

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
ST. ANDREWS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SEPTEMBER 17, 2023
10:00 AM



GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME

OPENING VOLUNTARY *Praise the Lord Who Reigns Above*

Setting by Anna Laura Page

†CALL TO WORSHIP

To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest;

To all who mourn and long for comfort;

To all who struggle and desire victory;

To all who are strangers and want fellowship;

To all who hunger and thirst after righteousness;

And to all who will come, this church opens wide her doors.

Let us worship God.

†HYMN 53

O God, Who Gives Us Life

NOEL

CONFESSING OUR SIN

Lord, you know who we are. You know everything we have done. We thirst for things that will never satisfy us. We commit ourselves to things that will never last. We worship things that will never bring salvation.

Still, you offer us the gift of living water. Still, you offer us the gift of eternal life. Forgive us, O Lord, and give us this living water, so that we may never thirst again. Amen. *(A time of silent, personal confession.)*

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

†JOYFUL RESPONSE 305 *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

Charlton Allen

SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 32:1-10

Pew Bible p. 75(OT)

MUSICAL OFFERING *Make Me an Instrument of Thy Peace*

Mary McDonald

Text: St. Francis of Assisi

SCRIPTURE READING

John 2:13-22

Pew Bible p. 87(NT)

CHILDREN'S LESSON

SERMON

Profound Anger

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.

O GOD, WHO GIVES US LIFE

This text draws on various passages that call attention to God's faithfulness toward the Chosen People, including the gift of the Ten Commandments and the Sabbath day. The hymn also reminds us of the promise of a new covenant written on the heart (Jeremiah 31:31-34).

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."

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

†HYMN 410

God Is Calling through the Whisper

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AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We are not alone, we live in God's world.

We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God. We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.

We are not alone.

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

MINUTE FOR MINISTRY

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, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore;
praise Triune God, whom we adore.

PRAISE GOD

†Prayer of Dedication

GOING TO SERVE GOD IN THE WORLD

†HYMN 772

Live Into Hope

TRURO

†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

Diapason Piece

Samuel Wesley

GOD IS CALLING
THROUGH THE WHISPER
Asked to write a hymn on the theme of "calling", Mary Louise Bringle responded with this text that points out how God's call may not come to us in literal words but may appear in the beauties of art and nature or in recognizing a need we are especially well equipped to address.

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, *A New Creed*, is a brief and well-loved affirmation of faith from The United Church of Canada, written in 1968.

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

Notes on Today's Music:

The **Opening Voluntary** is based on the hymn tune AMSTERDAM, the composition of which is attributed to James Nares (1715-1783), an English composer and organist. Nares became a chorister in the Chapel Royal. He later became deputy organist at St. George's Chapel, Windsor; organist in York Cathedral (1734); and organist in the Royal Chapel and composer to the king (1756). The tune first appeared in the *Foundry Collection* (1742, London) published by Charles Wesley. It is recognized as the first distinctively Methodist tune book.

The **Musical Offering** is based on the text attributed to Saint Francis of Assisi (1181-1226). Giovanni di Pietro di Bernardone OFM, was an Italian mystic and Catholic friar who founded the Franciscans. He was inspired to lead a life of poverty as an itinerant preacher.

The music was composed by Mary McDonald (b 1956), an American composer, arranger, producer, pianist, and organist. With a career that spans over forty years, her songs appear in the catalogs of every major publisher of church music. More than 1200 compositions through anthems, seasonal musicals and keyboard collections testify to her significant contribution to church music.

The **Benediction in Music** was composed by Samuel Wesley (1766-1837), a composer and organist who helped introduce the music of J. S. Bach into England. A man of wide culture, he also won renown as a conductor and lecturer. His many compositions include symphonies, concerti, services, anthems, and motets. He was the son of Charles Wesley, the hymn writer, and the nephew of John Wesley, the founder of Methodism. "Diapason" refers to either of two stops (open and stopped diapason) usually found throughout the compass of a pipe organ that give it its characteristic tone color.

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, September 17th

8:45 AM Sunday School - All Ages
10:00 AM Worship
1:00 PM Session Meeting

Monday, September 18th

11:00 AM re:loom
8:00 PM AA Meeting

Tuesday, September 19th

10:00 AM Presbyterian Women
7:00 PM Caregiver Support Group
7:00 PM Engagement Ministry

Wednesday, September 20th

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

Thursday, September 21st

4-7:00 PM Tucker Farmer's Market
5:00 PM Light of Grace

Friday, September 22nd

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

Saturday, September 23rd

2:00 PM Lunch, Clifton Sanctuary

Sunday, September 24th

8:45 AM Sunday School - All Ages
10:00 AM Worship
11:00 AM Fall BBQ
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.

The Family of Judy Cunningham
Nancy Mills
Tom Evans
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
Ted and Peggy Heffner Blue Ridge
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 Carol Gordon to the Glory of God.

Sunday School Classes Make plans to join us for Sunday School. We have classes for all ages! We will begin gathering at 8:45; classes will start promptly at 9:00.

re:loom Join us on Monday, September 18th at 11:00 AM in the church library for re:loom. Bring your lunch and stay for fellowship afterward.

Presbyterian Women Join the Presbyterian Women this Tuesday at 10:00 am in the Meeting Room or on Zoom for their first meeting this fall. They will be studying the book, *Sacred Encounters*, this year. Please contact Judy Cook for more information about the Presbyterian Women, 770-496-0007.

Caregiver Support Join Pat Baker for her monthly caregiver support group on Tuesday, Sept. 19 at 7:00 PM on Zoom

Fall BBQ St. Andrews' Fall Barbecue is just one week from today! Stay after church on the 24th for a delicious fellowship meal. If you'd like to bring a side dish to share, please sign up with the link in your Thursday email, use the paper sign-up in the Narthex, or contact the church office. Come! Bring a friend! There are printed invitations available in the narthex.

Upcoming Events

Sunday, September 24th	Fall BBQ, after worship
Tuesday, September 26th	39ers, Noon
Sunday October 1st	World Communion Sunday Peace and Global Witness Special Offering
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
Saturday, November 11th	All-Church Walk in the Park, 10:30 AM

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