

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](http://sapctucker.org) and our Facebook page [www.facebook.com/sapctucker](http://www.facebook.com/sapctucker) for pictures and information on our upcoming events.

CALENDAR

<b>Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup></b>		<b>Wednesday, December 6<sup>th</sup></b>	
9:00 AM	Church School	7:30 PM	Chancel Choir
10:00 AM	Worship	<b>Thursday, December 7<sup>th</sup></b>	
11:00 AM	Congregational Meeting	<b>Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup></b>	
11:15 AM	Chancel Bells	<b>Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup></b>	
3:00 PM	Youth Choir	8:30 AM	Breakfast with Santa
4:00 PM	Advent Festival	<b>Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup></b>	
5:00 PM	G2G Kids Choir	9:00 AM	Church School
5:30 PM	Parent’s Night Out	10:00 AM	Worship
<b>Monday, December 4<sup>th</sup></b>		11:00 AM	Session Meeting
12:00 PM	39ers at Baminelli’s	3:00 PM	G2G Kids Choir
6:30 PM	Chrismon Making	4:00 PM	Chancel Bells
8:00 PM	AA/ALAnon	5:00 PM	Youth Choir
<b>Tuesday, December 5<sup>th</sup></b>			
6:30 PM	Book Discussion Group		

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Congregational Meeting** There will be a congregational meeting today at 11:00 AM to elect officers for the upcoming term. The nominees for the position of elder are: Henry Tribble, LeighAnn Millican, Mindy McCarthy, Margaret Ellingson, Joshua Price, and Nathan Phillips. The nominees for the position of deacon are: Deby Brooke, Jacob Ayuk, and Faratiana Ranaivoarisoa.

**Potpourri Sunday School Class** begins a new study today: *The Redemption of Scrooge* by Rev. Matt Rawle.

**Book Discussion Group** Pat Baker is leading a two-session discussion on the book *And Not One Bird Stopped Singing* by Rev. Doris Moreland Jones. The next meeting is Tuesday Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> 6:30-8:30 in the Library.

**Advent Festival** Today from 4-5 PM, all ages are invited to Heffner Hall to celebrate Advent to prepare yourself, your family and St. Andrews for Christmas. Come for cookie decorating, making Advent Calendars, and Wreaths to use at home, decorations for the Sanctuary and cards for our friends at Clifton Night Ministries. Contact Steve Sankey for more information.

**Parent’s Night Out** Today 5:30-7:30 PM, Heffner Hall. Please see Steve Sankey to register your children, or to sign up to help.

**It's Chrismon making time!** Please join us Monday, Dec. 4th at 6:30 PM in the church library. It is a St. Andrews tradition that every family who attends our Christmas Eve services is given an ornament to take home. Join us as we make ornaments.

**Breakfast with Santa** 8:30-10 AM Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup> in Heffner Hall. \$5 per child and adult. Registration forms are available in the children’s Sunday School rooms. You must register and pay by Wednesday, December 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Longest Night Worship Service** Dec 13, 6:30 PM Through visual art, poetry, prayer, song, and candle-lighting, as we approach the longest night of the year, we will pause from the hustle and bustle of the season to honor those who struggle and to witness to the light that has come, and is coming into the world. This service will create a safe and sacred space for those who are struggling to feel the joy and light of the holiday season due to loss of any kind.

**Welcome** We welcome Randy Romig as Organist morning. Please greet him following this morning’s worship with thanks for sharing his talents to God’s glory. Ed Weaver is in Annapolis, Maryland as harpsichordist for the performances of Handel’s Messiah at the United States Naval Academy.

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.

**The family of Louis, Julie, LB, and Andy Todd on the Death of Louis’ father.**  
**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, **Joan Catlin**- at home

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

**First Sunday of Advent**  
**December 3, 2017**  
**10:00 AM**



Church Staff

The Rev. Camille LeBron Powell, Pastor	Ann McKinney, Director, St. Andrews School
The Rev. Steve Sankey, Associate Pastor for Children and Youth	Gretchen Perkins, Administrative Assistant
David Lukens, Director of Music	Debbie Hutto, Financial Administrator
Edward Weaver, Associate Director of Music and Organist	Lidieth Fenimore, Environmental Services

Upcoming Events

December 13	The Longest Night Worship Service 6:30 PM
December 17	Lessons and Carols 6:30 PM
December 24	Worship 10 AM
	Family Service 5:00 PM
	Candlelight Service 11:00 PM, Organ Prelude 10:30 PM

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

*Es ist ein Ros entsprungen*

Johannes Brahams

†CALL TO WORSHIP AND LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

*Hope Has Found Us*

The Kubik Family  
HYFRYDOL

Text: Stephen M. Fearing

Hope has found us, Grace has grown us, Nevermore should we despair.  
Waiting, watching, giving, growing, gather us as we prepare.  
God-made-flesh will come among us, call us his, and us, his own.  
God-with-us will keep his promise, never will we be alone.

We wait and hope.  
**Loving God, come and shine your light in the world!**

†HYMN 88

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

VENI EMMANUEL

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

Merciful God, we confess that we become distracted, even weary, in our discipleship. We keep busy schedules; we rush about. Captivated by technology, seduced by the lure of consumer goods, we do not remain alert to your divine presence in our lives, in the church, in the world. Make us better doorkeepers of our lives, watching for you attentively. Awaken us to your surprising power and glory and peace, so we do not miss how near you are to our very own gates. Be gracious toward us, we pray, until we are gathered, from the ends of earth to the ends of heaven, into your embrace. We pray in the name of Christ, who was, and is, and is to come.

(a time of silent, personal confession)

JOYFUL RESPONSE TO THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON HYMN 79

*Light Dawns on a Weary World*

TEMPLE OF PEACE

**Light dawns on a weary world**  
**when eyes begin to see all people’s dignity.**  
**Light dawns on a weary world:**  
**the promised day of justice comes.**

†SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The prophet Isaiah wrote, “They shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore.”  
The peace of the one born the Prince of Peace be with you all.  
**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

Paige Kubik

HEBREW SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 64:1-9

Pew Bible, page 652-3 (OT)

MUSICAL OFFERING

*My Lord, What a Morning*

Traditional Spiritual  
Arranged by Joyce Barthelson

GOSPEL READING

Mark 13:24-37

Pew Bible, page 47-48 (NT)

CHILDREN’S LESSON

SERMON

Rev. Camille LeBron Powell

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

†HYMN 86

*People Who Walked in Darkness*

ISAIAH 9

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS OF GOD’S CHURCH, COMMUNITY AND WORLD

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Offertory

*In Dulci Jubilo*

J. S. Bach

†Offertory Response

*Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

TALLIS’ CANNON

†Prayer of Dedication

THE 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 up 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

Communion of the People

Prayer After Communion

GOING TO SERVE GOD IN THE WORLD

†HYMN 357

*The Days Are Surely Coming*

LLANGLOFFAN

†INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

†BENEDICTION IN WORDS

BENEDICTION IN MUSIC

*Fantasy on ‘Hark! The Herald Angels’*

Gordon Young

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING