

Saint Andrews
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

November 2023
The Lamplighter

Ministry Spotlight: Celebrating St. Andrews' Reformed Heritage!



From Germany to Scotland and around the world, the Reformation continues to inform faith, worship, and tradition at St. Andrews. Sunday, October 29th offered opportunities for fellowship, celebration, and remembrance that God's reforming work continues in each heart and

in our church.

For more pictures, please see our [Facebook Page](#).



From the Pastor

When we celebrated Reformation Sunday, we read the story from scripture (Deuteronomy 34) of the end of Moses' life. I talked about Moses' legacy and the legacy entrusted to Joshua to continue to lead God's people to the Promised Land. God's story with the Israelites

wasn't about Moses or Joshua. It was about God. God's story of the church's Reformation isn't about Martin Luther, John Calvin, or John Knox. It is about God. As we continue the work of the Vital Congregations Initiative, I thank God that church vitality is not about me or any other leader of St. Andrews Presbyterian Church in Tucker. The vitality of the church does not depend on the charisma of the pastor or any other leader but on how inspired the whole church is to be actively engaged, responsible for its own ministries, and caring for each other. God's story with the Israelites wasn't about Moses. God's story of the Israelites and the Reformation and St. Andrews isn't about any leader; it is about God. And that mission continues in and through us today.

As Joshua was entrusted with Moses' legacy, we are entrusted with the legacy of Christ's mission in the world. During November, we will explore our heritage at St. Andrews as we listen for God's call to us in the future. In worship, we will explore Matthew's Gospel and the encouragement to accept the mantle of responsibility for the work to which God calls us. We will celebrate what God has entrusted us with in the past and the call entrusted to us for the future.

In this newsletter, you will find more information about how you can help us remember our heritage and share your part of the St. Andrews story. Each week, you are invited to add to our historical timeline in worship, and you will hear stories about our church history. In a season when we often focus on gratitude, we will give thanks for God's faithfulness in and with St. Andrews over the past sixty-three years. We will thank God that we have been entrusted with a mission that is not about Moses or Joshua, Luther or Calvin, Dick Dodds or Rush Otey, or any individual, but it is about and only possible with God. Thanks be to God!

-Camille

NOVEMBER 5

All Saints Sunday

Matthew 23:1-12

The Rise of Servant Leaders

Add your name and the date you joined SAPC to our timeline

NOVEMBER 12

Matthew 25:1-14

Who is Responsible for My Oil?

Bring objects, photos, and mementos of church trips and retreats

NOVEMBER 19

Matthew 25:14-30

Multiplying Our Impact

Add objects, photos, and mementos of sacred ceremonies (baptisms, weddings, funerals, special celebrations)

NOVEMBER 26

Matthew 25:31-46

*Entrusted with Each Other
Service of Commemoration &
Celebration of God's ministry
in & through SAPC*



November is Heritage Month at St. Andrews

One aspect of the Vital Congregations Initiative is a reflection on who we have been over the past 63 years. This month we'll do so by progressively constructing a Heritage Exhibit & Table Timeline in the sanctuary. The first through third Sundays you'll be invited to contribute objects, mementos and significant dates commemorating St. Andrews of the past:

Nov 5th - your name & the date you joined

Nov 12th – church trips & retreats

Nov 19th – sacred ceremonies

Artifacts of other significant moments in the church's history are welcome too. You will be given a moment in the worship service to bring your offering of remembrance to the Heritage table. On November 26th we'll culminate our month of reflection with a Service of Commemoration & Celebration of God's ministry in and through St. Andrews. Start now hunting down those programs, t-shirts and souvenirs so you can help build our Heritage Exhibit!



Help for the Caregiving Years

Join us for this free and informative event at St. Andrews on Saturday, November 4th from 9:00 am - 2:30 pm. There will be two keynote addresses by nationally known speaker, Denise M. Brown, booths from community partners, and the opportunity to sign up for a virtual dementia tour by Second Wind Dreams. [Click here](#) for the event flyer. Breakfast and Lunch are provided. This event is sponsored by Empowerline, Atlanta Care-net, Second Wind Dreams, and the Rosalynn Carter Institute for Caregiving. Please share this event with your friends, family and neighbors.

There is no need to register, just come!

NETWorks Good Neighbor Christmas Shop

NETWorks' Christmas Shop is back in person this year! We will have

donation bins in the Narthex and in the breezeway by the office from November 19-December 3rd. Please bring your donations of new, unwrapped toys. [Click this link](#) for the list of most needed items. For more information about NETWorks and the Good Neighbor Shop, [click here](#).

Here are some additional ways you can help:

- To donate funds, and let NETWorks shop for you, [click here](#).
- To shop with their Amazon Wish List, and have the items shipped to NETWorks, [click here](#).
- To volunteer, [click this link](#).
- To volunteer to be a cashier [sign up here](#).

Treasurer's Report

Jane Thomas, Treasurer

In September, our income was \$63,200.78 and our expenses totaled \$26,752.20. Year to date, our income was \$375,183.49 and our expenses were \$301,707.12. So, we are in the black by \$73,476.37.

Currently we have a mortgage balance of \$71,676.96. We have \$27,587.98 in our mortgage fund, and a monthly payment of \$4,111. Thus, we have funds on hand to cover 6.5 months of payments.

Montreat Retreat

The annual adult retreat to Montreat has been set for Tuesday April 23 thru Friday April 26th, 2024. We will again be staying at William Black Lodge. The week will be all about MUSIC...so if you love music, love to sing, love to listen to music and appreciate the history behind church music this week is for you! Ed Weaver will be leading the discussion on *Everything You Wanted to Know about Hymns (But were afraid to ask!)*

What makes a hymn a hymn? Where do they come from? Why do we song them?

Join us at the Adult Retreat at Montreat in April for a journey through hymns ancient and modern.

Please look in the December Lamplighter

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for details on the cost of the retreat week which includes your room and most meals.

Visit our
website

Presbyterian Women

St. Andrews has an active group of Presbyterian Women that usually meets at 10:00 am on the Third Tuesday of the month in the Meeting Room and on Zoom. They are getting ready for their next meeting this fall on November 14th. Contact Judy Cook for more information about the Presbyterian Women.

The PW will continue to collect adult diapers, poise pads, maxi pads, and tampons at meetings and in the Narthex for NETWORKS Cooperative Ministries.

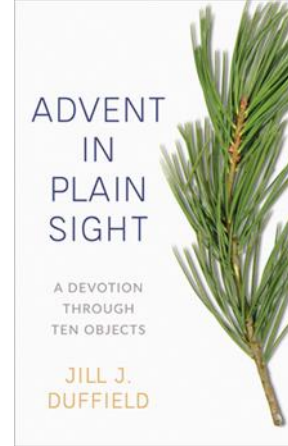
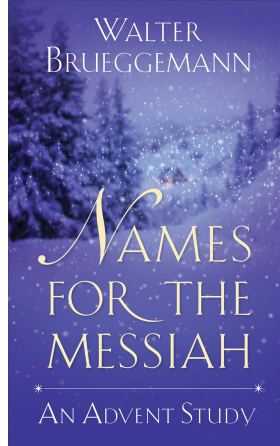
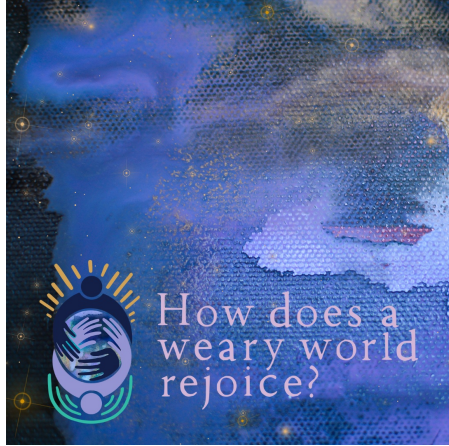
Standard Time Begins This Weekend

Remember to set your clocks back this Saturday night- or don't - and come for Sunday School and Worship on Sunday!



Hanging of the Greens & Pizza Lunch

Many hands are needed for tasks of every ability level on Sunday, November 26 for the Hanging of the Greens. Immediately following worship, we'll break down the heritage exhibit and prepare our campus for the Christmas season. Plenty of pizza will be served in the Youth Lounge, once our work is complete. Please join us.



Advent Begins December 3rd Advent Studies Coming Soon!

Our theme is *How Does a Weary World Rejoice?* Stay tuned for details as we approach this season of reflection and anticipation.

Group Studies

Advent in Plain Sight is a daily devotional that will be discussed each week during Advent during the Sunday Morning Together Sunday school class, beginning December 3rd.

The book, *Names for the Messiah* by Walter Brueggemann will have two options for study. Beginning November 30 you can join on Zoom on Thursdays at 7PM, or on Saturday mornings at 10AM, in person in the meeting room. There is also an option to go out to lunch afterwards.

Both books are available from your favorite book distributor.

Individual Studies

Advent devotionals from Sanctified Art which include prayers, journal prompts, reflections, original art, and coloring pages, all inspired by our scripture texts for the season, will be available in the Narthex and outside the church office in the breezeway beginning November 26th.

Another really cool option you can do on your own: Did you know the book of Luke in the Bible has 24 chapters. if you start reading on the 1st day of December, and read one chapter every day, you will finish on December 24th. What a fun way to read about Jesus' life in a month and at Christmas!!!

If you have any questions, please email Cindy Weimer.

Older Adult and Caregiver Ministries

By Pat Baker

November is National Caregiver Month

November is National Family Caregivers Month in the United States. It's observed to call attention to the hard work of more than 50 million family caregivers across the country. During National Family Caregivers

Month, we raise awareness of the societal value provided by caregivers and ask for greater support.

Who are family caregivers and what do they do?

Family caregivers provide care and assistance to a family member with limitations due to illness, injury or disability. The care recipient may have physical or developmental disabilities, or any situation (permanent or temporary) that means they need some level of assistance with daily living activities and other aspects of life.

Caregivers help by providing:

Personal Care

Bathing, personal hygiene, dressing and toileting
Getting in and out of bed or a chair and walking
Meal preparation and feeding

Medical Care

Organizing and giving medication
Managing and attending appointments and maintaining medical records and information
Managing therapies and treatments
Arranging nursing and other medical supports
Performing basic medical tasks

Other Life Management Tasks

Shopping for food, clothing and other essentials
Providing transportation or organizing transport
Managing finances, paying bills, planning for the future
Housekeeping and home maintenance
Managing communication with others
Arranging respite care providers

Please consider thanking a caregiver for their devotion to care for others.

All-Church Walk

Join us for the All-Church Fall Walk on Saturday, November 11th at 10:30. We'll be walking on various trails in Mason Mill Park, 1458 McConnell Drive in Decatur. The 120-acre forested park has several walks to pick from, determined by your own interest and abilities. One of the walks passes the ruins of the old Decatur Waterworks, which is on the National Historic Registry.

A caravan from Tucker will meet at the church at 10:00 to carpool. There's ample parking at Mason Mill. If driving on your own, meet the group at the trail head, adjacent to the parking for the Tennis Center. [See the trail](#)

Giving

Online giving applies to your pledge just the same as a paper check. Secure online contributions can be made by clicking [this link](#), or checks can be mailed to: SAPC, 4882 Lavista Rd, Tucker, GA 30084

[map here.](#)

Afterwards we will share a meal together at La Parrilla Mexican Restaurant in the Toco Hills Shopping Center. Alternatively, you can just meet us at 12:00 for lunch.

Service Opportunity

Want to be more involved in Sunday worship? SAPC's Worship Ministry is looking to add lay readers. Lay readers participate by reading a prayer for illumination and an assigned scripture passage on a rotating basis. For more information or to join our group of readers, please contact Carol Gordon at carol.gordon587@gmail.com or call (770) 564-0900 or text (404) 316-8675. An upcoming training session is being planned for late January, so please do not hesitate if you feel uncertain. You would be so welcome.

Ushers

Ushering on Sunday mornings is a great way to help folks feel welcome at St. Andrews. If you are interested in helping, or would like more information about being an usher, please contact [Debbie Brilling](#).

Thanksgiving Service Opportunity

En-Core Volunteers will serve as hosts and hostesses at the St. Andrews School Thanksgiving Luncheon on Thursday, November 16th, 11:00 – 1:30 in Heffner Hall. We're inviting other SAS members to join us in showing love to our School families as we serve food, monitor the buffet line, and supervise the children's activity table. Or, you can donate a dessert (no nuts please).

To volunteer, donate a dessert, or for more information, please contact LaVerne at (678)429-0411 or by email laverne@sapctucker.org



Clifton Sanctuary Ministries

GIVE NOW

through the Presbyterian Mission Exchange

November Birthdays

- 3 Louis Todd
- 6 Bill Beeson
- 7 Pat Zrolka
- 8 Carolyn Krutoy, Janet Shiver
- 10 Heather Morse
- 12 Mary Evans
- 13 Deb Chambers
- 14 Betty Weber, Linda Weaver
- 17 Tami Phillips
- 20 J. D. McFarlan
- 22 Shannon Maloney
- 25 Peggy Heffner
- 26 Marianne Pattillo, David Shiver

November Anniversaries

- 2 Paige & Craig Kubik
- 22 Deanna & Robert Hall

Upcoming Events

November

- 4 Caregiver Event
- 14 Presbyterian Women
- 11 All-Church Walk in the Park
- 24 & 24 SAPC Office Closed
- 28 39ers

December

- 3 1st Sunday of Advent
- 10 Light of Grace - The Christmas Story. 4 pm

There are spots available for upcoming dates to bring food to Clifton. For more information or to sign up, [click here](#). This ministry is a very easy thing to do while maintaining your social distancing since meals are dropped off on Clifton's front porch after calling ahead to let them know when you are coming.

A group is gathering on the 4th Sunday of the month after worship to make lunches for Clifton. If you are interested in helping, [contact Phyllis Bearden](#).

Our congregation feeds the men at Clifton Sanctuary Ministries on the fourth Sunday of every month.

17 Lessons & Carols
6pm

20 Longest Night &
Firepit Fellowship, 6:30

24 Worship at 10 am,
5:00 pm and 11:00 pm

25-29 Church Office
Closed

Fall Flowers

[Click this link](#) to sign up to bring flowers for worship September-November. The flowers can be from your yard or from the store. If you would like to donate them in memory or in honor of a loved one, please enter that information when you sign up online.

There are currently three dates in November available.

Notes from the Session

By Marcia Noble

The Session met on October 15, 2023. In addition to times of prayer, the Session approved the following motions:

- Cindy Weimer will serve as commissioner to the November 4th Presbytery meeting, with Mary Evans and Camille Powell.
- The SAPC bylaws are reviewed annually for needed updates or changes. Due to the recent release of the new Book of Order 2023-2025 (BoO), several changes are needed to be sure that our bylaws are congruent with BoO language. A comparative report, specifying current language and new language needed was accepted and approved by the Session. Clerk of Session will now make the changes needed and provide the updated bylaws to the Session, Diaconate, SAPC staff, and SAPC office.
- A motion was presented to change the Stated Session Meetings to in-person meetings beginning in January 2024. After discussion the motion was approved. Meetings will be held at 11:30 on the third Sunday meeting of the month in the Meeting Room.

Discussion time provided updates of the Nominating Committee process, and asked all Ministry Chairs to update information provided in the Visitor/New Member packets within two weeks to Gretchen. This information will be used to provide information to new members and prospective new members. We anticipate new members soon!

As our continuing education portion of the meeting, we continued thinking and working on upcoming activities for our Vital Congregations initiative. One of the activities will involve creating a timeline of life at SAPC. Elders were asked to identify significant events for the timeline, and to identify artifacts that can be used to represent these events in the presentation of the timeline. Going forward, members will also be asked to add events and information to the creation of the timeline.

The next months of the Vital Congregations Initiative are going to provide times of reflection, visioning the future, and moving forward to implement plans to continue growing as the Church God is leading in our community. We look forward to taking this journey with you.

PDA: Disaster Relief and More

Did you know that Presbyterian Disaster Assistance responds to more than just tornadoes, hurricanes, earthquakes, fires and floods? They also aid refugees and asylum seekers, as well as respond to incidents of public violence, like mass shootings.

When you are not sure what to do besides offering thoughts and prayers, supporting PDA is a way to do more. [Click here](#) to contribute directly to their efforts. To send a check, please designate where you want your gift to go on the memo line and mail to:
Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
P.O. Box 643700
Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700

The code to designate gifts to the humanitarian response in Ukraine is DR000165.

The code to donate to hurricane relief, including Hurricane Ian is DR000194

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