

# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

## ST. ANDREWS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

FEBRUARY 4, 2024

10:00 AM



### GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

#### WELCOME

**OPENING VOLUNTARY** *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*  
Chancel Bells

#### †CALL TO WORSHIP

Have we not known? Have we not heard?

**Has it not been told to us since the beginning?**

Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength;

**they shall mount up with wings like eagles;**

they shall run and not be weary;

**they shall walk and not faint.**

#### †HYMN 305

*Come Sing O Church in Joy!*

DARWAL'S 148TH

#### CONFESSING OUR SIN

**Gracious God, it's tempting to give up and give in, to hide from the injustices of the world, to protect ourselves and our own, to turn off the evening news full of bad news. Forgive our sins of escape, of ignoring, of turning our backs on those in need. Forgive our sins of apathy when you call us to action. Renew us, Holy God, by your grace. Strengthen us to follow Christ's call.**

*(A time of silent, personal confession)*

#### DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

#### †JOYFUL RESPONSE

*Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart*

MARION

Rejoice, ye pure in heart!

Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!

Your festal banner wave on high,  
the cross of Christ your King.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!

#### †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

Fernando Chen

#### SCRIPTURE READING

Psalms 147:1-11, 20c

Pew Bible p. 549(OT)

#### MUSICAL OFFERING

*They Shall Soar Like Eagles*

Laura Manzo

#### SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 40:21-31

Pew Bible p. 628(OT)

#### WELCOME

The service begins with the first note of the Opening Voluntary.

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.

#### COME SING, O CHURCH, IN JOY!

This hymn was chosen to celebrate the bicentennial of the Presbyterian Church (USA) in 1988. Inspired by biblical images, like that in Isaiah 40: 21-31, this hymn is a reminder of our steadfast God and the Spirit's sustaining presence throughout the church's life.

#### 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

*Never-Ending Creativity* Rev. Dr. Camille LeBron Powell

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

†HYMN 686

*God of Our Life*

SANDON

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

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

†Offering 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

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 331

*God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand*

NATIONAL HYMN

†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION IN MUSIC

*Prelude in Classic Style*

Gordon Young

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.

GOD OF THE AGES, WHOSE ALMIGHTY HAND Despite its connection with national celebrations, this hymn uses scriptural language, including Isaiah 40:25-26, to praise God and pray for peace.

## 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

*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, February 4<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 AM Sunday School  
10:00 AM Worship  
11:00 AM Chancel Bells  
2:00 PM Revelation Bible Study

### **Monday, February 5<sup>th</sup>**

8:00 PM AA Meeting

### **Tuesday, February 6<sup>th</sup>**

### **Wednesday, February 7<sup>th</sup>**

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

### **Thursday, January 8<sup>th</sup>**

5:00 PM Light of Grace

### **Friday, February 9<sup>th</sup>**

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

### **Saturday, February 10<sup>th</sup>**

### **Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 AM Sunday School  
10:00 AM Worship  
11:00 AM Chancel Bells  
11:30 AM Joint Session & Diaconate Meeting  
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.

**Congratulations to Natalia Papot-  
to on her admission to Law  
School**

**Ed Weaver**

**Tom Evans**

**Jimmie Artley**

**The Powell Family on the death  
of Jonathan's father, Ron Powell**

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

**Millie Ball** The Atria

**Peggy Benedict** at home

**Henry Tribble** The Villages

**Ron Weber** at home, **Betty Weber**  
Camelia Place

**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.

Families are welcome to use the parlor in the narthex during worship. Books, quiet games, and comfy seating are available, and you will be able to view a live stream of the service. For those who wish to stay in the sanctuary, the PRAYground is available, offering educational and interactive materials.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Flowers Today** are given by Carol Gordon in memory of John Gordon and to the glory of God.

**Please Welcome** guest organist, Anna Price, after worship today. She will be with us in the coming weeks as Ed Weaver recovers from shoulder surgery.

**Share the Love** Please see your February *Lamplighter* newsletter for details about how we can help the teachers of St. Andrews School fulfill the wish lists for their classrooms.

**Revelation Bible Study** An ongoing study of the Bible book of Revelation is being held at St. Andrews, Sundays at 2:00 pm in the Youth Lounge, The recorded instruction by Bruce Gore lasts for about an hour with discussion, moderated by Arch Baker, to follow.

**Emails from St. Andrews** If you did not receive emails this week from St. Andrews, please check your spam/junk/other folders. And add [office@sapctucker.ccsend.com](mailto:office@sapctucker.ccsend.com) to your contacts and/or your safe senders list.

**Lent at St. Andrews** Our Lenten theme is *Wandering Heart: Figuring out Faith with Peter*. We are using materials from Sanctified Art this Lent and Easter. Copies of devotional booklets and cards will be available in the Narthex next Sunday.

A digital copy of this bulletin is available on our website, accessible by scanning this code.



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