

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
ST. ANDREWS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
APRIL 30, 2023
10:00 AM



GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME

OPENING VOLUNTARY *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need* Setting by Dale Wood

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Siblings in Christ, let us gather together with glad and generous hearts.

For many signs and wonders are being done among us.

Let us break bread together and share our lives in common.

Let us give what we can to all who have needs

so that all people, no matter who they are, may regard us with good will.

Let us devote ourselves to our prayers and to the gospel.

For in this way God will add to our numbers every day.

†HYMN 409

God Is Here

ABBOT'S LEIGH

CONFESSING OUR SIN

Savior God, you beckon us, but we do not heed your call. You gather us, but we wander away losing ourselves in false and superficial comforts. You speak truth, but we fail to hear and respond. Good Shepherd, do not give up on us.

Redeem us. Restore us. Resurrect us for life in Christ.

(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.

Come let us praise the Living God, joyfully sing to our Savior.

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Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Charlton Allen

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalms 23

Pew Bible p. 474(OT)

MUSICAL OFFERING

Love Comes From God

Alan Pote

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 2:42-47

Pew Bible p. 112(NT)

CHILDREN'S LESSON

SERMON

Living in Community

Rev. Camille LeBron Powell

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.

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE

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

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

†HYMN 306

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

DENNIS

†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.

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 609

LASST 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 321

The Church's One Foundation

AURELIA

†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

Voluntary X

John Alcock

BLEST BE THE TIE THAT BINDS

John Fawcett, a pastor in England, had the habit of writing a new hymn each week to go with his sermon. He wrote this one in 1772 while reflecting on the thought of leaving his first call.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

In May 2018, our inter-generational Sunday school class studied Presbyterian creeds and confessions. They explored what the authors addressed and struggled with what to agree on and how to say it. The class members wrote this affirmation of faith for St. Andrews based on scripture, our Reformed heritage, and our congregation.

THE CHURCH'S ONE FOUNDATION

In 19th century England there was great controversy over Biblical interpretation. Samuel Stone wrote this hymn as a plea for unity. This hymn reminds us of the foundation we have in Jesus Christ that unites the church and that the church, for better and worse, is Christ's new creation.

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 text of the **Opening Voluntary** "My Shepherd Will Supply My Need" is a paraphrase of Psalm 23 by Isaac Watts (1674-1748). It was first published in *Psalms of David Imitated in the Language of the New Testament* (London, 1719). The tune, RESIGNATION, is of unknown origins but is most certainly from the Appalachian tradition. Although several texts had been associated with this haunting pentatonic tune, it first appeared with the present text in J. W. Steffey's *Valley Harmonist* (Winchester, VA, 1836).

The text of the **Musical Offering** is based on John 4:7 and John 15:13. The music was composed by Allen Pote (b. 1945) known nationally as a full time composer of sacred music as well as a clinician for festivals and workshops.

The **Benediction in Music** was composed by John Alcock (1715-1806), an English organist and composer. He wrote instrumental music, glees and a significant volume of church music. Alcock grew up as a chorister at St. Paul's Cathedral and rose from being the organist of various parish churches to obtaining a Doctor of Music degree from Oxford in 1766.

A voluntary is a piece of music, usually for an organ, that is played as part of a church service. In English-speaking countries, the music played before and after the service is often called a 'voluntary', whether or not it is titled so.

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, April 30th

9:00 AM Sunday School
10:00 AM Worship
11:15 AM Diaconate

Monday, May 1st

8:00 PM AA Meeting

Tuesday, May 2nd

Wednesday, May 3rd

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

Thursday, May 4th

Friday, May 5th

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

Saturday, May 6th Tucker Day

Sunday, May 7th

9:00 AM Sunday School
10:00 AM Worship
11:30 AM Dementia-Friendly
Church Workshop

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.

Peter Shenkman

Pat Zrolka

The Johnston family on the death of husband and father, Verome

Charles Chambers on the death of his brother

Marcia Noble's daughter, Michelle

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 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

Flowers Today are given by Linda Fouts in honor of her Mother's birthday, from her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

Sunday School Children ages 5-12 are invited to attend Sunday School 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.

Tucker Day St. Andrews will have a booth at Tucker Day on Saturday, May 6th. Join us as we offer our neighbors a cup of cold water. See your weekly email, or the link below to sign up for a 2-hour shift.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0e45ada72ca7f9c52-tucker#/>

How can St. Andrews be a Dementia Friendly Church? No matter your age or stage of life have you ever wondered what the difference is between being forgetful and having dementia? If the answer is YES to that question, then please plan to attend an information session after church next Sunday, May 7th from 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM in the meeting room. Pat Baker will be presenting materials from Dementia Friendly Georgia to give members a better understanding of the difference between dementia and Alzheimer's, normal aging vs. dementia, the 5 key messages about dementia and how to communicate with someone who is facing the challenges of having a dementia. All ages are invited for this informative presentation.

Eyeglasses Collection Caring for Creation is collecting glasses in the Narthex. Do you have a drawer at home with glasses that you don't use any more? We are accepting all types of eye glasses: prescription glasses, loose lenses, reading glasses, sunglasses, and even broken glasses. Bring them in and we'll get them to those in need. Please see the May *Lamplighter* newsletter for more about this collection project.

PC(USA) Survey Please use the QR code to complete the survey for our denomination's research project on changing families. Today is the last day to complete the survey.



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