

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
ST. ANDREWS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENRECOST
JULY 1, 2018
10:00 AM



This is Our Story, This is Our Song

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

OPENING VOLUNTARY *Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory* Setting by Donald Busarow

INTROIT *Fairest Lord Jesus/My Jesus I Love* Arranged by Larry Goss
Sons of Grace

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Blessed be God whose word gives hope and shapes our dreams,
whose love has conquered death.
Blessed be God who orders our way and guides our steps,
who leads us into life.

†HYMN 8 *Eternal Father, Strong to Save* MELITA

LITANY FOR THE NATION

Mighty God: the earth is yours and the nations are your people. Take away our pride and bring to mind your goodness, so that, living together in this land, we may enjoy your gifts and be thankful.

Amen.

For clouded mountains, fields and woodlands; for shoreline and running streams;
for all that makes our nation good and lovely.

We thank you, God.

For farms and villages where food is gathered to feed our people;

We thank you, God.

For cities where people talk and work together in factories, shops and schools to shape those things we need for living;

We thank you, God.

For explorers, planners, civic leaders, for prophets who speak out and for silent faithful people; for all who love our land and guard our freedom;

We thank you, God.

For vision to see your purpose hidden in our nation's history, and courage to seek it in love given and received;

We thank you, God.

O God: your justice is like rock, and your mercy like pure flowing water. Judge and forgive us. If we have turned from you, return us to your way; for without you we are a lost people.

Amen.

From brassy patriotism and a blind trust in power;

Deliver us, O God.

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.

ETERNAL FATHER, STRONG TO SAVE

Commonly known as the Navy Hymn, this text has been adapted many times since its origin in 1860. Notably, in 1961 a stanza was added for the US Astronauts. The form we have today is Trinitarian, with each of the first three stanzas making a connection between each person of the trinity and a body of water. The final Stanza addresses the full Trinity for the protection of travelers.

From public deceptions that weaken trust; from self-seeking in high political places;

Deliver us, O God.

From divisions among us of class or race; from wealth that will not share, and poverty that feeds on the food of bitterness;

Deliver us, O God.

From neglecting rights; from overlooking the hurt, the imprisoned, and the needy among us;

Deliver us, O God.

From a lack of concern for other lands and peoples; from narrowness of national purpose, from failure to welcome the peace you promise on earth;

Deliver us, O God.

Eternal God: before you nations rise and fall; they grow strong or wither by your design. Help us to repent of our country's wrong, and to choose your right in reunion and renewal.

Amen.

Give us a glimpse of the Holy City you are bringing to earth, where death and pain and crying will be gone away, and nations will gather in the light of your presence.

Great God, renew this nation.

Teach us peace, so that we may plow up battlefields and pound weapons into building tools, and learn to talk across old boundaries as brothers and sisters in your love.

Great God, renew this nation.

Talk sense to us, so that we may wisely end all prejudice, and may put a stop to cruelty, which divides and wounds the human family.

Great God, renew this nation.

Draw us together as one people who do your will, so that our land may be a light to nations, leading the way to your promised kingdom which is coming among us.

Great God, renew this nation.

Great God, eternal Lord: long years ago you gave our ancestors this land as a home for free. Show us there is no law or liberty apart from you; and let us serve you modestly, as devoted people; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

†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.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lily Powell

HEBREW SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 57

Pew Bible, page 495 (OT)

MUSICAL OFFERING

Trying to Get A Glimpse
Sons of Grace

James Worthington

EPISTLE READING

Romans 8:31-39

Pew Bible, page 148 (NT)

CHILDREN'S LESSON

SERMON

God's Truth is Marching On

Rev. Camille LeBron Powell

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

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

†HYMN 354

Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory

BATTLE HYMN

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

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

†Offertory

Sweet Beulah Land

Edgar Stites

Sons of Grace

Arranged by Squire Parson

†Offertory Response *Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow* SIMPLE GIFTS

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise him, all creatures here below;

Praise him above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

†Prayer of Dedication

THE CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

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 to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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 340

This is My Song

FINLANDIA

†INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

†BENEDICTION IN WORDS

†BENEDICTION IN SONG

ASSURANCE

This is our story; this is our song, praising our Savior all the day long;

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We welcome the *Sons of Grace* offering music in worship this morning.
Please greet them at the conclusion of the service with thanks for
sharing their talents to the glory of God.

COMMUNION

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 cup 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 will be served on the pews. Gluten free wafers are on the trays with the bread

THIS IS MY SONG

Georgia Harkness, one of the first women ordained in the Methodist Church, is the author of the final stanza. With these words, she transforms a hymn of peace with vague religious overtones into a prayer for peace that comes from the author of peace, Jesus Christ.

BENEDICTION IN SONG

All summer we will respond to the benediction by joining together in singing this adapted chorus from the beloved hymn, *Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!*

CALENDAR

Sunday, July 1st

10:00 AM Worship
11:00 AM Lemonade in the Shade

Monday, July 2nd

8:00 PM AA/ALAnon

Tuesday, July 3rd

Wednesday, July 4th

Church Office Closed

Thursday, July 5th

Friday, July 6th

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

Saturday, July 7th

Sunday, July 8th

10:00 AM Worship
11:00 AM Lemonade in the Shade

PRAYER CONCERNS AND

CELEBRATIONS

If you have a prayer concern, please complete a Prayer Request Card, and place it in the offering plate.

Please let the office know of any changes in the status of your loved one.

Family of Joan Caitlin

Elena Weaver

Linda Weaver

Congratulations to Jackie Harper on the birth of her granddaughter.

Visitors are Welcome: Barbara and Orin Mattheis have moved to Regency House in Decatur. Their new address is: 341 Winn Way Apt. 134 Decatur GA 30030. Phone: 404-941-7736 Cell: 404-374-7505

In the Nursing Home, Home Care, or Assisted Living:

Nell Foster-Atria of Tucker,
Bill Blasingame-Regency House,
Sharon Shenkman-North Decatur HRC, **Evelyn Wallace**-at home,
Clyde & Jane Wentz-Orchard at Tucker, **Sue & Bona Puckett**-Orchard at Tucker **Orin & Barbara Mattheis**-Regency House.

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

Change for Children We will take our monthly offering to benefit the Alliance for Children Everywhere today.

Flowers This Morning are given by Linda Fuller in honor of our freedom to worship.

Lemonade in the Shade - Join us today! It's a St. Andrews' tradition every Sunday in June and July after worship.

Carnival! Saturday, August 11, 10 AM - 1 PM We welcome the Tucker community to our front lawn, as we celebrate the start of a new school year with our neighbors at our annual free Back to School Carnival. Bounce house, petting zoo, face painting, free lunch...and much more! Sign up at the link below for a shift to help. Invite your friends to join us! For more information, contact Paige McKay Kubik, 404-895-4210.

Community Mission Service Opportunity: During July, St. Andrews Presbyterian Church will support the NETWorks Cooperative Ministry (NETWorks) here in Tucker as they hold their annual Good Neighbor Back 2 School Shop. In the Back 2 School Shop, your donated, new school supplies are offered to parents at greatly reduced prices allowing for a dignified way to provide for their families at affordable prices. Drop off boxes for donations (and lists of needed school supplies) will be placed in the Narthex from Sunday July 1 through Sunday, July 22, and as the Back to School Shop will run July 28-29 (Sat: 10am-4pm, Sun: 1-4pm) at First Baptist Church in Tucker. You can also volunteer to work at the shop by calling 770-939-6454. Questions: contact Mike Bearden, 404-660-8234 or michaelrbearden@bellsouth.net.

Is your Garden Blooming this Summer? Please consider bringing flowers for worship. Sign up in the narthex or online.

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Website- sapctucker.org *Church Calendar, Sunday School Page, Youth News, Sermon Archive*

Instagram- st.andrewspresbyteriantucker *Follow us- pictures and updates*

Weekly Email and Monthly Newsletter- office@sapctucker.org *to be added to our list.*

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