

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
ST. ANDREWS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
JULY 2, 2023
10:00 AM



GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME

OPENING VOLUNTARY *Great Is the Lord* Michael & Deborah Smith
Arr. Tedd Smith & Don Hustad

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Welcome one another into this moment, for Christ has welcomed us.

When we welcome one another, we welcome God.

Whenever we extend hospitality to a stranger, we extend hospitality to God.

Welcome, Creator God, into our lives.

Welcome, Christ our Lord, into our hearts.

Welcome, Holy Spirit, in this place.

Amen.

†HYMN 8 *Eternal Father Strong to Save* MELITA

CONFESSING OUR SIN

O God, on lonely Mount Moriah you put your servant Abraham to the test. We confess that we have failed much lesser tests of our faith. We have allowed sin to run our lives, to shape how we act toward others, and to kill our relationship with you. In your great mercy, forgive us. Change even our bodies from implements of destruction to instruments of your peace; for the sake of the Lamb of God, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

(Silence is kept for personal prayers of confession.)

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

†JOYFUL RESPONSE *Come Sing, O Church in Joy* 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 Phyllis Bearden

SCRIPTURE READING Romans 6:12-23 Pew Bible p. 17(NT)

SCRIPTURE READING Genesis 22:1-14 Pew Bible p. 146(OT)

CHILDREN'S LESSON

SERMON *An Unthinkable Trial* 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.

ETERNAL FATHER, STRONG TO SAVE

Commonly known as the Navy Hymn, this text has been adapted many times since its origin in 1860. Notably, in 1961 a stanza was added for the US Astronauts. The form we have today is Trinitarian, with each of the first three stanzas making a connection between each person of the Trinity and a body of water.

SILENCE

The time of silence allows you to speak or listen to God as you best need this morning.

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 697

Take My Life and Let it Be

DUNLAP'S CREEK

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We worship God in the world by standing before the Lord in behalf of all people.

Our cries for help and our songs for praise are never for ourselves alone.

We serve humankind by discerning what God is doing in the world and joining in God's work.

We find guidance in God's deeds in the past and promises for the future, as they are witnessed to in Scripture.

We affirm that the Lord is at work, especially in movements that free people by the gospel and advance justice, compassion and peace.

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

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

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation

Great Prayer of 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.

Breaking of the Bread and Pouring of the Cup

Communion of the People

Prayer After Communion

GOING TO SERVE GOD IN THE WORLD

†HYMN 340

This Is My Song

FINLANDIA

†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

Samuel Wesley

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.

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.

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.

THIS IS MY SONG

Georgia Harkness, one of the first women ordained in the Methodist Church, is the author of the final stanza. With these words, she transforms a hymn of peace with vague religious overtones into a prayer for peace that comes from the author of peace, Jesus Christ.

CHURCH STAFF

The Rev. Dr. Camille LeBron Powell, Pastor
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

CALENDAR

Sunday, July 2nd

9:00 AM Sunday School
10:00 AM Worship
Lemonade in the Shade

Monday, July 3rd

8:00 PM AA Meeting

Tuesday, July 4th

Office Closed

Wednesday, July 5th

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

Thursday, July 6th

Friday, July 7th

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

Saturday, July 8th

Sunday, July 9th

9:00 AM Sunday School
Sunday Morning Together
10:00 AM Worship
Lemonade in the Shade
1:00 PM Session Meeting

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.

Carol Gordon

**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**
Manor Lake

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 helpers 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

Change for Children We will take our monthly offering for Change for Children which benefits the Alliance for Children Everywhere. Please place your donations in the baskets in the Narthex.

Lemonade in the Shade is a Summer tradition at St. Andrews. Join us after worship in the courtyard for a cool glass of lemonade and some sweet treats. Please contact the office, or click the link in your weekly email if you'd like to sign up to help.

It seems like Summer has just started, but it's already time to collect items for **NET-Works' Good Neighbor Back-to-School Shop**. There are flyers in the Narthex with the list of most needed items. Collection Bins are available through July 15 in the narthex, and in the courtyard by the door to the office. Additionally we will be collecting at The Tucker Farmer's Market (July 6 & 13).

Mission Project The International Rescue Committee is hosting a camp at Clarkston High School this summer for students in grades 6-12, most of whom are from families of immigrants and refugees. Like all teenagers, they love snacks. We at St. Andrews can help by donating snacks for the camp such as individual bags and packs of chips, cookies, snack crackers, granola bars and fruit. (No pork products, please.) We'll be collecting items from June 25th-July 9th. Please bring your donations to the collection boxes in the narthex and in the breezeway by the office door in the courtyard.

Nursery News If you have books or toys to donate to our nursery, please drop them in the basket in the Narthex. If you would like to volunteer to help in the nursery, please contact the office, or sign up online.

Collection Projects We are continuing to collect personal hygiene items for NET-Works, and gently used eyeglasses in the Narthex.

Save the Date Mark your Calendars! Our annual Back-to-School Carnival will be held on Saturday, August 12th.

CONNECT AT ST. ANDREWS

Facebook- facebook.com/saptucker/ *Like and follow us – for photos and announcements.*

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

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

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

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