

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
ST. ANDREWS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SEPTEMBER 23, 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 *Vater Unser in Himmelreich* Johann Sebastian Bach
Our Father in Heaven

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Whether we live in an apartment or a house; if we reside in the suburbs or the city:
God tells us to pray for the places where we live.

Whether we are exiles or prisoners for the gospel; if we are young, old, insider,
outcast:

God says, 'when you search for me, you will find me.'

Whether we have been wandering and lost;
or if we have lived in the same place all our lives:

God says, 'I will gather you from all your places and bring you home.'

†HYMN 63 *The Lord Is God* AZMON

CONFESSING OUR SIN

Merciful God, You have shown us mercy time and again because we have failed to live up to the law of love. But we have not always shown the same mercy to others. We are unworthy of your neighborhood, ignoring those who are loved dearly by you. We expect forgiveness without extending forgiveness to others. We demand unconditional love while placing conditions on others. Forgive us because we do not deserve it. Call us into Your ways of justice and mercy because the world needs it. Love us because without it, we are nothing. In the name of Christ, who went to the cross, through death and life for us, we pray.

Silence is kept for personal prayers of confession.

CHORAL PETITION 698 *Take, O Take Me as I Am* GREAT COMMANDMENT
**Take, O take me as I am; summon out what I shall be;
Set your seal upon my heart and live in me.**

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

†JOYFUL RESPONSE 441 *Hear the Good News of Salvation* NETTLETON

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.

THE LORD IS GOD

This song is a paraphrase of the Shema, from Deuteronomy 6:4-9, which is a central Jewish declaration of faith. Jesus quotes this passage in his endorsement of the greatest commandment in Mark: 12:30.

TIME OF SILENCE

The time of silence allows you to speak or listen to God as you best need this morning.

CHORAL PETITION

Following a time for silent confession the congregation will join in a sung prayer of petition. *Take, O Take Me as I Am* is a quiet song of dedication that can be a way for worshippers to offer themselves to God.

†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

Tom Evans

HEBREW SCRIPTURE READING Ruth 1:3-5, 15-18

Pew Bible, page 230 (OT)

MUSICAL OFFERING *Fill Us With Your Love*

Ghanaian Folk Song

Text: Tom Colvin

GOSPEL READING Mark 12:28-34

Pew Bible, page 46 (NT)

CHILDREN'S LESSON

SERMON *Welcome to the Neighborhood* Rev. Camille LeBron Powell

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

†HYMN 301

Let Us Build a House

TWO OAKS

†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 Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the church.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!" 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 to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

MINUTE FOR MINISTRY

Mission Ministry

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.

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.

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 how the Spirit of God empowers us to follow the commandments to love God, our neighbors, and ourselves.

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Offertory

Children of the Heavenly Father

Setting by: Dale Wood

†**Offertory Response 717**

For the Life That You Have Given

PLEADING SAVIOR

†**Prayer of Dedication**

GOING TO SERVE GOD IN THE WORLD

†**HYMN 707**

Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord

HALL

†**INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP**

†**BENEDICTION IN WORDS**

†**BENEDICTION IN MUSIC 769**

FOR EVERYONE BORN

**For everyone born, a place at the table, to live without fear, and simply to be,
To work, to speak out, to witness and worship, for everyone born, the right to be free,
And God will delight when we are creators of justice and joy, compassion and peace:
Yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice, justice and joy!**

OFFERTORY

Today's offertory is based on the Swedish hymn TRYG-GARE KAN INGEN VARA.

FOR EVERYONE BORN

This hymn captures the vision for the kind of neighborhood in which God intends for us to live. It is a neighborhood where God's hospitality and love transcend the barriers erected by human society. It also affirms that we who have been created in God's image are called to live in ways that reflect our Creator's values: justice and joy, compassion and peace.

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CALENDAR

Sunday, September 23rd

9:00 AM Sunday School
10:00 AM Worship
11:00 AM Youth Choir
11:00 AM Fall BBQ
4:00 PM Youth: Clifton Sanctuaries
5:00 PM Chancel Bells

Monday, September 24th

8:00 PM AA/ALAnon

Tuesday, September 25th

Wednesday, September 26th

7:30 PM Chancel Choir

Thursday, September 27th

Friday, September 28th

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

Saturday, September 29th

Sunday, September 30th

9:00 AM Sunday School
10:00 AM Worship

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.

Members of the church of the New Covenant as they go through the process of closing their church.

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

Bill Blasingame-Regency House,
Sharon Shenkman-North Decatur
HRC, **Evelyn Wallace**-at home,
Clyde & Jane Wentz-The Phoenix at
Tucker, **Sue & Bona Puckett**-The
Phoenix at Tucker **Orin & Barbara
Mattheis**-Regency House, **Linda
Weaver** Manor Care, Decatur

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 Today are given by Pat Baker in honor of Jack and Louisa Baker.

Youth Youth Choir will meet in the choir room after worship today. Youth group is serving dinner at Clifton Sanctuaries. We will take the church bus down to Clifton at 4:00 this afternoon.

Fall BBQ Today after worship, it's an annual St. Andrews tradition...a shared meal of delicious pork and chicken, prepared by SAPC grill masters in our own barbecue pit. Join your church family around the table in Heffner Hall for fellowship and great food. Join us!

St. Andrews School Fall Fundraiser This year there will be no candy or wrapping paper to buy nor event to attend. The money raised will be used for improvements to the building and needed materials for the preschool. If you would like to participate, you may place your donation in the offering plate; checks may be made out to St. Andrews School or to SAPC, and include SAS Fundraiser in the memo line.

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance is organizing a response to Hurricane Florence that will help sustain life and restore hope in the coming days. The PDA has been in communication with mid councils (Synods) and pastors in the Carolinas to provide resources and guidance, working with our partners to meet immediate needs and support long-term recovery. Text "PDA" to 20222 to give \$10 to the General Relief account. The code for flood relief due to Hurricane Francis is: DR000194. Donate online: <https://pma.pcusa.org/donate/make-a-gift/gift-info/DR000169/> To donate by phone, call 800-872-3283. To send a check, please designate where you want your gift to go on the memo line and mail to: Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)P.O. Box 643700 Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700

Super Heroes vs. Villains 5K Join us on October 13, for this fun pet-friendly, stroller-friendly walk/run, which benefits our youth missions. To sign up to help on race day: <http://signup.com/go/UbYrcnM>. To sign up to run: www.ericffitlab.com.

Recycling Opportunity Caring for Creation is offering an opportunity to recycle your old printer cartridges. Please look for the recycle box in the narthex on September 30 through October 7.

Save the Date for our annual Kirking of the Tartans in worship and shortbread reception on October 28th.

CHURCH STAFF

The Rev. Camille LeBron Powell, Pastor
John McCrosky, Director of Children and Youth Ministries
David Lukens, Director of Music
Edward Weaver, Associate Director of Music and Organist
Ann McKinney, Director, St. Andrews School
Gretchen Perkins, Administrative Assistant
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