

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

ST. ANDREWS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 10, 2024

10:00 AM



GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME

OPENING VOLUNTARY *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded* Arnold B. Sherman
Chancel Bells

†CALL TO WORSHIP

On our worst days,
God is good.
On our best days,
God is good.
When life is consistent,
God is good.
And when life turns on its head,
God is good.
Day and night, Monday through Sunday,
God is good. God is here. God is love.
Hold tight to that good news. Let us worship God!

†HYMN 726 *Will You Come and Follow Me?* KELVINGROVE

CONFESSING OUR SIN

Holy God,
We often find ourselves moving through a world that does not make sense.
Like Peter, we want to yell out, "This should not happen!"
We want to control scenarios beyond our reach.
We want to hold your world in our hands.
Forgive us for the moments when we lead with declarations instead of curiosity.
Forgive us for arguing when we could listen.
Forgive us for fixating on one truth, when we could open ourselves up to many.
Softener our hard edges and teach us how to listen.
With hope in our hearts 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 David McCowen

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22 Pew Bible p. 528(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.

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.

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, Follow Me* John Carter
 SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 16:21-23 Pew Bible p. 17(NT)
 CHILDREN'S LESSON
 SERMON *Wandering Heart: I'm Fixed Upon It* Rev. Dr. Camille LeBron Powell

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

†HYMN *The Way* RATHBUN
 Please see the bulletin insert. Text: Anna Strickland

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

I believe in a God of second chances,
 **a God who sees through my stubbornness
 and holds my fear with tenderness.**
 I believe that this God of second chances
 uses ordinary people like Peter to do good in the world.
 Therefore, I believe and hope that God can use me too.
 I believe that from time to time, God invites us to imagine the impossible.
 I believe that from time to time, God invites us to change our minds.
 **This change is holy and important work, although challenging.
 When fear and scarcity plague me,
 or when the impossible feels out of reach,
 I believe that God meets me with grace and invites me to follow.**
 Thanks be to God for a love like that. Amen.

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

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

†Offering Response TALLIS'CANON
 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.

†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

THE WAY
 Anna Strickland of Sancti-
 fied Art wrote this original
 hymn text, connecting imag-
 es from scripture and our
 Lenten theme of Wandering
 Heart.

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 Pres-
 byterians or "members of
 the church." All who con-
 fess Jesus Christ as Savior
 and Lord are invited to par-
 take 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 Communi-
 on, which is served by in-
 tinction. Congregants pro-
 ceed 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 chal-
 ice of nonalcoholic grape
 juice. Worshipers return to
 their pews by the side aisles.
 If you are unable to come
 forward to receive communi-
 on, we will come to you in
 your seat.

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

March in D

G. F. Handel
George Blake

CHURCH STAFF

The Rev. Dr. Camille LeBron Powell, Pastor
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CALENDAR

Sunday, March 10th

8:45 AM Sunday School
10:00 AM Worship
11:00 AM Chancel Bells
11:15 AM Diaconate
2:00 PM Revelation Bible Study

Monday, March 11th

8:00 PM AA Meeting

Tuesday, March 12th

7:00 PM Education Ministry
8:00 PM Worship Ministry

Wednesday, March 13th

7:00 PM Management Ministry
7:30 PM Chancel Choir

Thursday, March 14th

5:00 PM Light of Grace

Friday, March 15th

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

Saturday, March 16th

10:00 AM Lenten Study

Sunday, March 17th

8:45 AM Sunday School
10:00 AM Worship
11:00 AM Chancel Bells
11:30 AM Session 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.

Ed Weaver

Tom Evans

The Family of Milly Ball

Christy Meeks

Ron Weber

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

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

Easter Flower Dedications If you would like to dedicate an Easter flower in memory or in honor of a loved one, there are dedication forms in the Narthex. Please note on the form if you plan to take the flower with you on Easter Sunday, or if it is a dedication only. Flowers are \$10 each. Put "Easter flowers" on the memo line, if paying by check. March 17th will be the last day for sending in dedications.

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.

The **Closer Walk** Bible study group meets Saturdays at 10:00 AM in the Meeting Room. They have begun a Lenten study, Amy Jill Levine's *Entering the Passion of Jesus*. All are welcome.

Sunday Morning Together has begun its 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.

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.

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