

# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

## ST. ANDREWS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 21, 2023

10:00 AM



### GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

#### WELCOME

#### OPENING VOLUNTARY

*Psalm XIX*

Benedetto Marcello

#### †CALL TO WORSHIP

Sing to God.

*Sing praises to God's name.*

Sing to God O kingdoms of the earth.

*Sing praises to the Lord.*

Let us worship God.

#### †HYMN 287

*Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading* NJOO KWETU, ROHO MWEMA

#### CONFESSING OUR SIN

*We confess, O God, that too often we have our head in the clouds.*

*We are more comfortable with dreaming of the world as we wish it would be instead of working with you to bring that wish to reality. At times, we find it difficult to claim the power you have given us. Surely you have others more capable of being your witnesses? And so, we continue to gaze heavenwards.*

*Jolt us out of our complacency, O God. Remind us to get a move on. Remind us we have work to do with you. Give us your energy, courage, and vision to be your witnesses to the end of the earth.* (Silence is kept for personal prayers of confession.)

#### DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

#### †JOYFUL RESPONSE

DARWALL'S 148TH

*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

Gretchen Turner

#### SCRIPTURE READING

John 17:1-11

Pew Bible p. 105 (NT)

#### MUSICAL OFFERING

*O Love Divine*

Arr. by John Hudson

#### SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 1:6-14

Pew Bible p. 110 (NT)

#### CHILDREN'S LESSON

#### SERMON

*Seeking Guidance*

Rev. Dr. Camille LeBron Powell

#### WELCOME

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.

#### OPENING VOLUNTARY

The service begins with the first note of the Opening Voluntary. The text from Psalms begins, "The heavens declare the glory of God."

#### GRACIOUS SPIRIT, HEED OUR PLEADING

This sung prayer touches on the need of the whole church at all times for the Holy Spirit's guidance and blessing. Originally written for a Tanzanian church, this hymn is appropriate as we join the disciples in devoting ourselves to prayer for guidance in being witnesses of Christ.

#### 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 816 *If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee* WER NOR DEN LIEBEN GOTT

### †AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Book of Confessions

*We are certain that Jesus lives. He lives as God with us, touching all of human life with the presence of God. He lives as one of us with God. Because he shares our humanity and has bound us to himself in love, we have an advocate in the innermost life of God.*

*We declare that Jesus is Lord. His resurrection is a decisive victory over the powers that deform and destroy human life. His lordship is hidden. The world appears to be dominated by people and systems that do not acknowledge his rule. But his lordship is real. It demands our loyalty and sets us free from the fear of all lesser lords who threaten us. We maintain that ultimate sovereignty now belongs to Jesus Christ in every sphere of life. Jesus is Lord! He has been Lord from the beginning. He will be Lord at the end. Even now he is Lord.*

### 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.*

##### †Prayer of Dedication

### GOING TO SERVE GOD IN THE WORLD

†HYMN 348 *Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending* HELMSLEY

### †CHARGE AND BLESSING

#### †SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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

#### BENEDICTION IN MUSIC

*Basse de Dessus de Trompette ou de Coronet Separe, en Dialogue* Louis-Nicholas Clérambault

#### AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

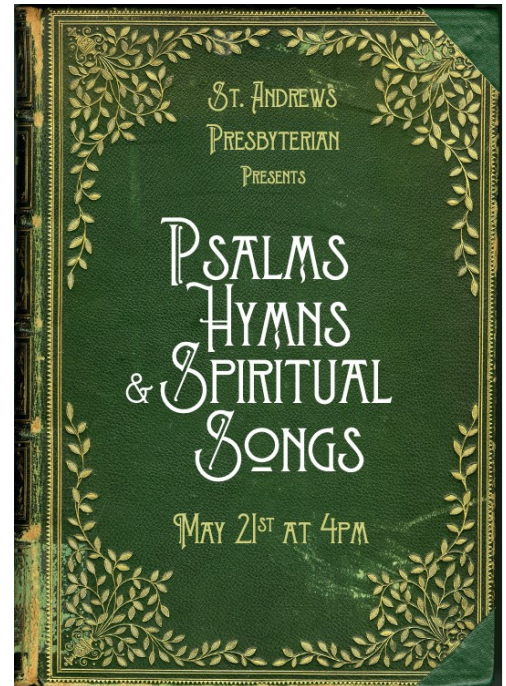
"A Declaration of Faith" was written by a predecessor denomination to the PC (USA) and adopted in 1977 as a contemporary statement of faith, a reliable aid for Christian study, liturgy, and inspiration. While this declaration was not included in our Book of Confessions, it still gives us language for saying what we believe. Today's portion speaks to our call to continue God's work after Christ's life on earth.

#### 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. Dr. 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



*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* was composed by Benedetto Marcello (1686-1739). Born to a noble Venetian family, Marcello was the youngest of three surviving sons. All three studied jurisprudence. All three indulged in various artistic and literary undertakings. Alessandro and Benedetto were musicians and composers, though Benedetto composed far more than his brother. His instrumental works consist of more than 40 sonatas for harpsichord, sonatas for cello and recorder, a set of 12 concertos for violin, strings, and harpsichord as well as numerous compositions for voice.

The text of the *Musical Offering* was written by Frances Jane "Fanny" Crosby (1820-1915). She has been described as "the Mother of modern congregational singing in America." Despite being blind since infancy, Crosby wrote almost 9,000 hymns as well as thousands of poems and secular songs. Her compositions, including Blessed Assurance, All the Way My Savior Leads Me, and Tell Me the Story of Jesus, are still staples of most Protestant hymnals. Crosby frequently used pseudonyms to evade the limits some music publishers placed on the number of hymns they would accept from the same composer. This arrangement from 2011 by John Hudson (b. 1987) sets Crosby's text to an Irish folk tune.

The *Benediction in Music* was composed by Louis-Nicolas Clérambault (1676 -1749), a French musician, best known as an organist and composer. While very young, he learned to play the violin, harpsichord, and organ, and also studied composition and voice. His important published works include a large number of religious pieces (motets, hymns, Magnificat, Te Deum etc.), 25 secular cantatas on subjects often inspired by Greco-Roman myths, sonatas for violin and basso continuo, a book of dance pieces for the harpsichord (1704), and a book of organ pieces in two suites (1710).

To an organist, the "Cornet" in the title is a combination of several specific stops. The "en Dialogue" refers to the trompette interchange between high and low pitch.

## CALENDAR

### *Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup>*

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

### *Monday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>*

8:00 PM AA Meeting

### *Tuesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>*

10:00 AM Trip to BAPS Mandir

### *Wednesday, May 24<sup>th</sup>*

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

### *Thursday, May 25<sup>th</sup>*

### *Friday, May 26<sup>th</sup>*

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

### *Saturday, May 27<sup>th</sup>*

### *Sunday, May 28<sup>th</sup>*

9:00 AM Sunday School  
10:00 AM Worship  
11:00 AM Lunches for Clifton  
4:00 PM Dinner, Clifton Sanctuary

## 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 White, Ashley Lewis'  
Grandmother*

*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*

## 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 Charlie and Deb Chambers in honor of their wedding anniversary.

Songs, Hymns and Spiritual Songs Join us today at 4:00 PM when St. Andrews Chancel Choir will perform a special concert of Psalms, Hymns, & Spiritual Songs. Come out for a fun afternoon beloved choral anthems from some of the best composers like John Rutter, Gilbert Martin, William Dawson, and many more!

Sunday School Today is the last day for children's Sunday School before they take a break for Summer. 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.

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

Visit to BAPS Mandir If you signed up for the visit to the BAPS Mandir Hindu temple on May 23rd, please meet in the parking lot by Heffner Hall at 10:00 AM.

Newsletter Deadline Articles and information for the June Lamplighter are due to the office on May 25th, office@sapctucker.org.

Pentecost Offering Next Sunday, May 28th, our congregation will participate in the PC(USA)'s Pentecost Offering, supporting ministries that benefit children and youth. 40% stays at St. Andrews to benefit ministries in our area. Donations can be made: on our giving website. Select Mission and put 'Pentecost' in the notes. Or, if giving by check to St. Andrews, please put 'Pentecost' on the Memo line.

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