 PM Ash Wednesday
7:30 PM Chancel Choir

Thursday, February 23rd

7:00 PM Caring for Creation

Friday, February 24th

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

Saturday, February 25th

Sunday, February 26th

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

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

Our new Elders and Deacons

**Congratulations to Louis Todd
and Basil Papotto on their retire-
ments**

**Jessica Brillong on the death of
her father.**

**In the Nursing Home, Home Care,
or Assisted Living:**

Milly 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

Flowers Today are given by Lynda Robinson to the Glory of God.

Ash Wednesday service is planned for 6:30 PM in the Sanctuary this Wednesday, February 22nd. We will have a reflective service and imposition of ashes.

Lunch and Learn Join us on Zoom Wednesdays from 12:30-1:30 PM. We will be studying Matthew 4:1-11 and Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7 on 2/22/23.

Caring 4 Creation The Caring 4 Creation committee plans to meet on Zoom Thursday, February 23rd at 7:00 pm. This committee helps ensure that St. Andrews takes steps to be an even more earth-friendly congregation. If you care about God's creation and want to support eco-friendly practices at our church, please join or reach out Ashley Lewis for more information, ashley@sapctucker.org.

Book Study We will be studying *Materiality as Resistance* by Walter Brueggemann on Thursday evenings at 7:00 PM and on Saturdays during Lent. Please see your *Lamp-lighter* newsletter for full details. If you would like to be added to the church's email list, to receive our weekly email and monthly newsletter, please contact the office at the email address below.

Lenten Devotionals and devotional cards are available in the narthex or in the courtyard by the door to the office.

re:loom will meet Monday, February 20th at 11:00 AM in the church library. Please bring your lunch and we will share a meal together.

PW The Presbyterian women will meet on Wednesday, February, 21st at 10:00 AM on Zoom and in the meeting room. All of the women of St. Andrews are invited to attend.

Just Creation Conference at Columbia Seminary, March 16-19. Mark your calendars and plan to attend. See your weekly email for more information about this exciting event including the schedule, sessions and speakers, even our own Ashley Lewis.

Rise Against Hunger We are joining with Rise Against Hunger to pack 10,000 meals on Sunday, March 26th at 3:00 PM in Heffner Hall.

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