

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY  
ST. ANDREWS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
SEPTEMBER 22, 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 *If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee* J. S. Bach

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, all who are poor in spirit; Come, all who mourn;  
Come, all who are meek; Come, all who hunger and thirst for righteousness.  
**Come, all who would be merciful; Come, all who would be pure in heart;  
Come, all who would be peacemakers.**  
Let us come together—the weak, the simple, the powerless, the foolish.  
**Let us confess that the source of our life is Christ Jesus.**  
Let us worship the God of every blessing.

†HYMN 816 *If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee* WEN NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT

CONFESSING OUR SIN

Merciful God, forgive us, for we live as if the world revolves around our needs. Forgive us, Holy God, for out of fear and scarcity, we waste all that you have entrusted to us and destroy resources that can be used to nourish and uplift others. Forgive us, Abundant God, for we have become so mired in our luxuries and pleasures, we fail to recognize those around us who are without life's basic necessities. God of great compassion, turn us around. Show us again how to see beyond ourselves and break the idols of scarcity. Use your Holy Spirit to guide us in using our resources to benefit all in our community.

*Silence is kept for personal prayers of confession.*

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

†JOYFUL RESPONSE *Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks* ALLELUIA NO. 1

Refrain: **Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.**

**Come let us praise the living God, Joyfully sing to our Savior. (Refrain)**

†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 hymn tune by Georg Neumark (1621-1681)

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		Mary Evans
HEBREW SCRIPTURE READING	Jeremiah 8:18-9:1	Pew Bible, page 667(OT)
MUSICAL OFFERING	<i>There is A Balm in Gilead</i>	Traditional Spiritual Arranged by William L. Dawson
GOSPEL READING	John 14:15-27	Pew Bible, page 103(NT)
CHILDREN'S LESSON		
SERMON	<i>From Comfort to Advocate</i>	Rev. Dr. Rebecca Davis

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

†HYMN 769 *For Everyone Born* FOR EVERYONE BORN

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from *The Confession of Belhar*

**We believe in God—the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, who gathers, protects and cares for the church.**

**We believe the church is one worldwide communion of saints, called from the entire human family.**

**We believe the church is the single community of believers, reconciled with God and with one another.**

**We believe that through the working of God's Spirit, unity is a binding force and also that we must seek this unity, which must become visible to the world.**

**We believe that the sin of division, separation and hatred between people and groups has been conquered by Christ.**

**We commit ourselves to protecting the unity of the church universal.**

**We pledge to make this unity active in all of our words, thoughts and deeds.**

### MOMENT FOR CONNECTION

### 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** *If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee* Georg Böhm

**Offertory Response***Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow* PRAISE GOD  
**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

#### †Prayer of Dedication

## GOING TO SERVE GOD IN THE WORLD

†HYMN 765 *May the God of Hope Go with Us* ARGENTINA

#### SCRIPTURE RESPONSE

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

#### 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.

#### AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*The Confession of Belhar* is a powerful confession of Christian faith that emerged in South Africa during the years of Apartheid. Named for the city where it was first adopted, it is a statement that focuses on the themes of Unity, Reconciliation, and Justice. Churches around the globe have recognized the power and theological insight of *Belhar* as an expression of Scriptural truth for their own contexts. In 2016 the 222<sup>nd</sup> General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA) formally adopted the confession into our *The Book of Confessions*.

†INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

†BENEDICTION IN WORDS

BENEDICTION IN MUSIC *If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee* Anna Laura Page

### 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, Office Manager  
Debbie Hutto, Financial Administrator  
Kristen Sommerfeld, Seminary Intern

## **connections** *at St. Andrews*

Looking for Connections?

- Check out our small groups on the list in the narthex or on our website...
- Tell us what you think, or ask us what you want to know...
- Join us for our Connections Fair on October 13th



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### 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*

## CALENDAR

### **Sunday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>**

9:00 AM Sunday School  
10:00 AM Worship  
11:30 AM Church BBQ  
4:00 PM Chancel Bells  
4:45 PM Youth-Clifton Sanctuaries

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

8:00 PM AA/ALAnon

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

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

10:00 AM Knit N Love  
5:00 PM Little Light  
7:30 PM Chancel Choir

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

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

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

### **Saturday, September 28<sup>st</sup>**

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

9:00 AM Sunday School  
10:00 AM Worship  
11:15 AM Session Meeting  
4:00 PM Chancel Bells  
5:00 PM Youth Group/Supper

## 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.

### **Betty Weber**

**Congratulations to Ed & Emma Forrester on their marriage**

**Jared Kubik as he joins the Marines and heads to bootcamp**

### **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

**BBQ** Our annual Homecoming BBQ is today! Join us in Heffner Hall for lunch after worship today.

**Welcome** Rev. Dr. Rebecca Davis, Associate Professor of Christian Education at Union Presbyterian Seminary in Charlotte, NC as our preacher. She serves on the National Committee on the Self-Development of People, which met in Atlanta this week. The committee is a ministry of the PC(USA) that affirms God's concern for humankind, is dissatisfied with poverty and oppression, united in faith and action through sharing, confronting, and enabling by participating in the empowerment of economically poor, oppressed, and disadvantaged people, seeking to change the structures that perpetuate poverty, oppression and injustice.

**Church Directory** At the BBQ today, please see the copies of our new pictorial directory. If you have updates or changes, please mark them on the copies of the directory. If you have an updated picture, please bring it, or email it to the office before September 30.

**Youth Group** Join us this afternoon at 4:45. Our amazing chefs have made extra BBQ to take to the men at Clifton Sanctuaries. We will be helping at the shelter and serving dinner this evening. Meet by the buses. Contact John McCrosky for more information or with questions, [john@sapctucker.org](mailto:john@sapctucker.org).

**N.E.T Food Pantry** St. Andrews will staff the N.E.T. Food Pantry during the month of October. Pantry hours are 11 am – 2 pm every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Volunteers are needed to greet clients and pack food orders. If you would like to volunteer for a day in the Pantry, please call Klara Smith, 770-934-1288.

**Heffner Hall** Engagement is cleaning out the refrigerator and freezer in Heffner Hall. If you use the refrigerator/freezer, please help by:

Marking items with the date and the group using them,

Leaving items for another group only after asking leader if they can use them,

Checking supplies (especially condiments) before buying additional items.

Please don't leave unmarked items!

**Knit N Love** will meet this Wednesday, September 25th, 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](mailto:mjanoble@yahoo.com).

**Service Day** The Mission Ministry of St. Andrews is having a service day at Jolly Ave Garden (Friends of Refugees), in Clarkston on Saturday, October 12<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM. The youth and adults of SAPC are invited to attend. We will be placing and securing fence panels to metal posts around the garden. Tools will be provided; bring work gloves, if desired. To sign up, or if you need a ride, and for any questions, contact Mike Bearden, [michaelrbearden@bellsouth.net](mailto:michaelrbearden@bellsouth.net), 404-660-8234.

**Weber Family** Betty Weber's health is declining. The family is asking for no visitors at this time, but cards and letters are most welcome.

Ron & Betty Weber, 403 Trailfinders Way, Canton, GA 30114

**Church Project** Seeking donations of men's ties for a church project, specifically ties that are gold or white. There will be a box in the narthex where you can leave them. Questions? Contact the office, [office@sapctucker.org](mailto:office@sapctucker.org).