

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

Sunday, December 10th	Wednesday, December 13th
9:00 AM Church School	6:30 PM Longest Night Service
10:00 AM Worship	7:30 PM Chancel Choir
11:30 AM Session Meeting	
3:00 PM G2G Kids Choir	Thursday, December 14th
4:00 PM Chancel Bells	
5:00 PM Youth Choir	Friday, December 15th
6:00 PM Youth Christmas Party	9:00 AM Church at Prayer
7:30 PM Mission Trip Meeting	8:00 PM AA/ALAnon
Monday, December 11th	Saturday, December 16th
6:30 PM Chrismon Making	
8:00 PM AA/ALAnon	
Tuesday, December 12th	Sunday, December 17th
10:00 AM Presbyterian Women	9:00 AM Church School
	10:00 AM Worship
	3:00 PM G2G Kids Choir
	6:30 PM Lessons and Carols

Longest Night Worship Service

December 13th, 6:30 PM



Let there
be LIGHT

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. All are welcome.

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.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Christmas Eve Services

10:00 AM Worship
5:00 PM Family Service
10:30 PM Organ Prelude
11:00 PM Candlelight Service

Youth Group Christmas Party tonight from 6:00-7:30 PM in the Youth Lounge. Pot-luck dinner: please bring a dish to share. White elephant gift exchange- bring a wrapped gift valued at \$10 or less.

Intergenerational Mission Trip Meeting Tonight! Join us in the Youth Lounge at 7:30 PM to help plan St. Andrews' mission trip for the summer of 2018. We will discuss and vote on the location and duration of the trip.

Presbyterian Women Please join us for fellowship, Bible Study and refreshments on Tuesday, December 12th at 10:00 AM in the Meeting Room. Please contact Jackie Harper with any questions 770-934-3463.

Lessons & Carols Sunday, December 17th at 6:30 PM A family candlelight Worship service of Scripture and Music preparing for the celebration of our Lord's birth with carols for choirs, instruments, handbells and congregation. A Christmas Cookie reception will follow the service in Heffner Hall. Bring your friends and neighbors and share the good news of Christ's coming. Nursery will be provided.

Speaking of Cookies... Christmas cookies are needed by the dozens and dozens for the reception following Lessons and Carols. All of the remaining cookies will be festively wrapped and delivered to various shelters and ministries in the area.

Community Mission Opportunity Our newest community mission is supporting Clifton Sanctuary Ministries by preparing and serving meals to 30 guests (residents) on the fourth Sunday of each month. To sign up to serve go to our website (sapctucker.org/service-opportunities) or contact Mike Bearden 404-660-8234. Dates to serve in 2018 are now available.

Holiday Office Hours The office will be closed December 25th-January 1st. Any pledges or contributions you wish to apply to 2017 must be in the offering by Sunday Dec. 31st, or post-marked before December 30th. Please contact our finance administrator, Debbie Hutto, with any questions. 770-938-2833 ex. 104 or finance@sapctucker.org

St. Andrews Presbyterian Church

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

Second Sunday of Advent

December 10, 2017

10:00 AM



Let there
be
peace

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

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

Chant de Paix

Jean Langlais

†CALL TO WORSHIP AND LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Peace Has Found Us

The Powell Family

HYFRYDOL

Text: Stephen M. Fearing

Peace has found us, War has left us, Nevermore should we abuse
Sword and steel to solve our conflicts. Peace should be our only muse.
God-made-flesh will come among us, calm our hearts, wipe ev'ry tear.
God-with-us will keep his promise, never will we live in fear.

We wait for peace

Loving God, come and shine your light in the world!

†HYMN 106

Prepare the Way, O Zion

BREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN

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

Comforter of the lost, you call out to us but we are too busy right now to listen. We lose our way and fool ourselves into believing that many of our rough ways and crooked paths are justified. We tell ourselves that we don't have enough time to get everything done, but can't ever say "no." We scoff at people who can't seem to control themselves, but indulge to fill the emptiness we feel. Lead us back to the level plains of your comfort that provides us the space and time to change and be the people you call us to be.

(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

Lily Powell

HEBREW SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 40:1-11

Pew Bible, page 627(OT)

MUSICAL OFFERING

Comfort, Ye My People
Isaiah 40:1-3

John Carter

GOSPEL READING

Mark 1:1-8

Pew Bible, page 32 (NT)

CHILDREN'S LESSON

SERMON

Rev. Camille LeBron Powell

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

†HYMN 87

Comfort, Comfort Now My People

GENEVAN 42

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

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Offertory

Variation on PICARDY

Robert Hebble

†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 96

On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

WINCHESTER NEW

†INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

†BENEDICTION IN WORDS

BENEDICTION IN MUSIC

Fugue on the Magnificat

Johann Pachelbel