

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
ST. ANDREWS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT
MARCH 4, 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 *Ah, Holy Jesus* Setting by Dale Wood

†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 435 *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy* IN BABILONE

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.

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

Grounded in grace, let us share the peace we have received from Christ with one another and with the world.
The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

You are invited to greet one another with a handshake, saying "The peace of Christ be with you."

WELCOME

The service begins with the first note of the Opening Voluntary.

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.

OPENING VOLUNTARY
HERZLIEBSTER JESU - Tune by Johann Crüger (1598-1662) - Refer to Hymn #218

CALL TO WORSHIP
Psalm 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.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION		Carol Gordon
EPISTLE READING	Ephesians 2:1-10	Pew Bible, page 181 (NT)
MUSICAL OFFERING	<i>Peace I Give to You</i>	Craig Courtney
EPISTLE READING	Hebrews 4:14-16	Pew Bible, page 206 (NT)
CHILDREN'S LESSON		
SERMON	<i>The Worshipping Life: Confess</i>	Rev. Camille LeBron Powell

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

†HYMN 465 *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* CONVERSE

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

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Offertory *Jesus, Priceless Treasure* Johann Sebastian Bach

†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.

Sung Communion Prayer

Hymn 428 *Before I Take the Body of My Lord* LAYING DOWN

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

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

†HYMN 432 *How Clear is Our Vocation* REPTON

†INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

†BENEDICTION IN WORDS

BENEDICTION IN MUSIC *Christus, dir ist mein Leben* Johann Pachelbel

MUSICAL OFFERING

John 14:27; 16:33

WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE
IN JESUS

This song celebrates our opportunity to pray. Remembering words from the letter to the Hebrews we sing "Jesus knows our every weakness" and express joy in praying.

SUNG COMMUNION

PRAYER

The apostle Paul advises the church in Corinth that everyone who comes to this meal should pause for self-examination. This sung prayer is an opportunity to confess our sins and seek reconciliation with one another before we approach the table of grace.

COMMUNION OF THE
PEOPLE

In the act of remembering that is the Lord's Supper, we receive and trust the love of Christ present to us and to the world. Through it, we are renewed and empowered to be the church, the body of Christ, in the world.

The invitation to the Lord's Supper is not just for Presbyterians or church members. All who confess Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord are invited to partake of the Lord's Supper. Access to the Table is not a right conferred upon the worthy but a privilege given to the undeserving who come in faith, repentance, and love. Even one who doubts or whose trust is wavering may receive the bread and grape juice in order to be assured of God's love and grace in Jesus Christ.

All are invited to the Lord's Table to receive Communion, which is served by intinction. Gluten-free bread is available at the center station

BENEDICTION IN MUSIC

Translation of the title is:
Christ, You are My Life

CALENDAR

Sunday, March 4th

9:00 AM Church School
 10:00 AM Worship
 11:00 AM Youth Council
 3:00 PM G2G Kids
 4:00 PM Chancel Bells
 5:00 PM Youth Choir
 6:00 PM Youth Group

Monday, March 5th

12:00 PM 39ers - Red Lobster
 8:00 PM AA/ALAnon

Tuesday, March 6th

Wednesday, March 7th

7:30 PM Chancel Choir

Thursday, March 8th

Friday, March 9th

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

Saturday, March 10th

Sunday, March 11th

9:00 AM Church School
 10:00 AM Worship
 11:00 AM Diaconate Meeting
 12:00 PM Life's 5th Season
 3:00 PM G2G Kids
 4:00 PM Chancel Bells
 5:00 PM Youth Choir
 6:00 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

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

Out of Office Camille Lebron Powell will be out on study leave this week. She will be back in the office on Thursday, March 8th. If you have any pastoral concerns while Camille is away, please contact the church office or your deacon.

Easter Candy Please bring donations for the Easter Egg Hunt to the narthex. All candy should be individually wrapped; small items such as stickers are also welcome. Thank you!

Tucker Chili Cook-Off Saturday, March 10, 11:30 AM - 5 PM Serve chili and share information about St. Andrews with our Tucker neighbors at this year's Chili Cook-Off on Main Street. Marsha Ashby is the head cook. Wear your St. Andrews t-shirt! To sign up for a two-hour shift, contact Paige Kubik at paigemk@gmail.com or 404-895-4210.

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.

Life's 5th Season March 11 Offers help in answering questions like: *Why can't she remember? What legal documents do we need? How do I start a conversation about aging and death? Did he really have a favorite hymn? How can I plan for my child who may never be independent?* Brochures are in the narthex or online. The cost for the seminar is \$10 and includes lunch. Please register by March 7. sapctucker.org/5thseason

Easter Lily Dedications Easter lily dedication slips are in the pews. If you would like to dedicate a lily in honor or in memory of someone, place the completed form in the offering plate. Lilies are \$10 each.

Lenten Discipline: Plastic Bottles

If you're reading this, chances are pretty good that you've consumed water from a single-use plastic bottle in the past week, maybe even today. Globally, a million plastic bottles are now purchased every minute. Estimates vary, but certainly fewer than 30% of single-use bottles are recycled. The rest end up in overflowing landfills or contaminate our planet's waterways and oceans, putting wildlife at risk. The plastic bottle that you use for a few minutes will last centuries in the environment. Please consider investing in a reusable water bottle and refilling it with tap water.

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.

HOLY WEEK

ST ANDREWS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Palm/Passion Sunday	March 25, 10 am
Maundy Thursday	March 29, 6:30 pm
Good Friday	March 30, 7:30 pm
Easter Egg Hunt	March 31, 10:00 am
Easter Sunday Service	April 1, 10:00 am

Church Staff

The Rev. Camille LeBron Powell, Pastor

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