

St. Andrews Presbyterian Church

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Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost
November 12, 2017
10:00 AM



Welcome

We invite you to join St Andrews, a congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA), in ministry and in worship.

Please note your presence in the registry of friendship so that members of our church family may welcome you. Your presence is a joy for us.

Nursery Care is available in the Education Building, Room 107.

Church Staff

The Rev. Camille LeBron Powell, Pastor
The Rev. Steve Sankey, Associate Pastor for Children and Youth
David Lukens, Director of Music
Edward Weaver, Associate Director of Music and Organist

Ann McKinney, Director, St. Andrews School
Gretchen Perkins, Administrative Assistant
Debbie Hutto, Financial Administrator
Lidieth Fenimore, Environmental Services

WELCOME

We are glad that you are here. If you do not have a church home in the community, we invite you to consider joining us in work and in worship, loving God and loving neighbor. You will find more information about our church, a congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA), in the pew racks. Nursery Care is available in the Education Building, Room 107. Please note your presence in the registry of friendship, so that members of our church family may welcome you. Your presence is a joy for us. Check out our website sapctucker.org and our Facebook page www.facebook.com/sapctucker for pictures and information on our upcoming events.

CALENDAR

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, November 12th

Thursday, November 16th

9:00 AM Church School
10:00 AM Worship
11:00 AM Women's Ensemble
11:30 AM Session Meeting
3:00 PM G2G Kids Choir
4:00 PM Chancel Bells
5:00 PM Youth Choir
6:00 PM Youth Group

Friday, November 17th

9:00 AM Church at Prayer
10:00 AM Friday Bells
8:00 PM AA/ALAnon

Saturday, November 18th

Sunday, November 19th

9:00 AM Church School
10:00 AM Worship
3:00 PM G2G Kids Choir
4:00 PM Chancel Bells
5:00 PM Youth Choir
6:00 PM Youth Group

Monday, November 13th

8:00 PM AA/ALAnon

Tuesday, November 14th

10:00 AM Presbyterian Women

Wednesday, November 15th

7:30 PM Chancel Choir

G2G Kids Choir St. Andrews Glory to God (G2G) Kids choir will rehearse today from 3:00-4:00 PM. All kids, Pre-K thru 5th Grade, are welcome. There will be singing, a craft and a snack. Meet in the Choir Room. Come make a joyful noise with us! Contact David Lukens for more information or to sign up to help. dlukens@sapctucker.org

Hawks Game Today is the last day to sign up to join us at the Atlanta Hawks Game on December 20th. Tickets are \$20. \$25 for a ticket and a t-shirt. See Steve Sankey for more information. Sign up for tickets on line via our website: <http://sapctucker.org/connect/special-events/hawks/>

Presbyterian Women We will meet this Tuesday at 10:00 AM in the Meeting Room for Bible Study, fellowship and refreshments. All of the women of St. Andrews are welcome to join us. We are currently studying the book of Hebrews. Please contact Jackie Harper 770-934-3463 with any questions.

Would you like to be an Advent acolyte? No experience required, female or male, young or old, we have robes of all sizes and all are welcome. Get in touch with contact Merle Westbrook at 678-471-1813 or mwbrook@bellsouth.net.

Presbyterian Coffee Project Get ready for the upcoming holidays by purchasing organic coffee, tea and chocolate grown by family farmers and sold through the Presbyterian Coffee Project. Order yours now! Forms are in the narthex or from Mary Evans, 770-493-9489. Orders are due today.

Flowers for Worship Please sign up to bring flowers for Sunday morning worship. There are two weeks available in November, and four weeks available in December. Contact Merle Westbrook at 678-471-1813 or mwbrook@bellsouth.net to sign up for a date.

Camille will be out of the office November 13-15 for continuing education.

Caring for Creation will not meet in November or December. The next C4C meeting will be at 7:00 PM on January 25th in the library.

Lost and Found Please claim your lost and found items in the narthex today. Unclaimed items will be donated to charity at the end of the month.

PRAYER CONCERNS & CELEBRATIONS

If you have a prayer concern, please complete a Prayer Request Card, located in the pew rack, and place it in the offering plate. Normally names will be listed in the bulletin for three weeks; please update the office of any changes in the condition of your loved one.

Joan Catlin, Louis Todd Sr., Michelle Wilson (daughter of Marcia Noble)

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

Nell Foster-Atria of Tucker, **Bill Blasingame**-Regency House, **Sharon Shenkman**-Golden Living, Decatur
Evelyn Wallace-at home, **Clyde & Jane Wentz**-Orchard at Tucker, **Sue & Bona Puckett**-Orchard at Tucker
Orin & Barbara Mattheis-Del Mar Gardens, Smyrna

Service for the Lord's Day

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.

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

GREETING AND WELCOME

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

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme
(Refer to Hymn 349)

J. S. Bach

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Rejoice and be glad!
For God is our salvation.
Rejoice and be glad!
For God is great.

†HYMN 686

God of Our Life

SANDON

CONFESSING OUR SIN AND RECEIVING ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVING GRACE

Holy and gracious God, you are all light and wonder and glory. You are our strength and our delight; you give us all we need to live. Yet we are distracted by all that glitters, continually grasping for more. Rather than trust in your provision, we chase after our own happiness. Forgive us, Lord, and turn us back to you. Overwhelm us with your goodness and cover us with grace, for we know that you are the source of life, the fount of all that is good.

(a time of silent, personal confession)

JOYFUL RESPONSE TO THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

HYMN 614

Great is the Lord

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†SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Grounded in grace, let us share the peace we have received from Christ with one another and with the world.
The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

You are invited to greet one another with a handshake, saying "The peace of Christ be with you."

HEARING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Margaret Ellingson

HEBREW SCRIPTURE READING

Psalms 78:1-7

Pew Bible, page 508-509 (OT)

MUSICAL OFFERING

Keep Your Lamps
Joe Bailey, Congas

Traditional Spiritual
Arranged by André Thomas

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 25:1-13

Pew Bible, page 26-27 (NT)

CHILDREN'S LESSON

SERMON

Oil for Our Lamps

Rev. Camille LeBron Powell

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

†HYMN 362

Rejoice! Rejoice Believers!

LLANGLOFFAN

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from *The Brief Statement of Faith*

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

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.

The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church.

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

MOMENT FOR MINISTRY

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

Offertory

The Heav'n's Resounding
Men's Chorus

Ludwig van Beethoven
Text: Oscar Overby

†Offertory Response 652

A Grateful Heart

ROCKINGHAM

A grateful heart is what I bring, a song of praise my offering.
Among the saints I lift my voice: in you, O God, I will rejoice.

†Prayer of Dedication

GOING TO SERVE GOD IN THE WORLD

†HYMN 687

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

ST. ANNE

†INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

†BENEDICTION IN WORDS

BENEDICTION MUSIC

Tocatta on ST. ANNE

David Chewein