

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

ST. ANDREWS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

JANUARY 14, 2024

10:00 AM



GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME

OPENING VOLUNTARY *To God be the Glory* William Doane
Arr. Tedd Smith & Don Hustard

†CALL TO WORSHIP

The one who calls you together this day
yearns for each of you and for all people to hear and be blessed.

Speak, Lord, for your servants are listening.

Blessed is the One who comes bringing trustworthy words for the healing of the
world.

Speak, Lord, for your servants are listening.

†HYMN 450 *Be Thou My Vision* SLANE

CONFESSING OUR SIN

**Gracious God, you know us better than we know ourselves. You know our
sins even before we confess. Your knowledge is wonderful, but also challeng-
ing. We'd much rather avoid painful truths and deny our role in wrongdoing.
Help us face our failings so we can move forward in truth.**

(Silence is kept for personal prayers of confession.)

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

†JOYFUL RESPONSE *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 on earth and heaven.

†SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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

HEARING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Margaret Ellingson

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18 Pew Bible p. 545(OT)

MUSICAL OFFERING *Psalm 139* Allen Pote

SCRIPTURE READING 1 Corinthians 6:12-20 Pew Bible p. 158(NT)

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.

BE THOU MY VISION

This text is known as an "armor" or "breastplate" hymn, meaning that it is a prayer of petition for divine protection, not only in times of battle but also for daily life.

SILENCE

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

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.

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE

After each scripture reading the reader will say, "The Word of the Lord." All are invited to respond, "Thanks be to God."

CHILDREN'S LESSON

SERMON

Creating Christian Freedom

Rev. Dr. Camille LeBron Powell

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

†HYMN 697

Take My Life and Let it Be

HENDON

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father.

In sovereign love God created the world good
and makes everyone equally in God's image,
male and female, of every race and people,
to live as one community.

But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator.

Ignoring God's commandments,
we violate the image of God in others and ourselves,
accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature,
and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care.

We deserve God's condemnation.

Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.

In everlasting love,
the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people
to bless all families of the earth.

Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel
from the house of bondage.

Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.

Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,
like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home,
God is faithful still.

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

†Response *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*
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 543

God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me

GREEN TYLER

†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

†BENEDICTION IN MUSIC

Voluntary

John Alcock

TAKE MY LIFE AND LET IT BE

Often described as "scripture-soaked," Frances Havergal attempted to live a life wholly consecrated to Christ. She says the words "Ever, Only, All for thee" came to her after a night of prayer, singing, and praising led to the conversion of an entire household of twelve people to Christianity.

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. Adopted in 1990, The Brief Statement of Faith confesses enduring Reformed beliefs and invites readers to explore their rich meanings. The portion used today emphasizes God's unending presence with us and God's motherly and fatherly characteristics. Even when we lose our way or rebel, the grace and mercy of Jesus Christ never end.

GOD, BE THE LOVE TO SEARCH AND KEEP ME

Based on a prayer for divine protection, not only in times of battle but also for daily life by St. Patrick, this text is known as a "breastplate" hymn (as is Be Thou My Vision). This modern adaptation reaffirms God's presence as we are sent out into the world as disciples.

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 a setting of the hymn tune for "To God Be the Glory" by William Howard Doane (1832-1915), an American manufacturer, inventor, hymn writer, choral director, church leader and philanthropist. He edited forty-three collections of hymns and composed an estimated 2,300 works, including hundreds of original hymns and hymn settings. He is best known as a longtime collaborator of Fanny Crosby (1820-1915), having written music for an estimated 1,500 of Crosby's poems. More than seventy patents are credited to him for innovations in woodworking machinery.

The **Musical Offering** was composed by Allen Pote to set his paraphrase of Psalm 139, verses 1-8 and 23-24. Allen Pote (b. 1945) is a nationally known American composer of sacred music as well as a highly sought after clinician for festivals and workshops.

The **Benediction in Music** was composed by John Alcock (1715-1806), an English organist and composer. He wrote instrumental music, glees and a significant volume of church music. Alcock grew up as a chorister at St. Paul's Cathedral and rose from being the organist of various parish churches to obtaining a Doctor of Music degree from Oxford in 1766.

A voluntary is a piece of music, usually for an organ, that is played as part of a church service. In English-speaking countries, the music played before and after the service is often called a 'voluntary', whether or not it is titled so.

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, January 14th

8:45 AM Sunday School - All Ages
10:00 AM Worship
11:15 AM Diaconate
Engagement Ministry
2:00 PM Revelation Bible Study

Monday, January 15th

SAPC Office Closed
8:00 PM AA Meeting

Tuesday, January 16th

10:00 AM Presbyterian Women
12:00 PM Long Leaf Hospice Talk
7:00 PM Caregiver Support Group

Wednesday, January 17th

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

Thursday, December 18th

5:00 PM Light of Grace

Friday, December 19th

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

Saturday, December 20th

Sunday, December 21st

8:45 AM Sunday School - All Ages
10:00 AM Worship
11:30 AM Session (Meeting Room)
2:00 PM Revelation Bible Study

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

Christy Meeks

Jimmie Artley

The Snarey Family, on the death of their grandson, Michael Campbell

In the Nursing Home, Home Care, or Assisted Living:

Milly Ball The Atria

Peggy Benedict at home

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 Margaret Ellingson to the glory of God and in honor of Martin Luther King Jr.'s work toward justice for all people.

Heritage Exhibit As we prepare in the Vital Congregations Initiative to turn our focus to St. Andrews' present, we thank all who contributed to our Heritage Exhibit, and invite you to now retrieve your submissions from the work room in the church office.

Revelation Bible Study An ongoing study of the Bible book of Revelation will be held at St. Andrews, Sundays at 2:00 PM. The recorded instruction by Bruce Gore lasts for about an hour with discussion, moderated by Arch Baker, to follow. Join us in the youth lounge.

Presbyterian Women The PW is meeting on Tuesday, January 16th at 10:00 AM in the Meeting Room. All of the women of St. Andrews are invited to attend.

Collection Project The PW is continuing their support of NETWorks with an ongoing collection project of personal care items. Please bring items including adult diapers, poise pads, tampons and maxi pads, on Sundays to the box in the Narthex, or to PW meetings, on the third Tuesday, of the month.

Program on January 16th Kimberly Rife from Longleaf Hospice will be presenting a program at Noon on Tuesday, January 16th, after the Presbyterian Women's meeting in the Meeting Room about the difference between Hospice and Palliative Care. All are welcome to attend.

Caregiver Support Group Led by Pat Baker, this group meets on the third Tuesday of the month. Please see your weekly email for the link, or contact the church office.

St. Andrews' Office will be closed on January 15th for the Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday.

Congregational Meeting Our Annual Congregational Meeting will be held during Worship on Sunday, January 28th.

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Website- sapctucker.org *Church Calendar, Sunday School Page, Youth News, Sermon Archive*

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