

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
ST. ANDREWS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
APRIL 15, 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 *I Know that My Redeemer Lives* *Southern Harmony*, 1854
Setting by Dale Wood

†CALL TO WORSHIP

In the wilderness, water brings life.

Seek us out, O God, and take us to the water.

In the Word of God, the good news gives light.

Seek us out, O God, and fill us with understanding.

In the bread and the wine, the body of our Savior nourishes everyone.

Seek us out, O God, and give us yourself.

Here is the water of life, the word that feeds, the food of eternity.

Come and praise the vine that gives all goodness.

†HYMN 450

Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

CONFESSING OUR SIN

**God of mercy, we confess that we have not borne the fruit of the Spirit.
We have not loved others as you have loved us. We have denied the
promises of baptism and cut ourselves off from you. Forgive us, restore
us, that we may abide in your love and live out your mercy, for the sake
of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray.**

Silence is kept for personal prayers of confession

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

†JOYFUL RESPONSE 305 *Come Sing, O Church in Joy!* DARWALL'S 148TH

Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!

For Christ the Lord has led us through the ages long!

In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!

†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

This piece of music is based on the traditional American tune ANTIOCH. The 1854 edition of *Southern Harmony* was the second collection of American hymns published by William Walker. This tune differs from another more familiar tune named ANTIOCH, attributed to George Frederic Handel, to which we sing *Joy to the World*.

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

Margaret Williams

GOSPEL READING

Luke 1:26-38

Pew Bible, page 53 (NT)

MUSICAL OFFERING

A Vineyard Grows
Chancel Choir

K. Lee Scott

GOSPEL READING

John 15:1-8

Pew Bible, page 103 (NT)

CHILDREN'S LESSON

SERMON

We Are Branches of a Vine Rev. Camille LeBron Powell

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

†HYMN 285

Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song

BRIDEGROOM

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We are God's Chosen People.

Help us, O God, to fulfill your intentions for us as people who are called for a special ministry of love and compassion for the whole world.

We are Branches of a Vine.

Dear God, help us to keep Jesus Christ as the center of our life and may we receive all the wisdom and strength through our connection to him.

We are the Body of Christ.

Thank you, God for the wonderful gift of yourself to us, for joining us into one Body, and for endowing each one of us with special gifts that are to be used in your service. 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.

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Offertory

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

Sebastian Temple

Women's Ensemble

Arranged by Jane Holstein

†Offertory Response

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow LAST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God all creatures here below. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God above ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

†Prayer of Dedication

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

†HYMN 300

We Are One in the Spirit

THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS

†BENEDICTION IN WORDS

BENEDICTION IN MUSIC

Fugue in D

Johann Kreiger

MUSICAL OFFERING

The text is from a series of sacred poems by Jaroslav Vajda (1919-2008), an American hymnist of Slovak descent. The author of over 200 hymns, he is considered the greatest American hymn writer of the 20th century. K. Lee Scott. (born 1950 in Valley, Alabama) is an internationally known teacher, musician, conductor, and composer of sacred music, choral music and hymns, residing in Birmingham, Alabama.

LIKE THE MURMUR OF THE DOVE'S SONG

The second stanza of this hymn brings together a variety of images of the church, including John's depiction of the church as the branches and Jesus as the vine. Each stanza calls for the Holy Spirit's presence, without whom the church would be powerless.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

As we explore what it means to be a community of faith and listen for what God wants us, as a congregation, to be and do through our "We are Church" series we will affirm our faith with a Litany of Names for the Church.

OFFERTORY

The text is based on the well-known prayer of St. Francis of Assisi (1182-1226) who was an Italian Catholic friar, deacon, and preacher.

CONNECT AT ST. ANDREWS

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Like and follow us on Facebook—there are updated photos from church events, and weekly announcements.

Website— sapctucker.org

Church Calendar, Sunday School Page, Youth News, Sermon Archive

Instagram— st.andrewspresbyteriantucker

Follow us on Instagram—pictures and 40 Days of Prayer updates

Weekly Email and Monthly Newsletter— office@sapctucker.org

Email the office to be added to our email list.

40 Days of Prayer



You are invited to join St. Andrews in 40 days of prayer—to listen for God’s voice, in particular in relation to the question: What is God calling our church to be and do? Brochures are available in the narthex with a list of scripture to read as part of your prayer life each of the 40 days (April 10 – May 19), as well as suggestions for different ways you might try praying during this season. If you’d like to join others in prayer, Camille will be in the sanctuary at 8:00 AM for prayer each Wednesday and you are always welcome to join our Church at Prayer group that meets in the library at 9:00 AM every Friday.

We are...

A Sermon Series on Being Church

April 22	<i>A New Creation</i>	2 Corinthians 5:16-21
April 29	<i>Light of the World</i>	Matthew 5:14-16
May 6	<i>A Household of God</i>	Ephesians 4:1-16
May 13	<i>Salt of the Earth</i>	Matthew 5:1-13
May 20	<i>A Community of Disciples</i>	Acts 6:1-7

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, April 15th

9:00 AM Church School
10:00 AM Worship
11:30 AM Session Meeting
3:00 PM G2G Kids Choir-
Baby Shower
(for Helping Mamas)
4:00 PM Chancel Bells
5:00 PM Youth Choir
6:00 PM Youth Group

Monday, April 16th

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

Tuesday, April 17th

10:00 AM Presbyterian Women

Wednesday, April 18th

8:00 AM Prayer in the Sanctuary
with Pastor Camille
7:30 PM Chancel Choir

Thursday, April 19th

Friday, April 20th

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

Saturday, April 21st

8:00 AM Lawnmower Repair

Sunday, April 22nd

9:00 AM Church School
10:00 AM Worship
3:00 PM G2G Kids Choir
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.

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Youth at SAPC Youth Group and Youth Choir will meet this evening.

Mission: Baby Shower The Glory to God Kids invite you to a baby shower for Helping Mamas today at 3 pm in the Youth room. The kids will serve cookies and juice, and we will have a speaker from Helping Mommas. There is a box in the narthex for donations if you can't make it to the baby shower. For further information, contact Phyllis Bearden., pbearden47@bellsouth.net

Potpourri Sunday School Class will begin a new book study today- *Fear of the Other: No Fear in Love* by Rev. William H. Willimon. Readers are invited to consider the gospel command to love, and not merely tolerate, our neighbors, which may be the hardest thing for people of faith to do: keeping and loving the "Other" or "neighbors" as they are - without any need for them to become "like us." All are invited to participate; no advance reading required. More info on the Sunday School web page. Questions: contact Mike Bearden. 770-934-4585

Combined Sunday School Class In April, the Adult/Youth/Middle School Sunday Class will study Paul's amazing transformation after his vision of Jesus. Come to the Youth room at 9:00 AM Sunday mornings for a discussion of this revolutionary man.

Are you looking for a way to connect to the life of St. Andrews? We have a few opening on our Usher Team. Ushers serve once a month for Sunday morning Worship, and volunteer occasionally to serve at other special services. We have training planned for the end of April. Please contact Debbie Brillling, 404-329-8721 for more information or to join our team.

Flowers for Worship If you would like to provide flowers for Sunday morning worship, there are a few open dates in the next weeks. To sign up, contact Margaret Ellingson at 770-891-0858, or sign-up in the narthex or online: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0948a5aa2fa75-2018>

Lawnmower Repair Outreach Our youth, along with Paul Burns and Michael Bearden, will be repairing and tuning-up lawnmowers and small engines on Saturdays April 21, 28, May 5 & 12 from 8:00 AM-Noon in the parking lot by the shed. Bring your mower by for a tune-up and tell your friends and neighbors.

Summer Mission Trip for Youth and Adults to Summerville, SC from June 10 -15 with the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. The link to sign-up can be found on this page: <http://sapctucker.org/youth/> The cost of the trip is \$250 per person. Please register now.

Safety First! Did you know that St. Andrews has an emergency response plan? We have three defibrillators on our campus! We all need to be familiar with these systems so that we can take care of each other if the need arises. To learn more, plan to attend a 30 minute safety training on Sunday, April 29 immediately following worship. Contact Burt Temples at temples5561@comcast.net to sign up.

Visitor and New Member Coffee Are you a visitor or new member at St. Andrews? Join us in the narthex parlor Sunday, April 29th at 9:00 AM for coffee, pastries, and a chance to meet some of our congregation's leaders. Questions: contact Paige at paigemk@gmail.com or 404-895-4210. We look forward to getting to know you better.

What's your Favorite Hymn? Write it down and drop it in the box in the narthex or email Camille (camille@sapctucker.org). We'll be using our church family's favorites in our planning for summer worship. Submissions due by May 13. Stay tuned...