

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY  
ST. ANDREWS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
OCTOBER 1, 2023 10:00 AM  
World Communion Sunday



GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME

OPENING VOLUNTARY *Brethren, We Have Met to Worship* Setting: Dale Wood

†CALL TO WORSHIP

People will come from east and west,  
**from north and south,**  
and will eat in the kingdom of God.

**Thanks be to God for welcoming us to the table.**

†HYMN 367 *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come* ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

CONFESSING OUR SIN

Loving God, you have planted us like a vineyard on a fertile hill.  
You cleared away the stones, planted us with choice vines, and kept watch  
over us by night and day.

**But we have not yielded the good fruit that you expected or desired.**

**We are overgrown with sin, choked with violence and injustice.**

**Forgive us, we pray.**

**Uproot our evil, prune away our sin, and shower upon us the gift of your  
grace, through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

*(Silence is kept for personal prayers of confession.)*

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

†JOYFUL RESPONSE *Come Sing, O Church in Joy!* DARWALL'S 148<sup>TH</sup>

**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 Carol Gordon

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 80:7-15 Pew Bible p. 511(OT)

MUSICAL OFFERING *Bread of Heaven* Roy Hopp

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 21:42-46 Pew Bible p. 23(NT)

CHILDREN'S LESSON

SERMON *Vital and Thriving* Rev. Dr. Camille LeBron Powell

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."

MUSICAL OFFERING

The text by Richard Leach is based on John 6:22-59.

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

†HYMN 515

*I Come with Joy*

DOVE OF PEACE

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

MINUTE FOR MINISTRY

Generosity

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 767

*Together We Serve*

SAN ANSELMO

†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 *In Christ There Is No East Nor West* Setting: C. S. Lang

I COME WITH JOY

The Lord's Supper is a joyful feast of the people of God. This hymn encourages and invites us to gather at the Lord's table with joy and receive the meal as the gift that it is.

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 to the world. Through it, we are renewed and empowered to be the church, the body of Christ, in the world.

The invitation to the Lord's Supper is not just for Presbyterians or "members of the church." All who confess Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord are invited to partake of the Lord's Supper. 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. Even one who doubts or whose trust is wavering may receive the bread and grape juice (in place of wine) to be assured of God's love and grace in Jesus Christ.

All are invited to the Lord's Table to receive Communion, which is served by intinction. Congregants proceed via the center aisle to receive the bread (gluten-free bread and individual cups of juice are available at the center station), which they then dip into the chalice of nonalcoholic 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

# Vital Congregations Schedule of Activities

October 8 – November 19th: 7 Marks Study

November 19th: Congregational Vitality Survey

November 26th: St. Andrews' Heritage Exhibit

December 31- January 28: "Who are My Neighbors?"

Interviews

February 14 – March 24: Lenten Study & Discernment



### Notes on Today's Music:

The tune for the **Opening Voluntary** is attributed to William Moore (19th century). It first appeared in *The Columbian Harmony*, a collection of shaped note Appalachian tunes, of which Moore was the editor. Like many folk tunes and spirituals, HOLY MANNA, is based on a five-note (pentatonic) scale and its AABA structure makes it easy to learn, sing, and remember. The name derives from the text of "Brethren, We Have Met to Worship" attributed to George Askins (d. 1816), a Methodist pastor who was an itinerant preacher for the Baltimore Conference.

The text of the **Musical Offering** by Richard Leach b. 1953, an American hymn writer and poet is based on John 6:22-59. He received a M.Div. from Princeton Theological Seminary in 1978 and served as a United Church of Christ pastor in Connecticut. The music was composed by Roy Hopp (b. 1951), the Director of Music at Woodlawn Christian Reformed Church in Grand Rapids, MI and Adjunct Professor of Choral Music at Calvin Theological Seminary, where he directs the Calvin Theological Seminary Choir. His hymn tunes have been published in hymnals and collections in the United States, Canada, England, Wales and Scotland.

The **Benediction in Music** is based on the tune ST. PETER composed by Alexander Reinagle (1799-1877). It was originally created as a setting for Psalm 118 for solo voice and piano and published in *Psalm Tune for Voice and Pianoforte*. Reinagle revised it as a four part hymn for its appearance in *Hymns Ancient and Modern* (London, 1861). Craig Sellar Lang (1891 - 1971) was a British organist, music teacher, and composer. Born in New Zealand, C. S. Lang (as he is generally known) worked as Director of Music at Christ's Hospital in Horsham, West Sussex. He was an Associate of the Royal College of Music and received his Doctorate of Music from The University of Durham.

## CALENDAR

### **Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup>**

World Communion Sunday

8:45 AM Sunday School - All Ages

10:00 AM Worship

### **Monday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>**

8:00 PM AA Meeting

### **Tuesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>**

### **Wednesday, October 4<sup>th</sup>**

12:30 PM Lunch and Learn

7:30 PM Chancel Choir

### **Thursday, October 5<sup>th</sup>**

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

5:00 PM Blessing of the Animals

5:00 PM Light of Grace

### **Friday, October 6<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 AM Church at Prayer

8:00 PM AA Meeting

### **Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup>**

### **Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup>**

8:45 AM Sunday School - All Ages

10:00 AM Worship

11:15 AM Engagement Ministry

## 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**

**Linda Weaver**

**Robert Hall**

**Congratulations to LaVerne and Michael Byas-Smith on the birth of their second grandchild.**

**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** at home

**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 Mary and David McCowen with gratitude to God for the gift of the seasons.

**Peace and Global Witness Offering** Our gifts to this special offering will work to address these problems through missions, work projects, and education as Presbyterians engaged in ministries of peace and reconciliation witness to the peace of Christ around the world. Additionally, 25% of this offering is retained by our congregation and will be donated to Memorial Drive Ministries in recognition of their local contribution to peace and global witness. Please put "Peace & Global Witness" on the memo line of your check.

**Blessing of the Animals** Join us at the Farmer's Market this Thursday for a blessing of the animals. Bring your well-behaved pet or a picture of your pet at 5:00 PM for a blessing from our pastor, Rev. Dr. Camille.

**Collection Project** We are continuing to collect personal hygiene items for NET-Works in the Narthex. The items most needed are adult diapers, poise pads, tampons and maxi pads.

### Upcoming Events

Thursday, October 5th Blessing of the Animals at the Farmer's Market

Sunday, October 29th Reformation Sunday, in worship 10 AM

Saturday, November 4th Caregiver's Event, Heffner Hall

## 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.*

**Contact Us-** 770-938-2833 office@sapctucker.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*