

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY  
ST. ANDREWS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
AUGUST 20, 2023  
10:00 AM



GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME

OPENING VOLUNTARY      *The Gift to Be Simple*      Setting by Dale Wood

†CALL TO WORSHIP

God created us in the image of God.

**We are created in the image of God.**

God looks upon us – all of each of us - and calls us good.

**God calls us good.**

We come with our whole selves this day: body, spirit, and emotions.

**Let us praise God for we are fearfully and wonderfully made!**

†HYMN 488      *I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry*      WATERLIFE

CONFESSING OUR SIN

**God who formed our inward parts and knows our hearts, forgive us.**

**Instead of acknowledging you as our God, we make our own idols.**

**Instead of proclaiming Jesus Christ as our Lord, we proclaim ourselves.**

**Instead of turning to the Holy Spirit, we attempt to attain your way in our own understanding. Redirect our wrong ways and lead us to the ways that make Jesus visible in our lives.**

*(A time of silent, personal confession.)*

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

†JOYFUL RESPONSE      *Let Us Build A House*      TWO OAKS

**Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live,  
a place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive.**

**Built of hopes and dreams and visions,  
rock of faith and vault of grace;**

**here the love of Christ shall end divisions:**

**all are welcome; all are welcome; all are welcome in this place.**

HEARING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION      Carol Gordon

SCRIPTURE READING      Psalm 139:7-18      Pew Bible p. 545(OT)

MUSICAL OFFERING      *Psalm 139*      Allen Pote

SCRIPTURE READING      Ecclesiastes 3:1-8      Pew Bible p. 581(OT)

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 Shaker melody SIMPLE GIFTS.

I WAS THERE TO HEAR YOUR BORNING CRY

This folk-style hymn speaks in the imagined conversational voice of God. It echoes the assurances we find in scripture (Psalm 139 and Ecclesiastes) that God is intimately involved in each person's creation and all the seasons of life.

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

Rev. Dr. Camille LeBron Powell  
*Honoring and Understanding Your Emotions as Gifts from God*

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

### †HYMN 692

*Spirit, Open My Heart*

WILD MOUNTAIN THYME

### AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church.

The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.

In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

### 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

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 543

*God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me*

GREEN TYLER

### †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 in D*

Johann Pachelbel

### AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Adopted in 1990, *The Brief Statement of Faith* confesses enduring Reformed beliefs and invites readers to explore their rich meanings. The portion used today emphasizes the work of the Holy Spirit in and through us.

### GOD, BE THE LOVE TO SEARCH AND KEEP ME

Based on a prayer for divine protection, not only in times of battle but also for daily life by St. Patrick, this text is known as a "breastplate" hymn (as is *Be Thou My Vision*). This modern adaptation reaffirms God's presence as we are sent out into the world as disciples.

### 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  
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*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 20<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 AM Sunday School  
10:00 AM Worship  
1:00 PM Session  
4:00 PM All-Church Movie  
Showing in Heffner Hall

### **Monday, August 21<sup>st</sup>**

8:00 PM AA Meeting

### **Tuesday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>**

11:00 AM re:loom

### **Wednesday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>**

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

### **Thursday, August 24<sup>th</sup>**

4-7:00 PM Tucker Farmer's Market  
SAPC Book Table

### **Friday, August 25<sup>th</sup>**

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

### **Saturday, August 26<sup>th</sup>**

### **Sunday, August 27<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 AM Sunday School  
10:00 AM Worship  
11:00 AM Lunches for Clifton  
4:00 PM Dinner, Clifton Sanctuary

## 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

**All-Church Movie Showing** Join us for a movie in Heffner Hall today, at 4:00 PM. We'll be watching Disney/Pixar's *Inside Out*. It's a great movie for all ages and stages of life. We'll have popcorn and water. Children can come in their pajamas and bring pillows, blankets, or whatever makes them comfy. We'll have some chairs and tables set up, too. This event is a companion to Rev. Dr. Camille's sermon series *Big Feelings*, which begins this morning in worship.

**Book Table at the Farmer's Market** Thanks to all who have donated books for the St. Andrews' book exchange table which will debut this Thursday, August 24th at the Tucker Farmer's Market. Visitors can take or leave gently used books to share the joy of reading! Our book exchange depends on donations, but also needs volunteers to host the table. The one-hour shifts (4-5pm; 5-6pm; 6-7pm) are opportunities for us to interact with and love our neighbors. Will you pray about representing SAPC as a host for our Book Exchange Table, this week or next? Contact LaVerne to get on the schedule: [laverne@sapctucker.org](mailto:laverne@sapctucker.org), or 678-429-0411.

**re:loom** will meet on Monday, August 21st in the church library at 11:00 am. Bring your lunch and stay for fellowship.

**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.

**Day Trip on September 7th** Make your plans now to join us for our trip to the Carter Center. We'll leave the church around 10:30 AM and have an early lunch at Mary Mac's Tea Room. Tickets are \$10.00 for adults 60+ and \$12.00 for all other adults. Please contact Pat Baker 678-438-3673 or [pat@sapctucker.org](mailto:pat@sapctucker.org) by August 25, 2023 if you'd like to go.

### Upcoming Events

Tuesday, August 29th 39ers, Big Joy Chinese Restaurant, Noon  
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  
Thursday, October 5th Blessing of the Animals at the Farmer's Market  
Saturday, November 4th Caregiver's Event