

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

ST. ANDREWS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT
FEBRUARY 18, 2018
10:00 AM



GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME

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

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty King of Creation Johann Walther

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Our help is in the name of the Lord,
Who made heaven and earth.

We gather this day to worship our God, whose words and ways challenge us. We root our faith in worship seeking to find nourishment for our spirits in this growing season of Lent.

This is the way we worship God.

†HYMN 624 *I Greet Thee Who My Sure Redeemer Art* TOULON

CONFESSING OUR SIN

Lord, you have called us to worship you. We gladly gather! As we praise you, though, our own inadequacy reminds us of how we have broken our relationship with you. Because we have sinned against you, even our worship fails to be what it could. We often treat it as a show. We simply go through the motions, failing to recognize that you want to engage us on a very deep level. Renew us, we pray, according to your steadfast love. Remind us of your covenant faithfulness and have mercy on us in the name of Jesus Christ.

Silence is kept for personal prayers of confession

CHORAL PETITION 437 *You Are the Lord, Giver of Mercy!* WAYFARING STRANGER

**You are the Lord, giver of mercy!
You are the Christ, giver of mercy!
You are the Lord, giver of mercy!**

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

†SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST- HYMN 399 *God Welcomes All*

**God welcomes all, strangers and friends;
God's love is strong and it never ends.**

HEARING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Paul Ellingson

WELCOME

The service begins with the first note of the Opening Voluntary. With text and music dating from the mid-1600s, this setting by Johann Walther from a century later conveys the call for all of Creation to gather to praise God.

Please join in reading or singing those parts of the service printed in **Bold text**.

† Please rise in body or spirit, as able.

CALL TO WORSHIP
From *Psalms 124:8*

CHORAL PETITION

Following a time for silent confession the congregation will join in a sung prayer of petition. *You are The Lord, Giver of Mercy* is an adaptation of the traditional *Kyrie eleison*. The plaintive setting derived from an Appalachian melody preserves a sense of humility and trust.

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Because we have been forgiven in Christ, we can forgive one another. We demonstrate this by sharing Christ's peace with one another. You are invited to greet one another as we sing, *God Welcomes All*.

HEBREW SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 95:1-7 Pew Bible, page 520 (OT)
 MUSICAL OFFERING *In Holy Reverence, Lord We Come* Lloyd Larson
 EPISTLE READING Hebrews 10:19-25 Pew Bible, page 211 (NT)
 CHILDREN'S LESSON
 SERMON *The Worshiping Life: Gather* Rev. Camille LeBron Powell

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

†HYMN 401 *Here in this Place* GATHER US IN

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The church confesses its faith when it bears a present witness to God's grace in Jesus Christ.

Wherever the church exists, its members are both gathered in corporate life and dispersed in society for the sake of mission in the world. As the church, we gather to praise God, to hear God's word for humankind, to baptize and to join in the Lord's Supper, to pray for and present the world to God in worship, to enjoy fellowship, to receive instruction, strength, and comfort, to order and organize our corporate life, to be tested, renewed, and reformed, and to speak and act in the world's affairs as may be appropriate to the needs of the time. As the church, we disperse to serve God wherever we are, at work or play, in private or in the life of society. Our prayer and Bible study are part of the church's worship and theological reflection. Our witness is the church's evangelism. Our daily action in the world is the church in mission to the world.

MINUTE FOR MINISTRY Clifton Sanctuary Ministries

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 *Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring* Johann Sebastian Bach
 Arranged by E. Power Biggs

†Offertory Response

Hymn 648 *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow* TALLIS' CANON
 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
 Praise God, all creatures here below;
 Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
 Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

†Prayer of Dedication

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

†HYMN 396 *Brethren, We Have Met to Worship* HOLY MANNA

†INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

†BENEDICTION IN WORDS

BENEDICTION IN MUSIC *If You Will Only Let God Guide You*
 Setting by Anna Laura Page

HERE IN THIS PLACE

This hymn by Marty Haugen is a corporate prayer to God on behalf of the congregation who have assembled for worship, longing to be transformed and used as God's witnesses and for God's purposes.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Following the proclamation of the Word, the congregation is given the opportunity to respond to hearing God's Word by affirming what the church believes and expressing our faith. This gives us the opportunity to say what we believe about God and what God has done in history. Our faith statements should reflect the deep commitment of our lives. Today's affirmation is adapted from *The Confession of 1967*, which focuses on God's reconciling work in Jesus Christ and the church's mission of reconciliation.

BRETHREN, WE HAVE MET TO WORSHIP

This hymn, which comes out of the early 19th-century southern camp meeting experience, is appropriate as an opening hymn. On this Sunday, when we focus on the gathering aspect of worship, it is appropriate as a closing hymn as well. The final stanza is a call and charge to take and share God's love when we leave the gathering place.

BENEDICTION IN MUSIC

You are invited to turn to hymn #816 *If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee* and reflect on the text as you listen to the music.

CALENDAR

Sunday, February 18th

9:00 AM Church School
10:00 AM Worship
3:00 PM G2G Kids Choir
4:00 PM Chancel Bells
4:00 PM Youth - Ski Trip Return

Monday, February 19th

6:30 PM re:loom
8:00 PM AA/ALAnon

Tuesday, February 20th

10:00 AM Presbyterian Women

Wednesday, February 21st

7:30 PM Chancel Choir

Thursday, February 22nd

9:30 AM Parenting Class
6:30 PM Parenting Class
7:00 PM Caring for Creation

Friday, February 23rd

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

Saturday, February 24th

Sunday, February 25th

9:00 AM Church School
10:00 AM Worship
11:00 AM Meet your Deacons and Elders

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 David Buchanan

Herb Krutoy

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

Nell Foster-Atria of Tucker, Bill Blasingame-Regency House, Sharon Shenkman-North Decatur H.R.C., 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

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.

Lent 2018

The Worshipping Life

Draw Near to God

February 18	Lent 1	Gather	Psalm 95 & Hebrews 10:19-25
February 25	Lent 2	Sing	Psalm 81 & 1 Chronicles 16:7-36
March 4	Lent 3	Confess	Hebrews 4:14-16 & Ephesians 2:1-10
March 11	Lent 4	Proclaim	Revelation 1:1-8 & 1 Thess. 2:13
March 18	Lent 5	Respond	Acts 2:37-47 & 1 Corinthians 11:23-26
March 25	Palm/Passion	Pray	Ephesians 3:14-20 & Mark 14:32-42
April 1	Easter	Send	Numbers 6:24-27 & John 10:1-18

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Flowers this morning are given to the glory of God by Deborah Oriel and Charles Chambers. Last Sunday's flowers were given by Leigh Ann Millican in memory of her grandparents, Cliff and Margaret Edwards to the Glory of God.

re:loom will meet on February 19th in the Library at 6:30 PM.

Presbyterian Women The PW will meet on Tuesday, February 20 at 10:00 am in the Meeting Room. All women are invited to join us for fellowship, Bible Study, and refreshments.

Caring for Creation will meet on Thursday, February 22 at 7:00 PM in the Library.

Building Families Parenting Class Join us on Thursday, February 22 at 9:30 AM or 6:30 PM for "Who's in Charge?" an engaging class in promoting personal power and preventing power struggles with your children. RSVP to Say Spencer 404-550-3149

5K Hunger Walk/Run is an annual project of the Atlanta Community Food Bank that unites our community to raise critical funds and awareness for local hunger relief. Please see our website for more information on how to sign up for St. Andrews' team on Feb. 25th.

Potpourri Sunday School Class will begin a new study on February 25th called *Sabbath as Resistance, Saying NO to the CULTURE OF NOW* by Walter Brueggemann. Contact Michael Bearden with questions: michaelbearden@bellsouth.net

Meet Your Deacons & Elders on February 25 in the youth lounge, after the 10AM service on Sunday, February 25. Baked goods, and coffee will be served. To donate baked goods or volunteer to help, contact Paige at paigemk@gmail.com or 404-895-4210.

Life's 5th Season Please join us on March 11 for a seminar acknowledging and planning for life's eventualities. \$10 per person. Please see our website for more information and to register. sapctucker.org/5thseason

Caring for Creation suggests combining trips as a Lenten discipline

Ordinary living involves trips to many places, some of which recur regularly, e.g. the grocery store. If you work, some trips may be combined as you travel to/from work. If you are retired, there is greater flexibility to combine trips, e.g. grocery store and other trips on grocery discount day. Combining trips is not only energy-efficient; it is also very time-efficient!

About the Annotated Bulletin

By now you've noticed that the worship bulletin looks a little different than usual. In the right hand margin of the bulletin we have included explanatory notes to provide comments and context for what we do in worship.

Why? Because during the season of Lent we are spending time exploring how each part of our worship service helps draw us near to God and shapes us for living as faithful disciples. We're also trying the different format in this season because, as it turns out, many people don't understand what happens in worship. One study shows that over 90% of North American 18 year olds have never been in a worship service. And many families are now 2 or 3 generations away from active participation in a worshipping community.

First-time visitors to a worshipping community can feel as if they stumbled into some strange, foreign land where they don't know the customs or quite understand the language. For those with years of church experience worship may be self-evident. But visitors, newcomers — the folks who aren't looking to the church with much hopeful expectation — are not so sure. Annotations in a bulletin can help people, particularly folks without a lot of experience with church or in worship, better understand and participate in our worship and begin to get a sense of its movements or even the movement of the Spirit among us. Even for those with experience and understanding, there is more to know about why hymns were chosen or the source of the liturgy.

Our hope is that this bulletin will be an innovation that makes it easier for everyone to find their way into the church and into faith and closer to God. Please let Camille, David, Ed, or members of session know if you have any comments, questions, or suggestions about this new format.



The graphic features a teal background with a geometric pattern of overlapping triangles. At the top, the word "Upcoming" is written in a white, cursive font, and "EVENTS" is written in a white, bold, sans-serif font below it. In the center, there is a logo for Saint Andrews Presbyterian Church, which includes a shield with a cross and the text "Saint Andrews PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH". Below the logo, a list of events is presented in a white, serif font, arranged in two columns. At the bottom, there is a yellow banner with the text "SEE OUR WEBSITE FOR DETAILS" on the left and "www.sapctucker.org" on the right.

February 25	Meet your Deacons and Elders Hunger Walk	March 30	Good Friday Service
March 11	Life's 5th Season	March 31	Easter Egg Hunt
March 29	Maundy Thursday Service	April 1	Easter Sunday Service

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