

# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

## ST. ANDREWS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 26, 2023

10:00 AM



### GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

#### WELCOME

OPENING VOLUNTARY *Ich ruf' zu dir, Herr Jesu Christ* Johann Sebastian Bach  
I call to thee, Lord Jesus Christ

†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

Have you ever felt washed up, brittle, worn-down to the bone?  
**Have you ever felt grief lay heavy on your back?**  
Have you ever felt like hope was out of reach?  
**Have you ever wondered, can these bones live?**  
If you have, then you are in the right place, for this is God's house.  
**Hope lives here.**  
So, come. Rest your weary bones.  
**Let us worship Holy God.**

†HYMN 366 *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* HYFRYDOL

#### CONFESSING OUR SIN

Jesus of Nazareth, I confess: I forget that you know this feeling.  
I forget that you, too, have wept. I forget that you, too, have lost.  
I forget that you, too, have gathered at the tomb,  
have grieved for a friend, have felt the sting of humanity.  
Forgive me for all the times I place blame on you.  
Forgive me for all the times I create distance, imagining  
that you could never feel what I feel. Forgive me for allowing the valley of dry  
bones to be a sea of space between us.  
Pour yourself into the cracks in my heart. Bring these bones back to life. Bring  
me closer to you. With gratitude, I 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

Friends, you could spend your whole life ignoring God, pushing God away, or trying to solve the world's problems all on your own, and God would still love you all the same. Even in our shortcomings, we are God's beloved. So hear and believe this good news:  
**We are saved by grace through faith. We belong to God. We are not alone.**

#### 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.

#### SEEK YE FIRST

This text is one of the classic examples of the 20th-century trend of setting Scripture (Matthew 6:33 in this case) to music. We usually abstain from using the word *alleluia* during Lent. However, the text and tone of this hymn are so well suited for our Lenten theme that we made an exception. Additionally, the 40 days of Lent do not include Sundays because every Sunday is a "little Easter," so *alleluia* is appropriate.

#### 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 of could not be enlisted for God's purposes, so he turned these words and rhymes into a hymn celebrating the true divine Love.

## HEARING GOD'S WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Marcia Noble

### SCRIPTURE READING

John 11:1-7, 17-45

Pew Bible p. 98 (NT)

### MUSICAL OFFERING

*When Jesus Wept*

Gilbert Martin  
Text: William Billings

### SCRIPTURE READING

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Pew Bible p. 749 (OT)

### CHILDREN'S LESSON

### SERMON

*Seeking: Can These Bones Live?* Rev. Camille LeBron Powell

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

### †HYMN

*Can These Bones Live*

LAUDA ANIMA

See bulletin insert.

### †AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe that God loves us—

**God loves us enough to weep when we are gone.**

We believe that God does not give up on us—

**breathing new life into tired bones.**

We believe that God returns to us—

**always seeking us when we are lost.**

We believe that God holds hope for us—

**so we hold onto hope as well.**

We believe, help our unbelief.

**In Christ's name we pray, amen.**

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

### OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

#### Offertory Response

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.

TALLIS' CANON

#### 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.**

### SCRIPTURE RESPONSE

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

### CAN THESE BONES LIVE?

Anna Strickland of Sanctified Art wrote this original hymn text, connecting images from scripture and our Lenten theme of Seeking. The tune LAUDA ANIMA is from the familiar hymn, *Praise my Soul, the King of Heaven*.

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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 the world. Through it, we are renewed and empowered to be the church, the body of Christ, in the world.

The invitation is not just for Presbyterians or "church members." 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. All are invited to receive the bread and cup, regardless of age or understanding, to be assured of God's love and grace in Jesus Christ.

## Breaking of the Bread and Pouring of the Cup

## Communion of the People

## Prayer After Communion

### GOING TO SERVE GOD IN THE WORLD

†HYMN 286

*Breathe on Me, Breath of God*

TRENTHAM

†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

*Fairest Lord Jesus*

17th century Silesian melody  
Setting by Dale Wood

Today, communion will be served by intinction. Congregants proceed via the center aisle to receive the bread (gluten-free bread and individual cups of juice are available), which they then dip into the chalice of non-alcoholic 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.

Call to Worship, Confession our Sin, Declaration of Forgiveness Prayer of Confession, and Affirmation of Faith by Rev. Sarah (Are) Speed

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**seeking:**  
honest questions  
for deeper faith

### CHURCH STAFF

The Rev. Camille LeBron Powell, Pastor  
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## CALENDAR

### Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup>

9:00 AM Sunday School  
10:00 AM Worship  
11:00 AM Chancel Bells  
11:00 AM Lunches for Clifton  
3:00 PM Rise Against Hunger  
4:00 PM Dinner Clifton Sanctuary

### Monday, March 27<sup>th</sup>

3:30 PM Engagement Ministry  
8:00 PM AA Meeting

### Tuesday, March 28<sup>th</sup>

12:00 PM 39ers  
7:30 PM Caring for Creation (Zoom)

### Wednesday, March 29<sup>th</sup>

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

### Thursday, March 30<sup>th</sup>

7:00 PM Lenten Book Study (Zoom)

### Friday, March 31<sup>st</sup>

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

### Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup>

8:00 AM All-Church Garden Day  
11:00 AM Lenten Book Study

### Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>

9:00 AM Sunday School  
10:00 AM Worship - Passion/Palm Sunday

## 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.

**Rev. Kate Colussy-Estes on the death of her father**

**Marco and Jonathan Compton on the death of their father.**

**Marcia Noble's daughter, Michelle**

**Robert Hall**

**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.

The parlor in the Narthex has two dedicated childcare volunteers who will stay with young children during worship. For school-age children, the PRAYground is available, near the front of the sanctuary, offering educational and interactive materials.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Rise Against Hunger** We are joining with Rise Against Hunger to pack 10,000 meals this afternoon, March 26th at 3:00 PM in Heffner Hall. Waivers are available in the narthex and in the weekly email. Please arrive between 2:30 and 2:45, so that we can begin packing at 3:00 PM.

**Easter Flowers - Last Day for Dedications** If you would like to dedicate an Easter flower in memory or in honor of a loved one, there are dedication forms available online and in the narthex. Please note on the form if you plan to take the flower with you on Easter Sunday, or if it is a dedication only. Flowers are \$10 each. Please put 'Easter flowers' on the memo line, if paying by check.

**Book Study** Our Lenten book study concludes this week on Thursday evening at 7:00 PM on Zoom and on Saturday at 11:00 AM in the meeting room. Please read Chapter 5 and the Conclusion for this week's meetings.

**39ers** The 39ers are a group of folks who like to meet and eat and have fellowship together, and everyone is welcome to attend. They will meet on Tuesday, March 28th at Babinelli's in Tucker. (2039 Crescent Centre Boulevard.)

**Lunch and Learn** Join us on Zoom Wednesdays from 12:30-1:30 PM. We will be studying Psalm 31:9-16 and Matthew 21:1-11 on 3/29/23.

**Saturday, April 1st** No foolin' - it's an all-church garden work day! Bring work gloves, and hand tools, if you have them. If not, we'll have extras. Come early and stay for the book study, or pick a place to have lunch with your church family afterward. We'll be here from 8:00 pm-Noon. Let's tidy up our grounds for Holy Week. All ages and ability levels are welcome.

**Dealing with Dementia: A Caregivers Guide** April 15, 1 pm; A Workshop for Caregivers of Persons with Dementia. If you are a Caregiver of a person with a diagnosis of Alzheimer's or dementia, this workshop is for you. Registration is limited to 12 people. Contact Pat Baker to register before April 1st, pat@sapctucker.org, or 678-438-3673.

**One Great Hour of Sharing** In a world of disaster, hunger and oppression, millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education and opportunity. We will take this special offering next Sunday to benefit Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-development of People, which all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance and hope. We will take this special offering in worship on Sunday, April 2nd.

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

