

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

ST. ANDREWS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 14, 2023

10:00 AM



GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Magnificat

Marcel Dupré

†CALL TO WORSHIP

As a hen gathers her brood under her wings, God desires to gather us together.

Gather us, O God. We are here to worship and sing your praise!

†HYMN 645

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

MIT FREUDEN ZART

CONFESSING OUR SIN

Holy God, we are quick to criticize, quick to judge, quick to blame. We fail to offer others the same grace we receive from you. We hold ourselves up as superior and fail to address the patterns of dominance we perpetuate. For give us. Help us seek understanding and compassion. Help us accept the love you offer us and share your love with others.

(Silence is kept for personal prayers of confession.)

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

†JOYFUL RESPONSE

DARWALL'S 143RD

Come sing, O church, in joy!

Come join, O church, in song!

For Christ the Lord has led us through the ages long!

In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!

HEARING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Cindy Weimer

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Peter 3:13-22

Pew Bible p. 220 (NT)

MUSICAL OFFERING

You Are Mine

Arr. by Mark Hayes

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 17:22-31

Pew Bible p. 129 (NT)

CHILDREN'S LESSON

SERMON

Sharing Our Faith

Rev. Dr. Camille LeBron Powell

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

†HYMN 44

Like a Mother Who Has Borne Us

AUSTIN

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.

SING PRAISE TO GOD WHO REIGNS ABOVE

Written in the style of Genevan psalms and French folk tunes, this hymn is built on common divine imagery, such as creator, power, and watchfulness. The third stanza also includes less-common biblical imagery of God who is near, ever-present, tender, and motherly.

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE

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

LIKE A MOTHER WHO HAS BORNE US

Using many images of God, this hymn moves us from using our experience to understand God to using our understanding of God as a model for how we relate to other human beings. When we act with generosity, support our neighbor, and follow the ways of peace and justice, we sense God's presence because we have patterned our lives on God's own nature.

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father.

In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community.

But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.

In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH
Adopted in 1990, The Brief Statement of Faith confesses enduring Reformed beliefs and invites readers to explore their rich meanings. The portion used today emphasizes God's unending presence with us and God's motherly and fatherly characteristics. Even when we lose our way or rebel, the grace and mercy of Jesus Christ never end.

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

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

GOING TO SERVE GOD IN THE WORLD

†HYMN 839

Blessed Assurance

ASSURANCE

†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

†SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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

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.

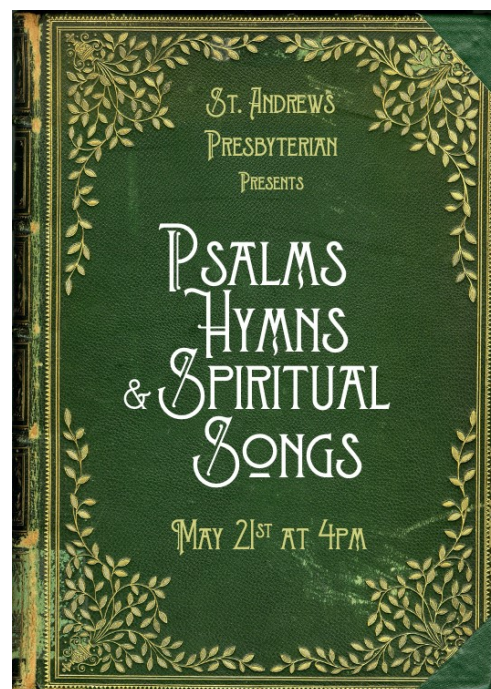
BENEDICTION IN MUSIC

Fugue on the Magnificat

Johann Pachelbel

CHURCH STAFF

The Rev. Dr. Camille LeBron Powell, Pastor
Ashley Lewis, Coordinator of Congregational Vitality
David Lukens, Director of Music
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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

Notes on Today's Music:

The **Opening Voluntary** and **Benediction in Music** are settings of verses of the Magnificat - My soul magnifies the Lord - from Luke 1:46-55, also referred to as The Canticle of Mary or Mary's Song of Praise. Marcel Dupré (1886-1971) was a French organist, composer, and pedagogue. Born at Rouen into a musical family, Marcel Dupré was a child prodigy. His father Albert Dupré was organist in Rouen and a friend of Aristide Cavaillé-Coll, who built an organ in the family house when Marcel was 14 years old. He entered the Paris Conservatoire in 1904, where he studied with some of the most famous French organists and composers. In 1926 he was appointed professor of organ performance and improvisation at the Paris Conservatoire, a position he held until 1954. Dupré became famous for performing more than 2,000 organ recitals throughout Australia, the United States, Canada and Europe, which included a recital series of 10 concerts of the complete works of Bach performed entirely from memory.

The text of the **Musical Offering** is based on Psalm 46:10, Isaiah 43:1; and John 14:27. This arrangement by Mark Hayes (b. 1953) was published in 2011. Mark Hayes is an American composer and arranger. His predominant output is of choral music in the Christian sacred music and gospel music genres. He has published over 1,500 works which includes works for solo voice, solo piano, multiple pianos, orchestra, jazz combo, small instrumental ensembles, and choruses of all kinds.

Benediction in Music Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706) was a German composer, organist, and teacher who brought the south German organ schools to their peak. He composed a large body of sacred and secular music, and his contributions to the development of the chorale prelude and fugue have earned him a place among the most important composers of the middle Baroque era. Early in life he demonstrated great talent both musically and academically. His compositional style was influenced by earlier southern German composers as well as Italian and French composers. He preferred an uncomplicated contrapuntal style that emphasized melodic and harmonic clarity. Pachelbel explored many variation forms and associated techniques, which manifest themselves in various diverse pieces from sacred concertos to harpsichord suites.

CALENDAR

Sunday, May 14th

9:00 AM Sunday School
10:00 AM Worship

Monday, May 15th

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

Tuesday, May 16th

10:00 AM Presbyterian Women

Wednesday, May 17th

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

Thursday, May 18th

Friday, May 19th

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

Saturday, May 20th

1:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, May 21st

9:00 AM Sunday School
10:00 AM Worship
1:00 PM Session
4:00 PM Choir Concert: Songs,
Hymns & Spiritual Songs

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.

John Brooke, on the death of his father

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

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 Margaret Ellingson in loving memory of her mother, Bruce Flanders Whittier, and in honor of all other mothers and mother figures.

Special Offering Today in worship we will take a special offering to benefit the Presbyterian Homes of Georgia Caring Hands Fund. For 74 years, the Caring Hands Fund offers benevolent care for six Presbyterian Homes communities in Georgia with contributions directly supporting the care of residents who have outlived their financial resources. Please put "Caring Hands" in the memo of your check. If giving online, please select Mission and put "Caring Hands" in the Notes.

Sunday School Children Kindergarten-5th Grade are invited to attend Sunday School at 9:00 AM in Room 117 in the Education Building. 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 Tuesday, May 16, at 10AM in the meeting room and on Zoom. We will enjoy a pot-luck lunch after our final chapter of our study book. We will also take up one of PW's special offerings, the Birthday Offering. For more information, call Judy Cook 770-496-0007.

Visit to Baps Mandir On Tuesday, May 23rd anyone interested in touring the Hindu Temple in Lilburn, is invited to meet at the church at 10:00 am to go together for a 10:30 am guided tour. RSVP to Pat Baker by May 17, if you'd like to attend, pat@sapctucker.org.

Songs, Hymns and Spiritual Songs Join us on May 21st, when St. Andrews Chancel Choir will perform a special concert of Psalms, Hymns, & Spiritual Songs starting at 4:00 PM. Mark your calendars to come out for a fun afternoon!

re:loom will meet Monday, May 15th at 11:00 a.m. in the church library. Please feel free to bring your lunch and we will share a meal together. Please park in the spaces along the curb, next to the office building.

Coffee Orders If you would like to order coffee from Equal Exchange, please contact Cindy Weimer before May 22nd at cindybethe@gmail.com.

Parking Lot Rentals *Monday, May 15* - Our East Parking Lot, Heffner Hall, and part of the West Parking lot have been rented. Lavista Road (between Fellowship Rd. and Henderson Rd. may have minor, intermittent traffic stoppage from 9 am-3 pm and 7-9 pm. *Thursday, May 18* - Our East Parking Lot has been rented for filming at the Rec. Center.

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