

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

ST. ANDREWS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 9, 2023

10:00 AM



GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME

OPENING VOLUNTARY *My Jesus, I Love Thee* Setting by Dale Wood

†CALL TO WORSHIP

In this place, we gather to turn our hearts and minds to God.

We rejoice that the Triune God meets us here.

As we worship, we remember,
that we are the family of faith together!

†HYMN 32 *I Sing the Mighty Power of God* ELLACOMBE

CONFESSING OUR SIN

Gracious God, we are a people who often do the wrong thing, even when we want to do what is right. We have not cared for others as you have called us to, but we have been focused primarily on ourselves. We have been a people who are more divisive than uniting, more unkind than kind, and more rebellious than faithful. Forgive us, we pray and make us new to go forth and glorify you. *(Silence is kept for personal prayers of confession.)*

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

†JOYFUL RESPONSE *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing* AZMON

**O for a thousand tongues to sing my dear Redeemer's praise
the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of God's grace!**

**To God all glory, praise and love be now and ever given
by saints below and saints above, the church in earth and heaven.**

HEARING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Margaret Ellingson

SCRIPTURE READING Romans 7:15-25a Pew Bible p. 147(NT)

SCRIPTURE READING Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67 Pew Bible p. 19(OT)

CHILDREN'S LESSON

SERMON *A Biblical Romance* 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. Today's Voluntary is based on the tune GORDON by Adoniram J. Gordon.

I SING THE MIGHTY
POWER OF GOD

Based on the creation accounts in the opening chapters of Genesis, this hymn, originally intended to teach children about creation, also includes allusions to the Psalms. The tune illuminates the words from scripture as we praise God for creation.

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 475

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

NETTLETON

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Jesus Christ stands at the center of the biblical record.

The Bible is the account of God's word and action in history, together with his people's response in faith.

It tells how the Lord has moved with Israel and the church towards the kingdom of God, his just and loving rule over all.

It is the story of the one God,
who is the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

That story is still unfolding, and in faith, we make it our own.

It forms our memory and our hope.

It tells us who we are and what we are to do.

To retell it is to declare what we believe.

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

PRAISE GOD

†Prayer of Dedication

GOING TO SERVE GOD IN THE WORLD

†HYMN 53

O God, Who Gives Us Life

NOEL

†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

Postlude on HYFRYDOL

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Richard Hugh Prichard
Setting by Anna Laura Page

COME, THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING

Though this is a favorite hymn of many, its presence in some hymnals has been the source of great debate. The reason is the strange language, particularly the word "Ebenezer." For the biblically informed age, this reference to 1 Samuel 7:12 and the "stone of help" set up to memorialize God's assistance would have been enlivening. The concern for the modern use of the hymn is that the reference would be missed, resulting in confusion.

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 connects our story with our ancient family of faith in Israel.

O GOD WHO GIVES US LIFE

This text draws on various passages that call attention to God's faithfulness toward Abraham's descendants. The hymn also reminds us of the promise of a new covenant written on the heart (Jeremiah 31:31-34).

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 9th

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

Monday, July 10th

8:00 PM AA Meeting

Tuesday, July 11th

9:15 AM Day trip- CDC

Wednesday, July 12th

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

Thursday, July 13th

7:00 PM Carnival Planning Meeting

Friday, July 14th

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

Saturday, July 15th

Sunday, July 16th

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

**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

Flowers Today Are given by Pat Baker in

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.

NETWorks' Good Neighbor Back-to-School Shop It seems like Summer has just started, but it's already time to collect new school supplies for NETWorks. There are flyers in the Narthex with the list of most needed items. Collection bins are available in the narthex, and in the courtyard by the door to the office. Additionally we will be collecting at The Tucker Farmer's Market on July 13.

Sunday Morning Together Come join us for Sunday Morning Together through July 30th at 9:00 AM in the Youth Lounge.

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.

Carnival Planning Meeting Our next meeting is July 13 at 7:00 pm on Zoom.

Collection Projects We are continuing to collect personal hygiene items for NETWorks, 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 at 10:00 AM. A link to sign up to volunteer is in your July *Lampighter* and weekly email.

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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