

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 24th
10:00 AM Worship
3:30 PM Youth arrive for 5:00 service
4:15 PM G2G Kids arrive for 5:00 service
5:00 PM Family Service
10:30 PM Organ Prelude
11:00 PM Candlelight Service

Monday, December 25th
8:00 PM AA/ALAnon

Tuesday, December 26th

Wednesday, December 27th

Thursday, December 28th

Friday, December 29th
8:00 PM AA/ALAnon

Saturday, December 30th

Sunday, December 31st
10:00 AM Worship

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Year-end Contributions 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. You may also put contributions in the mail slot, located under the office window- this will be checked daily, even when the office is closed. Please contact our finance administrator, Debbie Hutto, with any questions. 770-938-2833 ex. 104 or finance@sapctucker.org

Christmas Eve Services

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

Youth and G2G Kids Youth, please arrive by 3:30 PM; G2G Kids please arrive by 4:15 PM today, in preparation for the Christmas Eve Family Service.

Church at Prayer will not meet on Friday, January 29th.

Thank You St. Andrews A big THANK YOU to all who brought cookies for the Christmas Cookie Celebration after Lessons and Carols. Your cookies were delicious and enjoyed by all! The remaining cookies were gathered and sorted into the lovely tins you donated. When all was said and done, we delivered more than 99 dozen cookies and to four area agencies. You made it possible to share some joy with those in our community. *Soli Deo gloria*

Holiday Office Hours The office will be closed December 25th-January 1st.

Potpourri Sunday School Class will begin a new study on Jan 7, 2018 called *Subversive Jesus, Radical Grace: Relating Christ to a New Generation* – by Rev. Robert T. Henderson, PC (USA). Witness a conversation with Gen X'ers and Gen Y'ers, and explore ways to respond to their questions and concerns regarding the relevancy of Christian faith to their lives. No read ahead required to attend or participate in discussion. Study supplement and class schedule: available in class and on the SAPC Sunday School web page. Questions: michaelrbearden@bellsouth.net.

Mission Opportunity: Work Days at Memorial Drive Presbyterian

January 13 and 15, 2018
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

St. Andrews has been invited to participate with other congregations in the area and the Shalom International Ministry, which is a cross-cultural ministry supporting the refugee community in and around Clarkston, GA, on Sat, Jan 13, 2018, and Mon, Jan 15, 2018, to help renovate the historic Memorial Drive Presbyterian Church campus as it becomes the new non-profit Memorial Drive Ministries providing ministry and support to the refugee community in the surrounding area.

Due to the nature of the work, volunteers should be Youth & Adults, and older Elementary aged children, if they are directly supervised by an adult. For questions or to sign-up contact Mike Bearden: 404-660-8234 or michaelrbearden@bellsouth.net.

Please contact Mike by January 4 if you are planning to attend.

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.

Carrie Edwards, Gretchen Brechin (daughter of Mary O'Brien)

We rejoice with Charles and Nancy Mills on the birth of their great-granddaughter, Amelia Wren on Tuesday.

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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Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 24, 2017

10:00 AM



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

Savior of the Nations, Come

Setting by Paul Manz

†CALL TO WORSHIP AND LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Joy Has Found Us

The Westbrook Family

HYFRYDOL

Text: Stephen M. Fearing

Joy has found us, Laughter hugged us, nevermore should sadness live.
May our frowns turn into smiles. Bless us all with joy to give.
God-made-flesh will come among us, join our fun, and gladness send.
God-with-us will keep his promise, nevermore will grief offend.

We wait for the day of God's joy.

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

†HYMN 86

The People Who Walked in Darkness

ISAIAH 9

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

Creator of light and darkness, we so often chase shadows and fail to walk in the light. Forgive us, O God. We travel through Advent as forgiven people, lifting our faces towards the light. Let us walk together in hope and in faith.

(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

Merle Westbrook

GOSPEL READING

Luke 1:26-28

Pew Bible, page 53(NT)

MUSICAL OFFERING

Walk in the Light

Traditional Spiritual
Arranged by André Thomas

GOSPEL READING

Luke 1:46-55

Pew Bible, page 53-54 (NT)

CHILDREN'S LESSON

MEDITATION

A Story of Light and Darkness

Rev. Camille LeBron Powell

Sung Response - Hymn 544

Bless the Lord, My Soul

BLESS THE LORD

Bless the Lord, my Soul, and bless God's holy name.
Bless the Lord, my Soul, who leads me into life.

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

†HYMN 127

Jesus, the Light of the World

WE'LL WALK IN THE LIGHT

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

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Offertory

A Quiet Christmas

Douglas Wagner

†Offertory Response

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

TALLIS' CANON

†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 88

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

VENI EMMANUEL

†INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

†BENEDICTION IN WORDS

BENEDICTION IN MUSIC

Varation on HYFRYDOL
Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

Charles Callahan