

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY  
ST. ANDREWS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
APRIL 22, 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

*Beach Spring*  
Chancel Bells

Benedetto Marcello

†INTROIT 406

*We Are Standing on Holy Ground*

HOLY GROUND

†CALL TO WORSHIP

We have come here seeking to worship the God of all Creation.

**We have come to stand on holy ground!**

We have come to sing God's praises, as trees and plants sing God's praise with their blooming.

**We have come to sing praises to our Creator!**

We have come to experience the mighty rush of the Spirit like our surrounding flowing waters.

**We have come to open ourselves to the Holy Spirit!**

**We have come to experience the God of Creation is this sacred space.**

†HYMN 37

*Let All Things Now Living*

ASH GROVE

CONFESSING OUR SIN

Holy God, We confess that for many of us the history of how we came to be *here* is more complex than we understand. We confess that we have lost our connection to our local habitat—to the names of the birds of the air, and the fish of the waters, and every crawling thing that you have created. We confess that we are a people who have lost our connection to the dirt under our feet. The very substance into which you breathed life. Transform us, O God, and give us roots.

Open our eyes, O gracious Creator, to see the destruction we cause by our careless consumption. Open our ears, O merciful God, to hear the groaning of all creation and the cries of those without voice. Open our hearts, O compassionate Lover, to feel remorse for our unfaithful care of your creation. And so, enable us to change our ways.

Give us a vision of faithful living on this great globe.

Empower us to make both the simple and complex changes you desire for us.

*Silence is kept for personal prayers of confession*

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

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

BEACH SPRING is the name for an American hymn attributed to B. F. White (1800-1879) and first published in *The Sacred Harp* in 1944. It was originally called BEECH SPRING, named for Beech Spring Baptist Church in Harris County, Georgia.

**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."

HEARING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Mary Evans

HEBREW SCRIPTURE READING Genesis 28:10-19

Pew Bible, page 24 (OT)

MUSICAL OFFERING *For the Beauty of the Earth*

Chancel Choir

John Rutter

Text by F. Pierpont

EPISTLE READING

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Pew Bible, page 103 (NT)

ANTHEM

*The Lord is Good to Me* Traditional American Melody

Glory to God Kids

CHILDREN'S LESSON

SERMON

*We Are A New Creation* Rev. Camille LeBron Powell

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

†HYMN 774

*There is Now a New Creation*

STUTTGART

†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 a New Creation.

**You have renewed us with a vision of hope for peace and justice, and you have empowered us by your Spirit to be your witnesses in our community and throughout the world.**

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

*For The Beauty of the Earth*

Conrad Kocher

Friday Bells

Arranged by Patricia Cota

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

The text for the Musical Offering and for the Offertory was written by Stanford Pierpont and was first published in *Lyra Eucharistica* in 1864. It was intended as a communion hymn as evidenced by the original title *The Sacrifice of Praise* with the refrain "Christ, Our God, to thee we raise/This our sacrifice of praise," drawing on the language of Hebrews 13:15.

THERE IS NOW A NEW CREATION

The words of 2 Corinthians 5:17 are echoed in the first and last stanzas of this hymn. Just as Paul declared, "If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation," this hymn declare that the new creation is already present and calls us to respond in a song and life of gratitude.

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.

## Prayer of Dedication

### RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

†HYMN 23

*God, You Spin the Whirling Planets*

PLEADING SAVIOR

†INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

†BENEDICTION IN WORDS

BENEDICTION IN MUSIC

*This is My Father's World*

Franklin Sheppard  
Arranged by Dale Wood

BENEDICTION IN MUSIC  
Today's benediction references Hymn 370. The text for this hymn is inspired by a poem entitled *My Father's World* by Presbyterian pastor Maltbie Babcock. The phrase "My Father's World" was his customary way of referring to what he saw on his morning walks.

### 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

|                 |                                 |                  |
|-----------------|---------------------------------|------------------|
| <b>April 29</b> | <i>Light of the World</i>       | Matthew 5:14-16  |
| <b>May 6</b>    | <i>A Household of God</i>       | Ephesians 4:1-16 |
| <b>May 13</b>   | <i>Salt of the Earth</i>        | Matthew 5:1-13   |
| <b>May 20</b>   | <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 22<sup>nd</sup>**

9:00 AM Church School  
10:00 AM Worship  
3:00 PM G2G Kids Choir  
3:30 PM Youth Choir  
4:00 PM Youth Group at  
Clifton Sanctuaries

### **Monday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>**

8:00 PM AA/ALAnon

### **Tuesday, April 24<sup>th</sup>**

### **Wednesday, April 25<sup>th</sup>**

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

### **Thursday, April 26<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 PM Caring for Creation

### **Friday, April 27<sup>th</sup>**

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

### **Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup>**

8:00 AM Lawnmower Repair

### **Sunday, April 29<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 AM Church School  
10:00 AM Worship  
6:00 PM Youth Group—  
Senior Banquet

## 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

**Flowers this Morning** are given by Drew and Kim Tomberlin in recognition of Earth Day.

**Youth at SAPC** Youth Group and Youth Choir will meet this evening. The youth group will be serving this Sunday at Clifton Sanctuary Ministries. All church members are invited to join us. Meet at the church in the youth lounge at 4:00 PM. We will have dinner at Clifton Sanctuary.

**Potpourri Sunday School Class** new book study- *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. All are invited to participate; no advance reading required. More information is on the Sunday School web page. Questions: contact Mike Bearden. 770-934-4585

**Are you looking for a way to connect?** 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.

**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 28, May 5 & 12 from 8:00AM-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 also have three defibrillators on our campus. It is important 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](mailto: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 29<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:paigemk@gmail.com) or 404-895-4210. We look forward to getting to know you better.

## CONNECT AT ST. ANDREWS

**Facebook**— [facebook.com/sapctucker/](https://www.facebook.com/sapctucker/) Like and follow us – for photos and announcements.

**Website**— [sapctucker.org](http://sapctucker.org) Church Calendar, Sunday School Page, Youth News, Sermon Archive

**Instagram**— [st.andrewspresbyteriantucker](https://www.instagram.com/st.andrewspresbyteriantucker/) Follow us- pictures and 40 Days of Prayer updates

**Weekly Email and Monthly Newsletter**—[office@sapctucker.org](mailto:office@sapctucker.org) to be added to our list.