

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

ST. ANDREWS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

FEBRUARY 26, 2023

10:00 AM



GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME

OPENING VOLUNTARY *Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer* Setting by Dale Wood
Based on BEACH SPRING

INTROIT 175 *Seek Ye First* LAFFERTY

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and its righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia!

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Listen!

There is hope to be found here.

Listen!

God calls you by name here.

Listen!

There is love that abides here.

This world is full of chatter, so may we do our best to listen.

God is speaking.

Let us worship.

Amen.

†HYMN 624 *I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art* TOULON

CONFESSING OUR SIN

Holy God,

Too often we treat your Word like a radio station—something we can tune in and out of when it's convenient. Our minds are full of ads, emails, news updates, and notifications. In the midst of this clutter, we tend to gravitate toward the voices that think like us—easily ignoring the voices being silenced, easily ignoring your voice.

Forgive us for failing to listen.

Forgive us for getting caught in distractions.

Forgive us for forgetting what your voice sounds like.

Drain the distractions from our minds and help us turn once again toward you.

With earnest hearts we pray, *(Silence is kept for personal prayers of confession.)*

CHORAL PETITION 437 *You Are the Lord, Giver of Mercy!* WAYFARING STRANGER
You are the Lord, giver of mercy!
You are the Christ, giver of mercy!
You are the Lord, giver of mercy!

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

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.

I GREET THEE, WHO MY SURE REDEEMER ART

Coming out of the 16th Century Protestant Reformation, this hymn focuses on our reliance upon Christ alone. The words are intimate and personal connecting us to the hope that Christ gives us.

LENTEN THEME AND LITURGY

This Lenten season we are following the theme, "Seeking: honest questions for deeper faith," from A Sanctified Art, LLC. This ministry believes that God speaks to us through many mediums and that creativity is an integral part of worship. They create curriculum and worship resources, including the Lenten Devotionals found in the Narthex. The Call to Worship, Prayer of Confession, and Affirmation of Faith are adapted from prayers written by Sarah (Are) Speed of A Sanctified Art.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Tom Evans

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 4:1-11

Pew Bible p. 3 (NT)

MUSICAL OFFERING

Tree of Life

K. Lee Scott

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7

Pew Bible p. 2 (OT)

CHILDREN'S LESSON

SERMON

Seeking: Who Will You Listen To?

Rev. Camille LeBron Powell

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

†HYMN

Who Will You Listen To?

LEONI



The voi - ces from the past That ech - o through out minds Like noi - sy ghosts haunt
So - ci - e - ty de - mands We al - ways strive for more Ac - cum - u - lat - ing
A rush - ing flood of hate In news we of - ten see Con - ceals God's king - dom



and har - ass With words un - kind Who will we lis - ten to? Lies that bind and a -
wealth and land And leave the poor Who will we lis - ten to? The temp - ter's jea - lous -
in a great Ca - co - pho - ny Who will we lis - ten to? The cha - os all a -



base? Or God who coun - ters words un - true With words of grace?
sy? Or God's pro - vis - ion and pur - suit Of e - qui - ty?
round? Or God's dream of a world made new Where love a - bounds?

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

In a world full of noise,

we believe that God is speaking.

In a world full of chaos,

we believe that God is singing.

In a world full of temptation,

we believe that God is healing.

Church, who will you listen to?

We will listen to God—our Creator, Friend, and Guide.

Church, what will you listen for?

We will listen for water in the desert, for the wind of the Spirit,

for the laughter of children, for the sound of open doors,

and for God's voice, who calls us beloved. Amen.

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

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Offertory Response 608

TALLIS' CANON

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.

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE

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

WHO WILL YOU LISTEN TO?

Anna Strickland of Sanctified Art wrote this original hymn text, connecting images from scripture and our Lenten theme of Seeking. The tune LEONI is from the familiar hymn, *The God of Abraham Praise*.

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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.

Prayer of Dedication

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.

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 833

O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

ST. MARGARET

†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

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say 'Come Unto Me and Rest'

Based on KINGSFOLD

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 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.

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 26th

9:00 AM Sunday School
10:00 AM Worship
11:15 AM Engagement Ministry
4:00 PM Dinner, Clifton Sanctuary

Monday, February 27th

8:00 PM AA Meeting

Tuesday, February 28th

12:00 PM 39ers

Wednesday, March 1st

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

Thursday, March 2nd

7:00 PM Lenten Book Study (Zoom)

Friday, March 3rd

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

Saturday, March 4th

11:00 AM Lenten Book Study

Sunday, March 5th

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

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

Book Study Our Lenten Book Study begins this week! We will be studying *Materiality as Resistance* by Walter Brueggemann on Thursday evenings at 7:00 PM on Zoom and on Saturdays at 11:00 AM in the meeting room during Lent. Please read the Introduction and Chapter 1 for this week's meetings.

Lenten Devotionals and devotional cards are available in the narthex or in the courtyard by the door to the office. The devotional books have full-color artwork, reflections, and places to journal. The devotional cards contain scriptures and prayers for the Lenten season.

The **Engagement Ministry** is meeting in the Meeting Room after Worship today.

39ers The 39ers are a group of folks that like to meet and eat and have fellowship together and all of St. Andrews is invited to attend. Their next meeting will be at Noon on Tuesday, February 28th at Always Fresh in Lilburn (5394 Five Forks Trickum Road).

Lunch and Learn Join us on Zoom Wednesdays from 12:30-1:30 PM. We will be studying John 3:1-17 and Genesis 12:1-4a on 3/1/23.

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.

A Digital copy of this bulletin and the notes for today's music are available on our website accessible by scanning this code.



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