

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
ST. ANDREWS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SEPTEMBER 8, 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 *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending*

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Our Creator is molding us into something new,

Open our hearts to God's love and forgiveness.

God is at work, nurturing and caring for us, to live in a new way;

The Spirit is calling us back to God's abundant life.

Jesus is leading us in the way of God's love.

We are here to worship God, and to be shaped by God into the fullness of God's intention for us.

†HYMN 336

We Gather Together

KRESMER

CONFESSING OUR SIN

Holy God, like children long indulged, we are quick to presume your pardon, your sanction of the way we live. We turn away from neighbors in need, sharing fragments that remain only after our cravings have been met.

Merciful Maker, you created us for better use; remake us now. Where we are distorted re-center and reshape us, bring us low and raise us up. Then fire our hearts until we shine with your glory and find our place in your purpose.

Silence is kept for personal prayers of confession.

CHORAL PETITION 695

Change My Heart, O God

CHANGE MY HEART

Change my heart, O God; make it ever true.

Change my heart, O God, may I be like you.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

†JOYFUL RESPONSE 610

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

AZMON

O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,

The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of God's grace!

**To God All glory, praise, and love be now and ever given,
By saints below and saints above, the church in earth and heaven.**

†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.

Opening Voluntary

Based on the tune BEACH SPRING attributed to B.F. White from *The Sacred Harp*, 1844

WE GATHER TOGETHER

Originally written to celebrate God's faithfulness at the end of the 80-year war between the Netherlands and Spain, this hymn of thanksgiving does blend piety and patriotism. We should be cautious, though, not to presume that the good of the nation and God's "kingdom divine" are not one and the same.

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

Carol Gordon

EPISTLE READING

2 Corinthians 4:1-18

Pew Bible, page 169 (NT)

MUSICAL OFFERING

Psalm 139

Allen Pote

HEBREW SCRIPTURE READING

Jeremiah 18:1-11

Pew Bible, page 677(OT)

CHILDREN'S LESSON

Pray Ground Dedication

Please see bulletin insert

SERMON

The Potter and the Clay

Rev. Camille LeBron Powell

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

†HYMN 32

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

ELLACOMBE

†LITANY OF WELCOME FOR OUR SEMINARY INTERN

Leader: We gather together to worship the Living God.

People: **We come from different places with different concerns, but we come to worship God as a community of faith.**

Leader: God has done wondrous things as the reign of God has touched our community and called us to service.

People: **God has blessed us as individuals and as a community.**

Leader: God continues to bless us in many and specific ways. And on this day we celebrate the coming of Kristen Sommerfeld into our midst.

Intern: *I give thanks to God for this opportunity to serve and learn amidst this community of faith.*

People: **Our homes, our hospitals and nursing homes, our classrooms and programs, our sanctuary, our lives are open to you, Kristen.**

Intern: *As one preparing for a life of service as a minister of Jesus Christ, I seek to earn your trust.*

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

Be Thou My Vision

Setting by Dale Wood

Offertory Response 608

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

PRAISE GOD

†Prayer of Dedication

GOING TO SERVE GOD IN THE WORLD

†HYMN 761

Called as Partners in Christ's Service

BEECHER

†INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

†BENEDICTION IN WORDS

BENEDICTION IN MUSIC *God Moves in a Mysterious Way* Arranged by Roy Brunner

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE

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

I SING THE MIGHTY POWER OF GOD

Based on the creation accounts in the opening chapters of Genesis, this hymn also includes allusions to the Psalms (33:5, 107:25, 139:7-10, and 148:8). The tune illuminate the words from scripture as we praise God for creation.

OFFERTORY

Based on the Hymn tune SLANE.

CALLED AS PARTNERS IN CHRIST'S SERVICE

Written by Jane Parker Huber, this hymn is a celebration of mutuality and diversity as well as a challenge to the Christian community to live out a ministry of reconciliation and inclusion. This 20th-century text is set to a 19th-century tune named for the noted pastor and preacher Henry Ward Beecher.

BENEDICTION IN MUSIC

Refer to Hymn 30

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
Kristen Sommerfeld, Seminary Intern



CALENDAR

Sunday, September 8th

9:00 AM Rally Day Breakfast
10:00 AM Worship
11:15 AM Diaconate
4:00 PM Chancel Bells
5:00 PM Nominating Committee
5:00 PM Youth Choir
6:00 PM Youth Group/Dinner

Monday, September 9th

8:00 PM AA/ALAnon

Tuesday, September 10th

Wednesday, September 11th

5:00 PM Little Light
7:30 PM Chancel Choir

Thursday, September 12th

Friday, September 13th

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

Saturday, September 14st

Sunday, September 15th

9:00 AM Sunday School
10:00 AM Worship
4:00 PM Chancel Bells

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.

Peggy Benedict

Jeff Patillo

The Family of Susan Goslin

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

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

Flowers Today are given by Carol Gordon in loving memory of John Gordon.

The Nominating Committee will meet today at 5:00 PM in the Meeting Room.

BBQ Our annual Homecoming BBQ is fast approaching! Welcome all our old and new members, visitors, and Cristo Congregation for a meal together following worship on September 22. Join in by volunteering to help set up or clean up, to help with pulling the pork and chicken, or by bringing a side dish or dessert. Please see your September *Lamp-lighter* for a link to sign up, or contact Mindy McCarthy, 470-216-1956.

Big Table Planning We're Back! Big Table Reunion and Planning meeting will be Wednesday, September 18 from 6:00-7:00 p.m. in Heffner Hall. It's time to ramp up our plans for BIG TABLE 2019-20. Everyone is invited to be our guest for dinner. We'll reconnect, talk about plans for Fall and Advent, and have a little fun. It's a great time to plug into our SAPC midweek get-togethers on Wednesday nights! Seeking kids from 1-92; we are all God's children and all are welcome here! Contact Merle Westbrook (770) 934-4735 to RSVP, request childcare, or with any questions.

Presbyterian Women All the women of St. Andrews are invited to attend the 2019-2020 Bible study, meeting the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 10:00 a.m. in the Meeting Room, September-May. This year we will study *Love Carved in Stone*, a fresh look at the Ten Commandments, by Eugenia Ann Gamble. After Bible Study, there will be time for fellowship and refreshments. For more information about the Presbyterian Women, please contact Jackie Harper, 770-934-3463. To order a study book, contact Mary O'Brien, 770-939-2412. The first meeting will be September 17th at 10:00 a.m.

Book Discussion Please join Pat Baker on September 17 at Noon in the Meeting Room for a discussion of the book *Loss of Dreams: A Special Kind of Grief* by Ted Bowman. No pre-reading is required, simply come join in the discussion, and learn some valuable skills in coping with loss.

re:loom The next meeting for re:loom will be Monday, September 16th at 6:30 PM in the church library. Contact Jill Jarvis with any questions, 770-923-3370.

Youth Choir and Youth Group/Supper Join us this evening at 5:00 for youth choir and stay for Supper and Games at 6:00. Bring a friend and get ready for fun! Contact John McCrosky for more information or with questions, john@sapctucker.org.

CONNECT AT ST. ANDREWS

Facebook- facebook.com/sapctucker/ *Like and follow us – for photos and announcements*

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

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

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

COVENANT FOR WORSHIPPING WITH CHILDREN

COVENANT VOWS

For the St. Andrews Church Worshiping Community:

Do you affirm that all of God's children are welcome in this sanctuary and that it is especially in times of worship when we learn and form our faith?

I do

If the noises and activity of children make it difficult for you to participate at your comfort, will you choose grace instead of criticism, and if needed move to an area less distracting, or if that isn't possible, provide loving and gentle correction.

I will, with God's help

Will you model how to live together in our faith community by doing your part to provide a safe, open, inclusive and welcoming atmosphere... maybe even invite a child to sit with you on occasion?

I will

Will you model how we grow together in our faith community by participating in opportunities for faith formation through spiritual, educational, mission and fellowship programs and events regularly?

I will

For parents and families:

As a parent, will you participate and model for your children how to belong to our faith community by caring and praying for one another, engage in opportunities to grow and nurture your faith, and give back to God in whatever ways you are gifted?

I will, with God's help

With our worshiping children, will you take time to explain the different parts of worship and be open to answering their questions, and if you don't know the answer, will you ask the worship leaders together?

I will

As a parent of a St. Andrews child, will you regularly remind your children of our worshiping covenant and how to respectfully participate in our faith community and encourage ways for them to assist in leading worship as they are ready?

I will

For worshiping children:

Will you be mindful of those around you and be respectful of their needs?

I will with God's Help

Will you use all worship materials appropriately and take care to return everything in good shape and If you choose to participate in the pray-ground, will you listen to the shepherds guiding you in worship, engage in your activities quietly, and respect the space and materials?

I will with God's Help

Will you participate in the movements and rituals of worship and when you are curious about something we do in worship, ask your parent or other trusted adult for understanding.

I will

Will you stretch your imagination as you worship and share what you learn and will you look forward to ways you can participate in leading worship.

I will

We Welcome Children in this Place

words: John McCrosky, 2019

ENDLESS SONG 8.7.8.7.Ref.

Robert Lowry, 1869

The musical score is written for a piano accompaniment in G major, 3/4 time, with a tempo of 66. It consists of four systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are: "We welcome children in this place; this is where they belong. While worshipping the God of Grace; with prayer, praise, and song. 'Let all the children come to me,' Jesus said, 'don't forbid them because the kingdom belongs to those who are like little children.'" The score includes various chords such as G, C, D, D7, Em, and D7/G.

COVENANT PRAYER (RESPONSIVE)

Eternal and gracious God, we give you thanks. In countless ways and countless times you have revealed yourself, and have made covenants with us. With Adam and Eve and your creation, With Noah and your rainbow, With Sarah and Abraham and your people, With Jesus and you new creation. These covenants are examples of your steadfast love for us and all creation.

Today we renew these covenant as we welcome children into this place of worship and praise to you, O God.

We praise and thank you for the gift of these children and for their families, and for this family of faith. In all we say and do as we worship, work, and play may we be a reflection of your steadfast love.

In the name of the one who will come again, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.