

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
ST. ANDREWS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
JULY 30, 2023
10:00 AM



GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME

OPENING VOLUNTARY *If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee* Georg Neumark
Setting by Johann Sebastian Bach

†CALL TO WORSHIP

O give thanks to the Lord, call on God's name; Make known God's deeds among the peoples.

Sing to God, sing praises to God; Tell of all God's wonderful works.

Glory in God's holy name; Let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

Seek the Lord and God's strength; Seek God's presence continually.

Remember the wonderful works God has done,

O offspring of God's servant Abraham, children of Jacob, God's chosen ones.

Praise the Lord!

†HYMN 816 *If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee* WER NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT

CONFESSING OUR SIN

Sneaky God, we confess that we aren't paying attention. We fail to see that you are at work in the world around us. We fail to see the treasures you have hidden for us: the joy found in sunrises and sunsets, the breathtaking rainbow after the storm, the comet in the night sky.

There are secrets we don't understand until we experience them: the love you plant between two people, the laughter of children, the tears that bring relief. We often aren't paying attention to how you are at work in the world around us. Open us up to the hidden treasures, the secret delights of life, O God, and help us to live into your wisdom and insight with the Spirit's leading. In the name of Jesus Christ, who showed us the Way, the Truth, and the Life, we pray.
(A time of silent, personal 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

David McCowen

SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 8:26-39

Pew Bible p. 148(NI)

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.

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."

CHILDREN'S LESSON

SERMON

Sibling Rivalry: Part 2 Rev. Dr. Camille LeBron PowellRESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

†HYMN 445

God, How Can We Forgive

LEONI

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

To be reconciled to God is to be sent into the world as God's reconciling community. This community, the church universal, is entrusted with God's message of reconciliation and shares God's labor of healing the enmities which separate people from God and from each other. Christ has called the church to this mission and given it the gift of the Holy Spirit. The church maintains continuity with the apostles and with Israel by faithful obedience to his call.

The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church's mission.

His human life involves the church in the common life of all people.

His service to people commits the church to work for every form of human well-being. His suffering makes the church sensitive to all human suffering so that it sees the face of Christ in the faces of persons in every kind of need. His crucifixion discloses to the church God's judgment on the inhumanity that marks human relations and the awful consequences of the church's own complicity in injustice.

In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming, the church sees the promise of God's renewal of human life in society and of God's victory over all wrong.

The church follows this pattern in the form of its life and in the method of its action. So to live and serve is to confess Christ as Lord.

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

GOING TO SERVE GOD IN THE WORLD

†HYMN 440

Jesus, Lover of My Soul

ABERYSTWYTH

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH
 Following the proclamation of the Word, the congregation is given the opportunity to respond to hearing God's Word by affirming what the church believes and expressing our faith. This gives us the opportunity to say what we believe about God and what God has done in history. Our faith statements should reflect the deep commitment of our lives. Today's affirmation is adapted from The Confession of 1967, which focuses on God's reconciling work in Jesus Christ and the church's mission of reconciliation.

†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
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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 30th

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

Monday, July 31st

8:00 PM AA Meeting

Tuesday, August 1st

Wednesday, August 2nd

12:30 PM Lunch and Learn
5:00 PM Light of Grace
7:30 pm Summer Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, August 3rd

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

Friday, August 4th

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

Saturday, August 5th

Sunday, August 6th

9:00 AM Sunday School
10:00 AM Worship
Blessing of the Backpacks

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

Linda Weaver

**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 Margaret Ellingson to the glory of God.

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.

Blessing of the Backpacks - Next Sunday All students and educators, young and old, or anyone returning to work in an office is invited to bring your backpack, messenger bag, or tote to worship. We'll celebrate the new school year and pray for our students and teachers. We will pass out tags to go on these bags to remind everyone that Christ's peace goes with you and that the love and support of your church family goes with you everywhere you go. Put one on your gym bag or yoga mat strap. Pick up one of the cards to keep in your wallet or tuck in your car's sun visor to remind you of the love of God and peace we receive from Christ and share with our neighbors.

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

Upcoming Events

Saturday, August 12th	Back-to-School Carnival 10:00 AM-1:00 PM
Sunday, August 20th	All-Church Movie at 4:00 PM in Heffner Hall
Thursday, September 7th	Day Trip to the Carter Center, 10:30 AM
Sunday, September 10th	Rally Day, Fall Sunday school classes begin, 9 AM Coro Voci Concert 4:00 PM
Sunday, September 24th	Fall BBQ, after worship

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

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

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