

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

ST. ANDREWS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

EARTH CARE SUNDAY

APRIL 16, 2023 10:00 AM



GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Maestoso

Hermann Schröder

†CALL TO WORSHIP

In you, O LORD, we seek refuge; do not let us be put to shame;

in your righteousness deliver us.

You are indeed our rock and our fortress;

for your name's sake lead us and guide us.

Into your hands we commit ourselves,

for you have redeemed us, O Lord, our faithful God.

Our time is in your hands. Let your face shine upon your servants;

save us with your steadfast love.

†HYMN

Gather Us In

GATHER UN IN

CONFESSING OUR SIN

**Lord, we confess that we cover our ears to your commandments, choosing
instead to carry out plans that inflict suffering and pain on fellow created
beings, human and non-human.**

We neglect your instructions to care for the vulnerable and uphold the weak.

Out of fear and selfishness, we grab and hoard resources meant to be shared.

**In seasons of uncertainty, we are tempted to seek control through self-protection
rather than surrendering ourselves to you and to the good of the many.**

Forgive our unwillingness to listen to your Word and do your work.

Hear our confession and grant us mercy.

Amend our ways and help us to walk the path that leads to you...

(Silence is kept for personal prayers of confession.)

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

†JOYFUL RESPONSE

ALLELUIA #1

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.

Spread the good news o'er all the earth: Jesus has died and has risen.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Carol Gordon

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalms 31:1-5, 15-16

Pew Bible p. 478 (OT)

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.

GATHER US IN

This hymn is a prayer on behalf of the congregation. It uses scriptural images to describe the church, our activity in the world, and our call to participate in transformative love. The fourth verse notes that the church's work is not confined to buildings or reserved for an otherworldly heaven but matters here and now, in and out of the sanctuary.

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE

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

MUSICAL OFFERING *I Know That My Redeemer Lives* Craig Courtney
 CHILDREN'S LESSON
 SCRIPTURE READING 1 Peter 2:4-10 Pew Bible p. 223 (NT)
 SERMON *Living Stones* Ashley Lewis

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

†HYMN 753 *Make Me a Channel of Your Peace* PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe that God creates all things, renews all things, and celebrates all things.
 We believe Earth is a sanctuary, a sacred planet filled with God's presence, a home for us to share with our earthly kin.
 We believe that God became flesh and blood, of the Earth, a human being called Jesus Christ, who lived and breathed and spoke among us, who suffered and died on a cross for all human beings and for all creation.
 We believe that the risen Jesus is the Christ at the core of creation reconciling all things to God, renewing all creation, and filling the cosmos.
 We believe the Spirit renews life, groans in empathy with a suffering creation, and waits with us for its rebirth. We believe that with Christ we will rise and with Christ we will celebrate a new creation reunited with the Creator.

MINUTE FOR MINISTRY *Caring for Creation*

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 LAST UNS ERFREUEN
 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
 praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia, Alleluia!
 praise God above, ye heavenly host;
 praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
 Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

†Prayer of Dedication

GOING TO SERVE GOD IN THE WORLD

†HYMN 757 *Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples* KINGSFOLD

†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

†SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
 And also with you.

MAKE ME A CHANNEL OF YOUR PEACE

Attributed to St. Francis of Assisi, this prayerful hymn asks God to overcome the existence of fear, hatred, and sadness in the world by channeling love, peace, and joy through followers of Jesus. On Earth Day Sunday, we consider how the world needs God's peace both in and beyond human relationships.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

This text comes from an ecumenical organization in Australia called, Season of Creation, whose aim is to "develop a basic biblical theology to ground our worship at a time when our planet home is experiencing a serious environmental crisis."

TODAY WE ALL ARE CALLED TO BE DISCIPLES

This hymn incorporates biblical allusions to show that stewardship of the earth and care for earthly neighbors are essential aspects of Christian discipleship.

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

Notes on Today's Music:

The **Opening Voluntary** and **Benediction in Music** were composed by Hermann Schröder (1904 –1984), a German composer and a Catholic church musician. His main sphere of activity as composer, conductor and organist were supplemental to his work as a professor of choral conducting, counterpoint, and composition. Schroeder is one of the most important German composers of the 20th century for organ. His music combines elements of the Middle Ages with 20th century polyphony.

The **Musical Offering** was composed in 1999 by Craig Courtney (b. 1948) based on words from Job 19:25-26 and I Corinthians 13:12 and employing the Alleluia from EASTER HYMN as an opening and closing motif. He is currently a Composer and the Executive Music Editor for Beckenhorst Press, and his music is performed all over the world. His published works include more than two hundred choral octavos, nine vocal collections, a piano solo collection and six extended works for choir and orchestra.

CALENDAR

Sunday, April 16th

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

Monday, April 17th

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

Tuesday, April 18th

10:00 AM Presbyterian Women
5:30 PM Engagement Ministry
7:00 PM Caring for Creation

Wednesday, April 19th

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

Thursday, April 20th

Friday, April 21st

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

Saturday, April 22nd

10:30 AM Spring Walk

Sunday, April 23rd

9:00 AM Sunday School
10:00 AM Worship
11:00 AM Lunches for Clifton

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.

Margaret Williams on the death of her sister

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**

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 Nursery, located in the hallway between the Sanctuary and Heffner Hall, 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, and the Parlor is available for anyone needing a quiet moment outside of the sanctuary.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday School Children ages 5-12 are invited to attend Sunday School starting Sunday, April 16th at 9:00 am in Room 117 in the Education Building. Younger children may be dropped off in the nursery, starting at 8:45 AM (and picked up after the 10:00 am worship service concludes.) Adults and Youth are welcome to enjoy a time of informal fellowship and coffee in the narthex or proceed to the Meeting Room for the Fidelis class, at 9:00 AM.

Presbyterian Women The PW will meet on Tuesday, April 18th at 10:00 AM in the Meeting Room and on Zoom. All of the women of St. Andrews are invited to attend.

re:loom will meet Monday, April 17th at 11:00 AM in the church library. Please feel free to bring your lunch and we will share a meal together.

Spring Walk We will meet at 10:30 AM Saturday the 22nd in the parking lot at Lilburn Park, 76 Main Street, near the Aquvero bus. Or meet at 10:00, in St. Andrews' parking lot by Heffner Hall, if you'd like to carpool. There are several trail options. We will have lunch at Aquvero Parkside Mexican restaurant. If you are not walking, please meet up for lunch. Any questions contact, Cindy Weimer, cindybethe@gmail.com.

Lunches for Clifton Let Phyllis Bearden know if you would like to join this joyful group making lunches for Clifton Sanctuary Ministries after Worship next Sunday, pbearden47@bellsouth.net.

Lunch & Learn will meet on Wednesday at 12:30 PM on Zoom. The Scripture passages are: Luke 24:13-35 and Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19.

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Website- sapctucker.org *Church Calendar, Sunday School Page, Youth News, Sermon Archive*

Instagram- st.andrewspresbyteriantucker *Follow us- pictures and updates*

Weekly Email and Monthly Newsletter- office@sapctucker.org *to be added to our list.*

Contact Us- 770-938-2833, office@sapctucker.org

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.