

# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

## ST. ANDREWS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 3, 2023 10:00 AM

Hymn Sing



### GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME

OPENING VOLUNTARY *When Morning Guilds the Skies* Setting: Anna Laura Page

†INTROIT 408, v.1 *There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit in This Place* SWEET, SWEET SPIRIT

There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place,  
and I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord;  
there are sweet expressions on each face,  
and I know they feel the presence of the Lord.

Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove,  
stay right here with us, filling us with your love;  
and for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise;  
without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived  
when we shall leave this place.

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, all who are poor in spirit; Come, all who mourn;  
Come, all who are meek; Come, all who hunger and thirst for righteousness.

**Come, all who would be merciful; Come, all who would be pure in heart;  
Come, all who would be peacemakers.**

Let us come together—the weak, the simple, the powerless, the foolish.

**Let us confess that the source of our life is Christ Jesus.**

Let us worship the God of every blessing.

**Let us worship God.**

†HYMN 611 *Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee* HYMN TO JOY

CONFESSING OUR SIN 444 *Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive* DETROIT  
*(Silence is kept for personal prayers of confession.)*

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

†JOYFUL RESPONSE 515 *I Come with Joy* DOVE OF PEACE

### HEARING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION 458 *Thy Word* THY WORD

*Refrain:* Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path. (2x)

When I feel afraid, and I think I've lost my way,  
still you're there right beside me.

Nothing will I fear as long as you are near.

Please be near me to the end. (Refrain)

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 hymn tune LAUDES DOMINI. Please reflect on Hymn 667 during the music.

FORGIVE OUR SINS AS WE FORGIVE

Though we often say them without thinking, the most difficult words of the Lord's Prayer to pray are "Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors." As we encounter stories of forgiveness from scripture, we sing this prayer of confession, confident in God's grace, mercy, and love.

SILENCE

The time of silence allows you to speak or listen to God as you best need this morning.

THY WORD IS A LAMP UNTO MY FEET

The refrain of this 20th-century song is a quotation from Psalm 119:105 in the King James Version. For Christians, the verse has been used to give thanks for all scripture and is fitting as a sung prayer for illumina-

SCRIPTURE READING	Psalm 46	Gretchen Turner Pew Bible p. 489(OT)
HYMN 693	<i>The Gift of Love</i>	GIFT OF LOVE
SCRIPTURE READING	Matthew 5:1-12	Pew Bible p. 4(NT)
REFLECTION	<i>Blessed Are Those...</i>	Rev. Dr. Camille LeBron Powell

### RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH 481 *I Believe in God the Father* GENEVAN 42

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 Song 506 *Look Who Gathers at Christ's Table!* COPELAND

Communion of the People

Prayer After Communion

### GOING TO SERVE GOD IN THE WORLD

†CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP 295 *Go to the World!* SINE NOMINE

†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

†SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

tion. This song adds the assurance of comfort that scripture can be for us when we are afraid and want to feel close to God.

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.

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. It is appropriate that this hymn be a part of the liturgy at the Lord's table.

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.

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.  
And also with you.

†**BENEDICTION IN MUSIC 547** *Go, My Children, with My Blessing*

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**“Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.  
Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.  
In my love’s baptismal river  
I have made you mine forever.  
Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.”**

**“Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.  
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.  
Here you heard my dear Son’s story;  
here you touched him, saw his glory.  
Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.”**

**“Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.  
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.  
Here my Spirit’s power filled you;  
here my tender comfort stilled you.  
Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.”**

**“Go, my children, feel your feelings, My gifts to you.  
Wonderfully knit together, As I made you.  
They tell stories for you to hear.  
Joy and Anger. Sadness and Fear.  
Go, my children, with your feelings, My gifts to you.”**

**GO, MY CHILDREN, WITH  
MY BLESSING**

This reimagining of Numbers 6:22-27 recasts the blessing spoken by God through Moses into a benediction that God might say at the end of a worship service. The original three stanzas refer directly to the events in the worship service before the benediction. The fourth stanza was written by Rev. Dr. Camille LeBron Powell, inspired by Psalm 139, as a companion to the *Big Feelings* worship series.

**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

## CALENDAR

### **Sunday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>**

9:00 AM Sunday School  
10:00 AM Worship

### **Monday, September 4<sup>th</sup>**

Office Closed  
8:00 PM AA Meeting

### **Tuesday, September 5<sup>th</sup>**

### **Wednesday, September 6<sup>th</sup>**

12:30 PM Lunch and Learn  
7:30 PM Chancel Choir

### **Thursday, September 7<sup>th</sup>**

10:30 AM Day Trip - Carter Center  
5:00 PM Light of Grace  
4-7:00 PM Tucker Farmer's Market

### **Friday, September 8<sup>th</sup>**

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

### **Saturday, July 9<sup>th</sup>**

### **Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 AM Rally Day  
Sunday School - All Ages  
10:00 AM Worship  
11:15 AM Diaconate  
4:00 PM Coro Voci Concert

## 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  
**Linda Weaver** AG Rhodes  
**Ted & Peggy Heffner** Blueridge Assisted Living

## 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 Klara Smith to the Glory of God.

**Rally Day** Join us at 9:00 AM next Sunday in the Youth Room for a light breakfast and kickoff of the Sunday School year. After teacher introductions, our children and Youth will dismiss to class, while adults hear presentations of the Fall offerings.

**Coro Voci Concert** All are invited on Sunday, September 10th at 4:00 PM for a concert of choral music from Coro Voci. Coro Voci is a group of musicians from Atlanta, GA, directed by Ed Weaver, who meet to share their love of music.

**Collection Projects** We are continuing to collect personal hygiene items for NET-Works in the Narthex.

**Office Closed** The office will be closed on Monday, September 4th for Labor Day.

### Upcoming Events

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

## 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.*

**Contact Us-** 770-938-2833 office@saptucker.org

*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*