

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
ST. ANDREWS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
AUGUST 25, 2019
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

Psalm XIX
The Heavens declare the glory of God.

Benedetto Marcello

†CALL TO WORSHIP

We come today praising and taking refuge in God.

Our rock and our redeemer is beyond understanding.

We come today to be freed from what binds us, and to be set on our divinely appointed paths.

Let us live in your world, O God. Let us do the work that you have for us.

Today on this Sabbath may we care for others and free the restrained.

Today let us worship God and uplift all creation.

†HYMN 386

Come, Worship God

O QUANTA QUALIA

CONFESSING OUR SIN

Yet once more, we come to you with our prayers, Holy God. Our crippling spirits keep us from following you. Our grudges weigh us down until we cannot walk straight in your way. Our anger becomes a fire which scorches our friends and loved ones. Our fears blind us to the goodness in those we believe to be different.

Forgive us, God our Rock, and set us free from our wrong-doings and failures. From the day of our birth, we have known your love, grace, and hope. So may we offer you our joyful thanks, as Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, reaches out to touch us with your healing forgiveness, yet once more.

Silence is kept for personal prayers of confession.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

†JOYFUL RESPONSE 582 *Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me*

VASILE

†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 sign of peace, saying "The peace of Christ be with you."

WELCOME

Please join in reading or singing those parts of the service printed in **bold**.

The service begins with the first notes of the opening voluntary.

† When this symbol precedes an element of the service, please rise in body or spirit, as able.

COME, WORSHIP GOD

John Calvin, in his commentary on Psalm 95, says, "This psalm is suited for the Sabbath, when we know that the religious assemblies were more particularly convened for the worship of God." This hymn touches on God's sustaining of the created world and God's adoption of the church into a gracious relationship as being two reasons to praise God.

SILENCE

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

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

Phyllis Bearden

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalms 71:1-6

Pew Bible, page 503(OT)

MUSICAL OFFERING

God of the Deep

Dan Forrest

Lyrics: Eileen Berry

SCRIPTURE READING

Hebrews 12:18-29

Pew Bible, page 213(NT)

CHILDREN'S LESSON

SERMON

Two Paths

Rev. Camille LeBron Powell

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

†HYMN 435

There's A Wideness in God's Mercy

IN BABILONE

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

In Jesus Christ, God was reconciling the world to himself.

**We confess that Jesus Christ is God with us,
the eternal Son of the Father,
who became human and lived among us
to fulfill the work of reconciliation.**

**We believe that the risen Christ is present in the church
by the power of the Holy Spirit
to continue and complete his mission.**

**This work of God,
the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
is the foundation of all we say
about God, ourselves, and the world.**

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

Draw Up the Water from the Well

Traditional Spiritual
Text: Dav

†Prayer of Dedication

GOING TO SERVE GOD IN THE WORLD

†HYMN 275

A Mighty Fortress is Our God

EIN' FESTE BURG

†INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

†BENEDICTION IN WORDS

BENEDICTION IN MUSIC

Wade in the Water

Traditional Spiritual
Arrangement: Edwin Fissinger

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE

After each scripture reading the reader will say, "The Word of the Lord." All are invited to respond, "Thanks be to God."

MUSICAL OFFERING

Today's Musical Offering uses the imagery of the vast ocean to ponder how human understanding is dwarfed by the ineffable knowledge and wisdom of God.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Following the proclamation of the Word, the congregation is given the opportunity to respond to hearing God's Word by affirming what the church believes and expressing our faith. This gives us the opportunity to say what we believe about God and what God has done in history. Our faith statements should reflect the deep commitment of our lives. Today's affirmation is adapted from The Confession of 1967, which focuses on God's reconciling work in Jesus Christ and the church's mission of reconciliation.

OFFERTORY

Based on the Jesus' conversation with the Samaritan women at the well recounted in John 4:1-16 where Jesus says, "whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst."

A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD

This hymn, which has stood the test of time, is one of the hymns most identified with the Protestant Reformation. Contrary to popular belief, or urban legend, there is no evidence that the tune to which Martin Luther wrote these words is a bar song. Rather, this tune is in the common folk style from the Renaissance era.

SEPTEMBER 8

JOIN US!

Breakfast, 9 am



Meet your teachers. Learn about Sunday School for Children and Adults.

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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
Pat Baker, Director of Older Adult and Caregiver Ministries
Bonnie Gladden, Director, St. Andrews School
Gretchen Perkins, Administrative Assistant
Debbie Hutto, Financial Administrator

ST. ANDREWS PRESBYTERIAN

Upcoming Events

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| August- | 25 | Visitor's Coffee, 9 a.m. |
| | 25 | Coro Voci Concert, 3 p.m. |
| | 25 | Youth Group Pool Party, 4:30 p.m. |
| September- | 8 | Rally Day, 9 a.m. |
| | 22 | Homecoming BBQ |
| October- | 2, 9, 16, 23 | "Big Table" Wed. Night Dinners |
| | 27 | Kirking of the Tartans |

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CALENDAR

Sunday, August 25th

9:00 AM Visitor's Coffee
10:00 AM Worship
11:15 AM OACM Advisory Group
3:00 PM Coro Voci Concert
4:00 PM Dinner, Clifton Sanctuary
4:30 PM Youth Pool Party

Monday, August 26th

8:00 PM AA/ALAnon

Tuesday, August 27th

Wednesday, August 28th

10:00 AM Knit N Love
5:00 PM Little Light

Thursday, August 29th

Friday, August 30th

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

Saturday, August 31st

Sunday, September 1st

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 update the office about any changes in the condition of your loved ones.

Congratulations to Wes Pitts and Liz Whittington on the birth of their son, Walter "Walt" Charles Pitts Whittington.

Peggy Benedict

Jeff Patillo

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

Sharon Shenkman-North Decatur HRC, **Evelyn Wallace**-at home, **Clyde Wentz**-The Phoenix at Tucker, **Sue & Bona Puckett**-The Phoenix at Tucker, **Barbara Mattheis**-Regency House, **Susan Goslin** in hospice care.

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, in Room 107.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nominating Committee The Nominating Committee is currently in the process of identifying and nominating a slate of elder and deacon candidates to present to the congregation this fall. Members of the congregation who wish to suggest someone for these positions (either self or another member) should complete the Nominating Committee Suggestion Card found in the pews and the narthex, and return it in the offering plate or to the office.

Flowers Today are given by Burrelle Meeks in loving memory of Earl Meeks.

Welcome We welcome members of *Coro Voci* in worship today, under the direction of Ed Weaver, with thanks for providing music to the glory of God this morning. Please return this afternoon at 3:00 PM to hear their program.

Coro Voci Concert Join us this afternoon at 3:00 PM for Coro Voci's Concert: *Earth ~ Water ~ Fire ~ Wind*. Come back to the cool of the Sanctuary and enjoy some music to warm your heart. There will be a reception following in Heffner Hall.

OACM Advisory Group The Older Adult and Caregiver Ministries advisory group will be meeting today at 11:15 AM in the Meeting Room. Anyone interested in this ministry is welcomed to attend. This group meets to give feedback on the ministry and be a sounding board for Pat as she works to meet the needs of older adults and caregivers in our congregation.

Youth Pool Party Today Calling all youth in grades 6-12! We are going to kick-off the new school year at the Burns' house with a pool party, today, 4:30-7:30 PM. Bring a side dish, swim gear, and a friend. Contact John with any questions, john@sapctucker.org. (4221 Bonaparte Court, Tucker) Get ready for an awesome time!

Knit N Love will meet this Wednesday, August 28th, at 10:00 AM in the Library. If you can knit or crochet, or would like to learn, please join us and be part of the prayer shawl team! Contact Marcia Noble with any questions, mjanoble@yahoo.com.

39ers The 39ers are a group of people who like to meet and fellowship together and everyone is welcome to join them for their next meeting Wednesday, September 4th at Noon at Colossus Pizza. (4369 Hugh Howell Rd, Tucker) Contact Charles Mills with any questions, 678-575-2636.

Volunteer for Our Presbytery Would you be interested in serving on a presbytery committee or commission? Please review the opportunities and complete a Volunteer Interest Form on their website: www.atlpcusa.org/committees.

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