

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

ST. ANDREWS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

FEBRUARY 18, 2024

10:00 AM



GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Liturgical Prelude

George Oldroyd

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Come in. Feel your feet on the floor. Settle your worries. Take a deep breath.

Dust the cobwebs from your ears. Relax the tension in your jaw,

for Christ is here.

God never stops seeking us.

We have been found.

Let us find God in return.

Let us worship the God of deep waters. Amen.

†HYMN 463

How Firm a Foundation

FOUNDATION

CONFESSING OUR SIN

Loving God, You call us by name.

You join us in the deep waters of life.

You invite us to drop our nets and follow you,

and yet, more often than we'd like to admit, we are like Peter.

Over and over again, we stand slack-jawed and surprised to find you in our midst.

Forgive us for drowning out your voice with our own.

Forgive us for assuming that we can tackle deep waters by ourselves.

Forgive us for forgetting that you will never stop climbing into our boat.

Turn our hearts, our minds, and our spirits toward you,

for you are the Lord our God, and it is in your name that we pray.

(A time of silent, personal confession)

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

†LENTEN RESPONSE

Please see the bulletin insert.

JEFFERSON

†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

Kayla Chen

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Psalms 25:1-10

Pew Bible p. 475(OT)

1 Peter 3:18-22

Pew Bible p. 220(NT)

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.

HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION

Three years after this hymn was written, it made its way across the Atlantic to Philadelphia in 1790. Since then it has been beloved by many. It has been reported that the words were a comfort to both Union and Confederate soldiers on Civil War battlefields.

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."

MUSICAL OFFERING *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing* Arr. Charles Yannerella

SCRIPTURE READING Genesis 9:8-17 Pew Bible p. 7(OT)

CHILDREN'S LESSON

SERMON *Sailing Away* Rev. Arch Baker

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

†HYMN *You Sought Me* Music: Joseph King
Please see the bulletin insert. Text: Anna Strickland

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

I believe in a God of abundance—

**a God who sees possibilities where I cannot,
and who holds onto hope when I am at the end of my rope.**

I believe in a God who comforts—

**a God who says, "Do not be afraid;"
a God who joins me in life's deep waters.**

I believe in a God who invites—

**a God who says, "Follow me,"
and, "You will be fishers of people."**

I believe in a God who seeks after me relentlessly and persistently—

**a God of second chances and boundless mercy;
a God who calls us by name.**

We believe. Help our unbelief. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

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

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

†Offering Response

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.**

TALLIS' CANON

†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

YOU SOUGHT ME

Anna Strickland of Sanctified Art wrote this original hymn text, connecting images from scripture and our Lenten theme of Wandering Heart.

LENTEN THEME AND LITURGY

This Lenten season we are following the theme, "Wandering Heart: figuring out faith with Peter," from A Sanctified Art LLC. A Sanctified Art believes God speaks to us through many mediums and that creativity is an integral part of worship. They create curriculum and worship resources, including the Lenten Devotionals and cards found in the Narthex. The Call to Worship, Prayer of Confession, and Affirmation of Faith are adapted from prayers written by Sarah (Are) Speed of A Sanctified Art

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.

Prayer After Communion

GOING TO SERVE GOD IN THE WORLD

†HYMN 724

O Jesus, I Have Promised

ANGEL'S STORY

†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION IN MUSIC

The Ash Grove

Dale Wood

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.

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

CALENDAR

Sunday, February 18th

8:45 AM Sunday School
10:00 AM Worship
11:00 AM Chancel Bells
2:00 PM Revelation Bible Study

Monday, February 19th

8:00 PM AA Meeting

Tuesday, February 20th

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

Wednesday, February 21st

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

Thursday, January 22nd

5:00 PM Light of Grace

Friday, February 23rd

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

Saturday, February 24th

10:00 AM Lenten Study

Sunday, February 25th

8:45 AM Sunday School
10:00 AM Worship
11:00 AM Chancel Bells
11:15 AM Diaconate Meeting
11:30 AM Lunches for Clifton
2:00 PM Revelation Bible Study
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.

Ed Weaver
Tom Evans
Milly Ball
Marcia Noble

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**
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.

Anyone needing a quiet spot during Worship, is welcome to use the Parlor; you will be able to view a live stream of the service. Nursery care is available in the hallway behind the sanctuary. For families with children who wish to stay in the sanctuary, the PRAYground is available, offering educational and interactive materials.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 to your contacts and/or your safe senders list.

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.

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 are available in the Narthex.

A **Caregiver Support Group** lead by Pat Baker meets via Zoom the 3rd Tuesday night of each month at 7:00 PM. All caregivers of spouses, parents for other family or friends are welcome to attend, no registration is needed. Please see your weekly email for the Zoom link.

The **Saturday Morning Bible Study Group** meets Saturdays at 10:00 AM in the Meeting Room. They have begun a Lenten study this week: Amy Jill Levine's *Entering the Passion of Jesus*. All are welcome.

Sunday Morning Together has begun it's study of *Hard and Holy Work: A Lenten Journey through the Book of Exodus* in the Meeting Room, Sundays at 8:45 AM. The church has ordered copies of the book available for \$11, or you may purchase a copy online.

Presbyterian Women The Presbyterian Women are meeting on Tuesday, February 20th and will discuss chapters 5 & 6 of their study. All the women of St. Andrews are welcome!

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.

Out of the Office Rev. Dr. Camille is out of the office through February 20th. Please contact your deacon if you need pastoral assistance during this time.

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