

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
ST. ANDREWS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
JULY 23, 2023
10:00 AM



GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME

OPENING VOLUNTARY *Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer* Setting by Dale Wood

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Like empty jars, we have come to be filled.

Like unlit candles, we have come to be set ablaze.

Like aged wine in a cask, we have come to be poured out.

Like weary travelers, we have come to find rest.

Like friends who have drifted apart, we have come to be reconciled.

Like little children, we have come to be surprised!

Jesus says, "Come to me all you who labor and are heavy laden,
and I will give you rest."

We will take your yoke upon us, Lord, and we will rejoice in you!

†HYMN 15

All Creatures of Our God and King

LAST UNS ERFREUEN

All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing,
Alleluia! Alleluia!

O brother sun with golden beam, O sister moon with silver gleam,
sing praises! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

O brother wind with clouds and rain, you nurture gifts of fruit and grain.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

O sister water, flowing clear, make music for your Lord to hear.
Sing praises! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

O brother fire, so warm and bright, chase off the shadows of the night.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Dear mother earth, who day by day unfolds such blessings on our way,
sing praises! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

O sisters, brothers, take your part, and worship God with humble heart.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

All creatures, bless the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Three in One!
Sing praises! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

CONFESSING OUR SIN

God of grace, we confess that we have failed to keep our focus on you. Our attention has wandered from you and our own concerns have taken priority over the needs of others. Our comforts have seemed more important than others' poverty. Our difficulties have seemed more significant than the tragedies of others. We confess that we have forgotten that we are created in your image. We have not treated ourselves with respect. We have not reflected your love through our lives. Give us your strength and wisdom that we might love you, love others, and love ourselves. *(A time of silent, personal confession.)*

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.

Today's Opening Voluntary is based on the hymn tune BEACH SPRING.

SILENCE

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

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 LaVerne Byas-Smith
SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 49:8-16a Pew Bible p. 638(OT)
SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 6:24-34 Pew Bible p. 6(NT)
CHILDREN'S LESSON
SERMON *What, Me Worry?* Rev. David Rogers

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

†HYMN 175 *Seek Ye First* LAFFERTY

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *Apostles' Creed*

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried;
he descended into Hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

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

MINUTE FOR MINISTRY *Back to School Carnival*

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

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

SEEK YE FIRST
This text is one of the classic examples of the 20th-century trend of setting Scripture (Matthew 6:33 in this case) to music. This meditative singing of scripture is also a form of prayer.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH
This ancient creed, which has its roots in Pentecost, states central mysteries without precisely explaining them. The early church originally used this creed responsively at baptism. Its current form was fixed through efforts of Charlemagne in 814.

GOING TO SERVE GOD IN THE WORLD

†HYMN 716

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

BEACH SPRING

†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 *If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee* Georg Neumark
Setting by J. S. Bach

GOD, WHOSE GIVING
KNOWS NO ENDING

While most well-known for its stewardship themes, this hymn draws on a wide range of biblical passages concerning faithful living. The hymn reminds us of God's generosity and calls us to respond in gratitude, sharing our gifts of time, talent, and treasure.

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
LaVerne Byas-Smith, 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

CALENDAR

Sunday, July 23rd

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

Monday, July 24th

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

Tuesday, July 25th

12:00 PM 39ers

Wednesday, July 26th

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

Thursday, July 27th

4-7:00 PM Tucker Farmer's Market
7:00 PM Carnival Planning Meeting

Friday, July 28th

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

Saturday, July 28th

Sunday, July 30th

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

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
Tom Evans
Pat Blair
Ted Heffner

**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

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.

Flowers Today are given by Christine Kauffman in loving memory of James Kauffman and Joe Kauffman.

Please Welcome Rev. David Rogers as our guest preacher this morning. David is an honorably retired minister in the Presbyterian Church (USA). He pursued a call to ministry as a second career after substantial time working as an employee communications manager at BellSouth. David also served as a seminary intern at SAPC from 2007-2008. He and his wife, Lynn, continue to live in the Tucker area.

Carnival Sign-up A sign up sheet to volunteer at our Back-to-School carnival is available at Lemonade in the Shade after worship today. An online sign up is also available, with the link in your weekly email.

In Memory of Vivian Lukens This fall Vivian would have been starting Kindergarten. David and Kjersti are asking to honor this milestone by making donations to Omega Support Center's 4th annual Back to School Celebration on July 29th. Omega plans to serve 1000+ students in DeKalb County with backpacks, school supplies, uniforms, shoes and personal hygiene items. You are invited to make a donation online in Vivian's memory on their website, omegasupportcenter.org

Sunday Morning Together Come join us for Sunday Morning Together through July 30th at 9:00 AM in the Youth Lounge. We will be studying Jesus through the eyes of the Old Testament.

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

The 39ers will meet at Marlow's Tavern on Lavista Rd. on July 25th at noon in the Atrium dining area for lunch and fellowship and all are welcome to come.

Pastoral Care Rev. Dr. Camille is on vacation through July 25th. Please contact your Deacon if you need pastoral care during this time.

Lamplighter Deadline Articles and information for the August *Lamplighter* newsletter are due to the office by Tuesday, July 25th.

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