

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY  
ST. ANDREWS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
AUGUST 6, 2023  
10:00 AM



GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME

OPENING VOLUNTARY     *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*     Gregg Sewell

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Calling all children of the Living God: the gospel is good news for every age and every stage.

**Let us worship together, the young and the old.**

The good news is proclaimed in God's words, and also with crayons, silly songs, snacks, and rest time.

**Let us worship together, every generation.**

We come together with different abilities and disabilities, learning in a rainbow of ways and styles.

**Let us worship together, with our family of faith.**

All are welcome in the arms of Christ who proclaimed, "Let the children come!"

**Let us worship together, united in our eternal hope.**

†HYMN 49     *The God of Abraham Praise*     LEONI

CONFESSING OUR SIN

God of compassion, we are sick.

We have wrestled all night with worry instead of resting in you.

We have asserted our own goodness instead of awakening to yours.

We have turned away those hungry for your help instead of trusting you and feeding them from your limitless supply of blessings.

Forgive us, heal us, and help us to hold on to you.

We call upon you, for you will answer us, O God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.     *(A time of silent, personal 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     Cindy Weimer

SCRIPTURE READING     Romans 9:1-5     Pew Bible p. 148(NT)

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 GOD OF ABRAHAM PRAISE

Set to a traditional Jewish tune, this hymn brings together texts used in synagogues, Christian churches, and Unitarian communities. Using various names and images for God, this song reminds us that the God we know in Jesus Christ is the same God called and covenanted with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

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."

MUSICAL OFFERING *Come Christians, Join to Sing* Arr. John Carter  
based on MADRID and LAUDES DOMINI

**BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS**

SCRIPTURE READING Genesis 32:22-31 Pew Bible p. 29(OT)

SERMON *Holy Wrestling* Rev. Dr. Camille LeBron Powell

**RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD**

†HYMN 506 *Look Who Gathers at Christ's Table* COPELAND

**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

**THE CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

**Invitation**

**Prayer of Great 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 634 *To God Be the Glory* TO GOD BE THE GLORY

†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 *Recessional on Hymn to Joy* Matthew Corl

**LOOK WHO GATHERS AT CHRIST'S TABLE**

Jesus' practice of sharing table fellowship with people excluded by the religious codes called his teachings into question. This hymn celebrates Christ's radical hospitality and welcome of all neighbors.

**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.

**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, August 6<sup>th</sup>**

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

### **Monday, August 7<sup>th</sup>**

8:00 PM AA Meeting

### **Tuesday, August 8<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 PM Education Ministry  
8:00 PM Worship Ministry

### **Wednesday, August 9<sup>th</sup>**

12:30 PM Lunch and Learn  
5:00 PM Light of Grace  
5:00 PM Carnival Set-up  
7:00 PM Management Ministry

### **Thursday, August 10<sup>th</sup>**

4-7:00 PM Tucker Farmer's Market

### **Friday, August 11<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 AM Church at Prayer  
8:00 PM AA Meeting  
5:00 PM Carnival Set-up

### **Saturday, August 12<sup>th</sup>**

10:00 AM Back-to-School Carnival

### **Sunday, August 13<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 AM Sunday School  
10:00 AM Worship

## 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.

**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

**Welcome** Please welcome Anna Price as our guest organist this morning.

**Flowers today** are given by Carol Gordon in memory of John Gordon.

**Carnival** Join us this Saturday, August 12th, for our Back-to-School carnival from 10:00-1:00 PM. We'll have bounce houses, a petting zoo, hotdogs, story time, crafts, and much more! There is still time to sign up online to help! Grab a flyer or invitation from the narthex and invite your neighbors, family, and friends!

**Blessing of the Backpacks - today in worship** We are celebrating the new school year and praying for our students and teachers. Anyone who would like is invited to take a tag to go on your backpack, messenger bag, tote, or work bag 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. 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 books for our free table at the farmer's market, personal hygiene items for NETWorks, and gently used eyeglasses in the Narthex.

**It is coffee time again.** Help support authentic fair trade by ordering your coffee and tea from Equal Exchange. Please email your order to Cindy Weimer by August 14th, cindyweimer@gmail.com.

### 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

## CONNECT AT ST. ANDREWS

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

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

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

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

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