

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
ST. ANDREWS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
RESURRECTION OF THE LORD
MARCH 31, 2024
10:00 AM



GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME

OPENING VOLUNTARY *Triumph and Glory* Kevin McChesney
Chancel Bells and Organ

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Yesterday we thought death had won. Yesterday we thought all was lost.
Yesterday we thought Christ was gone.

But not today. Today we know that love has won.

Today we know that hope is real. Today we know that Christ is here.

We have a reason to hope.

We have a reason to sing!

Alleluia!

Alleluia!

Christ is risen today.

†HYMN 232

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today EASTER HYMN
Chancel Bells and Organ Arr. Cynthia Dobrinski

CONFESSING OUR SIN

The stone is rolled away!

We assume it is a mistake.

The angels say, "He is not here!"

We assume their news is fake.

The women tell the story,

but we do not want to hear it.

Peter runs to the tomb,

but we do not understand.

Forgive us, God, for thinking an empty tomb is nothing more than a prank.

**Forgive us for seeing discarded burial cloths
and still holding tight to death.**

Forgive us for pushing away reasons to hope when you are alive
and well in the world.

Teach us to see what you see.

Unravel the threads of our unbelief.

A time of silent, personal confession.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

†JOYFUL RESPONSE 475 v. 1 *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing* NETTLETON

**Come, thou Fount of every blessing tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.**

**Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;
praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love!**

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.

JESUS CHRIST IS RISEN TODAY

With this beloved Easter hymn we are invited to finally sing "Alleluia!" after refraining from the word during the season of Lent.

EASTER THEME AND LITURGY

This Lenten and Easter 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. The Call to Worship, Prayer of Confession, and Affirmation of Faith are adapted from prayers written by Sarah (Are) Speed of A Sanctified Art.

SILENCE

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

†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

Deborah Chambers

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalms 118:1-2, 14-24

Pew Bible p. 534 (OT)

MUSICAL OFFERING

Hallelujah

Ludwig van Beethoven

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 24:1-12

Pew Bible p. 84 (NT)

SERMON

Wandering Heart: And I Hope

Rev. Dr. Camille LeBron Powell

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

†HYMN 238

Thine Is the Glory

JUDAS MACCABEUS

Refrain after last verse only

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We may weep through the longest nights.
We may stare at the empty tomb with more questions than answers.
We may run our fingers over the burial cloths and still long for more.
But today, we are a people of hope.
We believe in new beginnings.
We believe that the God who created the world is stronger than death.
We believe that Jesus abides among us,
healing, teaching, and leaving fingerprints throughout this world.
We believe that a tomb could not hold him.
We believe that the sun does rise.
We believe that Peter was there
with questions, awe, and faith the size of a mustard seed.
We believe that the story is not over yet, for God is among us.
Today we are a people of hope.

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

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

†Response *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow* LASST UNS ERFREUEN
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia, Alleluia!
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

†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.

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

Hallelujah is from Beethoven's oratorio *Christus am Ölberge* (Christ on the Mount of Olives), which premiered during Holy Week in 1803. In this Passion play, the Passion itself is not depicted; the focus is on Jesus' spiritual struggle beforehand in the Garden of Gethsemane.

THINE IS THE GLORY

This Easter text was written to fit the music of Handel's composition in 1884. It grew widely popular following its use at the First Assembly of the World Council of Churches in 1948.

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.

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 246

Christ Is Alive!

TRURO

†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

†BENEDICTION IN MUSIC

Hallelujah

George Frideric Handel

CHRIST IS ALIVE!

In 1968 Easter fell ten days after the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr., and this text was written to express an Easter hope while mindful of that terrible event. The music and lyrics still move worshipers while affirming the presence of a wounded, risen Christ with all who suffer.

BENEDICTION IN MUSIC

The text for today's Benediction in Music is based on Revelation 19:6, 16

CHURCH STAFF

The Rev. Dr. Camille LeBron Powell, Pastor
LaVerne Byas-Smith, Coordinator of Congregational Vitality
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CALENDAR

Sunday, March 31st

Resurrection Sunday

- 8:30 AM Worship in the Garden
9:00 AM Easter Fellowship
Egg Hunt
10:00 AM Worship

Monday, April 1st

Church Office Closed

- 8:00 PM AA/ALAnon

Tuesday, April 2nd

Wednesday, April 3rd

- 7:30 PM Chancel Choir

Thursday, April 4th

- 5:00 PM Light of Grace

Friday, April 5th

- 9:00 AM Church at Prayer
8:00 PM AA/ALAnon

Saturday, April 6th

- 11:00 AM Memorial Service for
Marcia Noble

Sunday, April 7th

- 9:00 AM Sunday School
10:00 AM Worship
11:00 AM Chancel Bells

PRAYER CONCERNS AND

CELEBRATIONS

If you have a prayer concern, please complete a Prayer Request Card, and place it in the offering plate. Please update the office about any changes in the condition of your loved ones.

The Family of Marcia Noble

Phyllis Jennings

Christy Meeks

Ron Weber

Tom Evans

**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

Ted and 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

Flowers Today The flowers in the sanctuary this morning have been purchased in honor or memory of loved ones of this congregation. Excess funds contributed to the purchase of the Easter flowers will be used to help with the maintenance and beautification of the flower beds and church grounds. Any flowers left in the sanctuary after the today's service will be distributed to members and friends who are at home or otherwise unable to worship with us here regularly.

A **Memorial Service** for Marcia Noble will be held at St. Andrews on Saturday, April 6th at 11:00 AM. There will be a reception following in Heffner Hall.

Office Closed The church office will be closed on Monday, April 1st.

All-Church Walk Save the date for a fun all-church walk on Saturday, April 13th at Mason Mill Park, meeting at 10:30 AM at the park.

Roofing The Education and Office buildings will be receiving new roofs soon. Many thanks to the Management Ministry team members for coordinating this work.

A digital copy of this bulletin and the notes for today's music are available on our website accessible by scanning this code.



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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