

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
ST. ANDREWS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
AUGUST 27, 2023
10:00 AM



GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME

OPENING VOLUNTARY *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* Ludwig van Beethoven
Setting by Paul Manz

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Come as you are to worship the Lord.

Let us bring our songs, our prayers, our hopes, and our worries.

Worship the Lord with gladness!

We come into God's presence with singing.

For the Lord our God is good.

God's steadfast love endures forever.

†HYMN 657 *Sing to God with Joy and Gladness* GLENDON

CONFESSING OUR SIN

Gracious God, you are always present and active amid your people. We confess that sometimes we fail to recognize and respond to your saving work in the world. We defer to power and privilege, expect the tried and true, and succumb to doubt and despair when your ways are not clear. Behold, you are doing a new thing; help us to perceive it. Forgive us when we do not respond to your call to liberate us from our fears and self-imposed limitations. Guide us into the fullness of life and love that you are at work preparing. In Jesus' name 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 Merle Westbrook
SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 100 Pew Bible p. 522(OT)
MUSICAL OFFERING *How Can I Keep from Singing?* Robert Lowery
A Quaker Hymn Arr. Michael Burkhardt
SCRIPTURE READING John 5:1-9 Pew Bible p. 90(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. Today's Opening Voluntary is based on the Shaker melody SIMPLE GIFTS.

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

Born to Be Happy Rev. Dr. Camille LeBron Powell

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

†HYMN 401

Here in This Place

GATHER US IN

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

God's sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of the human mind. Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness. But God reveals divine love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful people. The power of God's love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of God's love.

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

BREAD FOR THE JOURNEY

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 100

My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout STAR OF THE COUNTY DOWN

†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 80 *You Shall Go Out with Joy*

THE TREES OF THE FIELD

HERE IN THIS PLACE

This hymn by Marty Haugen is a corporate prayer to God on behalf of the congregation who have assembled for worship, longing to be transformed and used as God's witnesses and for God's purposes.

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. Today's affirmation is adapted from The Confession of 1967, which focuses on God's reconciling work in Jesus Christ and the power of God's love.

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
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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 27th

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

Monday, August 28th

8:00 PM AA Meeting

Tuesday, August 29th

12:00 PM 39ers
7:00 PM Education Ministry

Wednesday, August 30th

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

Thursday, August 31st

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

Friday, September 1st

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

Saturday, September 2nd

Sunday, September 3rd

9:00 AM Sunday School
10:00 AM Worship - Hymn Sing

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

Ted Heffner

Linda Weaver

Judy Cunningham

**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

Book Table at the Farmer's Market Thanks to all who have donated books for the St. Andrews' book exchange table. 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? Contact LaVerne to get on the schedule: laverne@sapctucker.org, or 678-429-0411.

39ers The 39ers are a group of folks who like to meet together to eat and have fellowship and everyone is welcome to attend. Their next meeting will be Tuesday, August 29th at Big Joy Chinese Restaurant in Stone Mountain at Noon. (1500 E. Park Pl Blvd.)

Hymn Sing We hope you will join us next Sunday for our annual hymn sing as we sing the congregation's favorites in worship.

Fall Sunday School Classes Make plans to join us for breakfast in Heffner Hall for our Fall Sunday School Kick-Off on Sunday, September 10th at 9:00 AM.

Collection Projects We are continuing to collect books for our free table at the farmer's market and personal hygiene items for NETWorks in the Narthex.

SAPC's Office will be closed on Monday, September 4th for Labor Day.

Upcoming Events

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

Tuesday, September 19th Presbyterian Women, 10 AM

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