

# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

## ST. ANDREWS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT  
FEBRUARY 25, 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**      *Cantad al Señor*      Arranged by Kevin McChesney  
Chancel Bells

**INTROIT**      *Cantad al Señor*  
Glory to God Kids

#### †CALL TO WORSHIP

Sing aloud to God our strength.  
Shout for joy; raise a song!

**With Miriam, we will sound the tambourine.**

From new moon to full moon,  
we praise the God who has freed our hands  
from the brick baskets of Egypt.

**With Moses, we praise God, who feeds us with the finest of wheat  
and with honey from the rock.**

†**HYMN 645**      *Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above*      MIT FREUDEN ZART

#### CALL TO CONFESSION

#### SONG OF CONFESSION

**HYMN 56**      *Sing Out with Joy to God Our Strength*      SHEPHERDS' PIPE  
*Silence is kept for personal prayers of confession*

#### CHORAL PETITION

**HYMN 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

### HEARING GOD'S WORD

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Tom Evans

**HEBREW SCRIPTURE READING**      Psalm 81      Pew Bible, page 512 (OT)

#### WELCOME

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.

The focus of *The Worshipping Life* this morning is **singing**. All the music, expresses how singing can be a means, both individually and corporately, to draw nearer to God. The Book of Psalms uses the word 'sing' 70 times in calling us to praise God.

**OPENING VOLUNTARY AND INTROIT**  
See Hymn 637

**CALL TO WORSHIP AND SONG OF CONFESSION**  
These both incorporate *Psalm 81*

**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.

**MUSICAL OFFERING**      *How Can I Keep from Singing?* Tomlin, Cash & Redman  
Men's Chorus      Arranged by Dennis Allen

**HEBREW SCRIPTURE READING** 1 Chronicles 16:7-36      Pew Bible, page 357 (OT)

**CHILDREN'S LESSON**

**SERMON**      *The Worshipping Life: Sing* Rev. Camille LeBron Powell

### RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

†**HYMN 610**      *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*      AZMON

### †**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**In Jesus Christ, God was reconciling the world to himself.**

**We confess that Jesus Christ is God with us, the eternal Son of the Father, who became human and lived among us to fulfill the work of reconciliation.**

**We believe that the risen Christ is present in the church by the power of the Holy Spirit to continue and complete his mission.**

**We respond to this message of reconciliation in praise and prayer. In our response we commit afresh to the church's mission, experience a deepening of faith and obedience, and bear open testimony to the gospel. The arts, especially music... contribute to the praise and prayer... when they help us look beyond ourselves to God and to the world which is the object of God's love.**

**MINUTE FOR MINISTRY**      Life's 5th Season

### **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**      *Lord, I Lift Your Name on High*      Rick Founds  
Women's Ensemble      Arranged by Douglas Wagner

### †**Offertory Response**

**Hymn 710**      *We Are An Offering*      OFFERING

### †**Prayer of Dedication**

### RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

†**HYMN 339**      *Lift Every Voice and Sing*      LIFT EVERY VOICE

### †**INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP**

### †**BENEDICTION IN WORDS**

**BENEDICTION IN MUSIC** *We are Singing in the Light of the Lord*      SIYAHAMBA  
Youth Choir  
Traditional Zulu: Arranged by Hal Hopson

**O FOR A THOUSAND TONGUES TO SING**  
The text of this hymn comes from an eighteen-stanza hymn that Charles Wesley wrote to mark the anniversary of his life-changing conversion experience. Charles and his brother, John, each said of their conversion that his "heart was strangely warmed." This warmth and joy shine through in the five stanzas we sing today.

**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.

**LIFT EVERY VOICE AND SING**  
James Weldon Johnson originally wrote this text as a poem to commemorate Abraham Lincoln's birthday. His brother later set these words to music. This has come to be an important song for communities seeking liberation for oppression. It is a powerful call to join our voices and our songs, our hands and our feet, in the work of God's love and justice.

## CALENDAR

### Sunday, February 25<sup>th</sup>

9:00 AM Church School  
 10:00 AM Worship  
 11:00 AM Meet your Deacons and Elders  
 11:30 AM Depart for Hunger Walk

### Monday, February 26<sup>th</sup>

8:00 PM AA/ALAnon

### Tuesday, February 27<sup>th</sup>

### Wednesday, February 28<sup>th</sup>

7:30 PM Chancel Choir

### Thursday, March 1<sup>st</sup>

### Friday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>

9:00 AM Church at Prayer  
 10:00 AM Friday Bells  
 7:00 PM Bridge Club  
 8:00 PM AA/ALAnon

### Saturday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>

### Sunday, March 4<sup>th</sup>

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

## PRAYER CONCERNS AND 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.

Please update the office of any changes in the condition of your loved one.

**The Family of David Buchanan**  
**Herb Krutoy**

**The Floyd Family, on the death of Betsy's Mother, Betty Black**

**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 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

**Today's Flowers** are given to the Glory of God and in thanksgiving for the gift of music and singing.

**Meet Your Deacons & Elders today after Worship** in the youth lounge, after the 10AM service. Baked goods, and coffee will be served.

**5K Hunger Walk/Run** We will depart at 11:30 today, and return by 4:30 PM.

**Gospel Portraits of Jesus Sunday School Class** During Lent, join other adults and high schoolers in the Meeting Room to explore a number of the names and titles for Jesus that appear in the four Gospels. This study will move from the most familiar name, Jesus, to Jesus' activities as teacher, to several common metaphors such as bread, to more abstract names like Messiah and Son of God, concluding with a focus on resurrection and life.

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

**Life's 5th Season** Every year we live through the seasons of life, planning, adapting and changing as needed. It's when the "winter" of life approaches that plans must be made for Life's Fifth Season. Join us Sunday afternoon, March 11 as we focus on the changes we may encounter and the plans we can set in motion. Brochures are in the narthex or online. Please register by March 7. [saptucker.org/5thseason](http://saptucker.org/5thseason)

**Save the Date** In addition to the dates on the back of the bulletin, please mark your calendars for March 25<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 AM for a Baby shower for Kjersti and David Lukens in Heffner Hall.

## Lenten Discipline: Straws

Straws...humans have used them for 7,000 years, but in the 1960s straws shifted from being a renewable to an oil-based, single-use product. The problem: we humans use 500 million straws every day. If put end to end, this number would circle the planet more than two and a half times each day.

You can help! If you don't need a straw, don't use one. Ask your waiter not to bring straws to your table. If you need a straw consider buying a reusable straw. Be mindful this Lent of the impact of plastic waste on the environment and marine life.

### 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 and blue geometric background. At the top, the word "Upcoming" is written in a white script font, with "EVENTS" in a white, bold, sans-serif font below it. A dark blue banner at the bottom contains the church's logo (a white cross on a blue shield) and the text "Saint Andrews PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH". Below the banner, a list of events is displayed in a light blue font on a dark blue background. At the very bottom, a light green bar contains the text "SEE OUR WEBSITE FOR DETAILS" and the website address "www.sapctucker.org".

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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### Church Staff

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