

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
ST. ANDREWS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT
MARCH 11, 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 *Be Thou My Vision* Setting by Dale Wood

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Grace to you and peace from the one who is
and who was and who is to come,
and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead,
and the ruler of the kings of the earth.
Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts.
The whole earth is full of God's glory.

†HYMN 1 *Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty* NICAEA

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
Based on the hymn tune
SLANE

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY
The committee that put together the *Glory to God Hymnal* wrote "the overarching theme of this collection will be God's powerful acts of creation, redemption, and final transformation." It is, therefore, appropriate that the first hymn in the collection is one of the best-known hymns of adoration, an opportunity for human beings to join the unending heavenly song.

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

HEARING GOD'S WORD

SUNG PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION 458

THY WORD

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.
Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.
When I feel afraid, and I think I've lost my way,
still you're there right beside me.
Nothing will I fear as long as you are near.
Please be near me to the end.

EPISTLE READING

Revelation 1:1-8

Pew Bible, page 230 (NT)

Phyllis Bearden

MUSICAL OFFERING

How Lovely Are the Messengers

Felix Mendelssohn

HEBREW SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 3:1-15

Pew Bible, page 48 (OT)

CHILDREN'S LESSON

SERMON

The Worshipping Life: Proclaim

Rev. Camille LeBron Powell

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

†HYMN 459

O Word of God Incarnate

MUNICH

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

In life and in death we belong to God.
Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.
We trust in Jesus Christ, Fully human, fully God.
We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father.
We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life.

The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the church.

In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray with out ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS OF GOD'S CHURCH, COMMUNITY & 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.

MUSICAL OFFERING

Romans 5:15-16

From Mendelssohn's *St. Paul* oratorio about the life of the Apostle Paul; this is the most performed movement of the work.

O WORD OF GOD

INCARNATE

This hymn celebrates the characteristics of Christ that are revealed through Holy Scripture, which serves as a lantern, a chart, and a compass for the church in seeking to know Christ better.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Following the reunion of the northern and southern Presbyterian denominations in 1983 the church sought to make a statement of faith to be endorsed by the new denomination. This was desirable for both its integrity and identity. Adopted in 1990, *The Brief Statement of Faith* confesses enduring Reformed beliefs and invites readers to explore more fully their rich meanings. The portion used today emphasizes the discerning of God's Spirit in scripture, preaching, sacraments, church order, and the ministries of the church.

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Offertory

Come, Ye Sinners
Men's Chorus

Arranged by Ruth Schram
Text: Joseph Hart

†Offertory Response

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

TALLIS' CANON

†Prayer of Dedication

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

†HYMN 462

I Love to Tell the Story

REPTON

†INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

†BENEDICTION IN WORDS

BENEDICTION IN MUSIC

Postlude on AZMON

Anna Laura Page

BENEDICTION IN MUSIC
The theme for this music is from the hymn *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*, #610.

HOLY WEEK

ST ANDREWS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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| 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

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

CALENDAR

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 Choir
4:00 PM Chancel Bells
5:00 PM Youth Choir
6:00 PM Youth Group

Monday, March 12th

8:00 PM AA/ALAnon

Tuesday, March 13th

Wednesday, March 14th

7:30 PM Chancel Choir

Thursday, March 15th

Friday, March 16th

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

Saturday, March 17th

Sunday, March 18th

9:00 AM Church School
10:00 AM Worship
11:30 AM Session Meeting
3:00 PM G2G Kids Choir
4:00 PM Chancel Bells
5:00 PM Youth Choir
5:45 PM Youth Group—
Eastminster Game Night

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

Lisa Temples' family, on the death of Mike Clark.

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.

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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

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| 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 by Lynda, Sallie & Chris Robinson in honor of what would have been Jim Robinson's 80th birthday, March 13, 2018.

Life's 5th Season, Today 12-4 PM A seminar in acknowledging and planning for life's eventualities, \$10 per person.

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!

SAS Spirit Day March 14th, Hudson Grille will donate 10% of their profits to St. Andrews School all day.

Youth Group Tonight The youth will go to Eastminster Presbyterian for a game night and dinner. They will take the busses to Eastminster at 5:45 and return at 7:15.

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.

Baby Shower for David and Kjersti Lukens Sunday, March 25 at 11 AM in Heffner Hall. Please contact Phyllis Bearden to sign-up to bring food, or help: pbearden@bellsouth.net.

Maundy Thursday Dinner March 29, 6:30 PM Join your St. Andrews family for a simple meal as part of our Maundy Thursday service in Heffner Hall. To remember Christ's Last Supper during Holy Week, we'll share a meal, pray, listen to scripture, and join in song. To help with cooking, serving, or clean-up, contact Paige Kubik 404-895-4210, paigemk@gmail.com.

Lenten Discipline: Fair Trade Chocolate

In 2000, the world became aware that children were being traded and enslaved in the production of chocolate. Encouraged by consumers, chocolate companies set in motion efforts to eliminate this child abuse, but today more than 2 million children in Ghana and Cote D'Ivoire, where 70% of the world's cocoa is grown, work in hazardous conditions growing cocoa, the main ingredient in chocolate. Poverty and limited access to education contribute to this abuse, but chocolate companies have failed to trace their supply chains effectively to prevent child labor. Progress, however, can be seen as local governments work with cocoa manufacturers and farmers to address the root causes of child labor in order to get children off farms and into schools.

Fair Trade has proven to be one of the most effective tools for reducing child abuse. Look for Fair Trade emblems when you purchase chocolate. You'll find them on Equal Exchange bars St. Andrews sells as part of the Presbyterian Coffee Project.