

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

ST. ANDREWS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 24, 2023

10:00 AM



GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Chaconne

Johann Pachelbel

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Come as you are to worship the Lord.

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

For the Lord is our shepherd, and we shall not want.

The Lord is our redeemer, and we shall be free.

Let us worship God.

†HYMN 159

O Sing a Song of Bethlehem

KINGSFOLD

CONFESSING OUR SIN

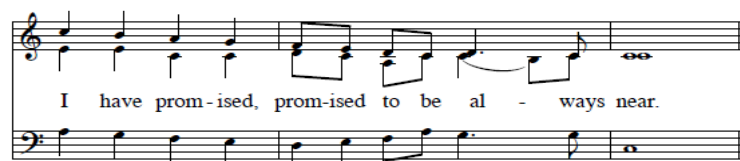
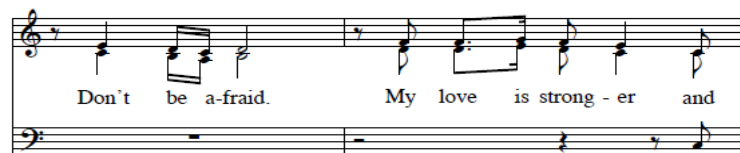
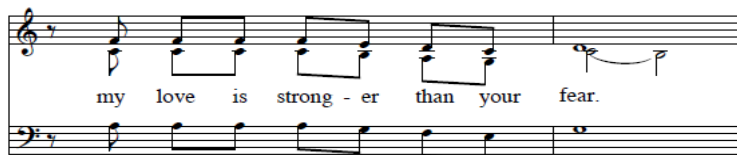
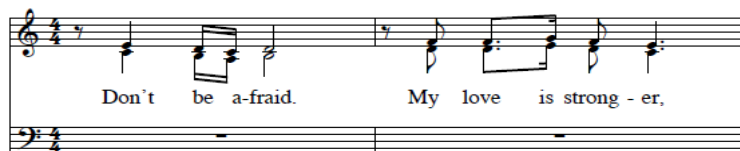
God of perfect love, you continually bring forth life, transforming sadness to joy, and despair to hope. We are weak, but you are strong. Our ways are flawed, but your ways are true. We are seldom right, but you are never wrong. Forgive us, redeem us, transform us. Take away the sin that burdens us, and restore us to the people you would have us be, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior.

(A time of silent, personal confession.)

CHORAL PETITION

Don't Be Afraid

John L. Bell



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.

DON'T BE AFRAID

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DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

†JOYFUL RESPONSE 305 *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing* AZMON

O for a thousand tongues to sing my dear Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of God's Grace!

To God all glory, praise and love be now and ever given
by saints below and saints above, the church in earth and heaven.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Phyllis Bearden

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 118:1-9

Pew Bible p. 534(OT)

MUSICAL OFFERING

Be Not Afraid

Craig Courtney

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 26:36-46

Pew Bible p. 29(NT)

CHILDREN'S LESSON

SERMON

Be Not Afraid?

Rev. Dr. Camille LeBron Powell

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

†HYMN 824

There is a Place of Quiet Rest

MC AFEE

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

God created human beings with a need for community and with freedom to enter into it by responding to their Maker with grateful obedience and to one another with love and helpfulness. We believe that we have been created to relate to God and each other in freedom and responsibility.

We may misuse our freedom and deny our responsibility by trying to live without God and other people or against God and other people. Yet we are still bound to them for our life and well-being, and intended for free and responsible fellowship with them.

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

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 of today's Musical Offering is based on Isaiah 43:1-4

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

"A Declaration of Faith" was written by a predecessor denomination to the PC (USA) and adopted in 1977 as a contemporary statement of faith, a reliable aid for Christian study, liturgy, and inspiration. While this declaration was not included in our *Book of Confessions*, it still gives us language for saying what we believe.

GOING TO SERVE GOD IN THE WORLD

†HYMN 213

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

RATHBUN

†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

Adagio

Peter Hurford

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
Lionette Bruce, Director, St. Andrews School
Gretchen Perkins, Office Manager
Helen Hoang, Financial Administrator

Notes on Today's Music:

The title of the **Opening Voluntary** is actually the musical form of the piece. A chaconne is a type of musical composition often used as a vehicle for variations on a repeated short harmonic progression often involving a fairly short repetitive bass-line, usually four notes, which offers a compositional outline for variation, decoration, figuration and melodic invention.

Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706) was a German composer, organist, and teacher who brought the south German organ school to its peak. He composed a large body of sacred and secular music, and his contributions to the development of the chorale prelude and fugue have earned him a place among the most important composers of the middle Baroque era.

The **Musical Offering** is based on Isaiah 43:1-4 set by Craig Courtney (b. 1948). He is currently a Composer and the Executive Music Editor for Beckenhorst Press, and his music is performed all over the world. His published works include more than two hundred choral octavos, nine vocal collections, a piano solo collection and six extended works for choir and orchestra.

The title of the **Benediction in Music** refers to the tempo at which the piece should be performed. It was composed by Peter Hurford (1930-2019), a British organist, composer, arranger and editor. He was founder of the St Albans International Organ festival and one of the most influential exponents of the principles of historical performance practice in the second half of the 20th century. The piece is number one from his Five Verses on a Melody from the *Panderborn Gesangbuch*.

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 24th

8:45 AM Sunday School - All Ages
10:00 AM Worship
11:00 AM Fall BBQ
4:00 PM Dinner, Clifton Sanctuary

Monday, September 25th

8:00 PM AA Meeting

Tuesday, September 26th

12:00 PM 39ers

Wednesday, September 27th

7:30 PM Chancel Choir

Thursday, September 28th

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

Friday, September 29th

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

Saturday, September 30th

Sunday, October 1st

8:45 AM Sunday School - All Ages
10:00 AM Worship
World Communion Sunday

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
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

Fall BBQ Stay after church today for a delicious fellowship meal. Everyone is welcome!

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

39ers The 39ers are a group of folks that like to meet and eat and have fellowship together and everyone is welcome to attend. Their next meeting is at Noon, Tuesday, September 26th at Matthews Cafeteria on Main Street in Tucker.

Special Offering Next Sunday, October 1st, our congregation will participate in the Peace & Global Witness offering (PC USA). In many locations around the world, peace is just a hope due to conflicts between nations, people and ideas. 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. Peace and Global Witness

Upcoming Events

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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