

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

ST. ANDREWS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

HUNGER AND HOMELESSNESS AWARENESS SUNDAY

NOVEMBER 17, 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

Prelude on HOLY MANNA

Dale Wood

†INTROIT 37

Let All Things Now Living

ASH GROVE

**Let all things now living, a song of thanksgiving
To God our Creator triumphantly raise;
Who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,
By guiding us on to the end of our days.**

†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 20

All Things Bright and Beautiful

ROYAL OAK

CONFESSING OUR SIN

Merciful God, you call us to live out our faith in ways which honor you and bless our neighbors. Now we confess that too often our lives become so cluttered with personal baggage that we worship you with distracted minds and drifting thoughts. Forgive us if we worship you with words and actions which do not arise from hearts centered on you; so that our rituals, words and gestures become trite and emptied of meaning. Forgive us when concern over our outward appearance of piety is greater than our generosity of spirit; so that we fail to identify and own the longings of your heart, O God. Forgive us when we choose to ignore your desire to work with us to create a genuinely human community where justice is done and mercy is truly experienced; where the oppressed are set free; the hungry are fed; the homeless are given shelter and peace is experienced by all. This we pray in Jesus' name.
Silence is kept for personal prayers of confession.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

JOYFUL RESPONSE 647

Give Thanks

GIVE THANKS

**Give thanks with a grateful heart; give thanks to the Holy One;
Give thanks because we're given Jesus Christ, the Son. (repeat)
Give thanks.**

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

Brethren, We Have Met to Worship From *The Columbia Harmony*, 1825

ALL THINGS BRIGHT AND BEAUTIFUL

Written almost 200 years ago, this beloved hymn was originally part of an effort to help children understand the Apostles' Creed. The final stanza shifts the focus to the singers—we who have been given the ability to observe these wonders have also been given the ability and responsibility 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

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.”

HEARING GOD’S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Judy Cook

HEBREW SCRIPTURE READING Micah 6:1-8

Pew Bible, page 816(OT)

MUSICAL OFFERING *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing* *Repository of Sacred Music*
Setting by John Carter

GOSPEL READING Matthew 5:1-12

Pew Bible, page 4(NT)

SERMON *For Everyone*

Rev. Camille LeBron Powell

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

†HYMN 172

Blest Are They

BLEST ARE THEY

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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 our selves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church.

The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the church.

In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

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.

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.

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE

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

BLEST ARE THEY

The joyful refrain of this paraphrase of the Beatitudes (Matthew 5:3-12a) amplifies each blessing.

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

To God Be the Glory

William H. Doane
Arr. Smith and Hustard

†**Offertory Response 612** *We Praise You, O God*

KREMSER

**We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;
In grateful devotion our tribute we bring.
We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you;
We bless your holy name; glad praises we sing.**

†**Prayer of Dedication**

GOING TO SERVE GOD IN THE WORLD

†**HYMN 372**

O for a World

AZMON

†**INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP**

†**BENEDICTION IN WORDS**

BENEDICTION IN MUSIC *What're My God Ordains Is Good*

John Walther
Setting by 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
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Kristen Sommerfeld, Seminary Intern

Grateful



October 6 - November 24

A season exploring
gratitude
through worship,
faith formation, and
daily practices
at SAPC

CALENDAR

Sunday, November 17th

9:00 AM Sunday School
10:00 AM Worship
11:15 AM Women's Ensemble
11:30 AM Session Meeting
4:00 PM Chancel Bells
4:00 PM Youth trip to IKEA

Monday, November 18th

6:30 PM re:loom
8:00 PM AA/ALAnon

Tuesday, November 19th

10:00 AM Presbyterian Women
12:00 PM HomeFit Seminar

Wednesday, November 20th

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

Thursday, November 21st

Friday, November 22th

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

Saturday, November 23rd

Sunday, November 24th

9:00 AM Sunday School
10:00 AM Worship
11:00 AM OACM Advisory Group
Mr. Rogers Movie
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.

Nancy Reichmann

Charles Mills

Bona Puckett

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 **Ron and Betty Weber** at home

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 Arch and Pat Baker in loving memory of Arch C. Baker Jr.

Hunger and Homelessness Sunday The PC (USA) joins with people and groups across the U.S. in Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week and designates Sunday, November 17, 2019 as Hunger and Homelessness Sunday. During this season of gratitude, we are challenged, as a congregation, to raise up the crisis of hunger and homelessness during worship on this Sunday. Please see today's bulletin inserts to learn more about the extent of these problems in our country and the world, to learn about many of the agencies and activities that our congregation supports in helping to end these problems, and to learn about additional ways that you can take action and share God's love and belonging with those in need in our communities.

Youth Group Join us today at 4:00 PM for a fun field trip to IKEA! We're going to have fun with a one-of-a kind scavenger hunt - you won't want to miss it! Bring money for supper in IKEA's awesome cafeteria. Contact John McCrosky for more information or with questions, john@sapctucker.org.

NETWorks Christmas Shoppe We are collecting new toys for NETWorks' Good Neighbor Christmas Shop in the Narthex through Sunday, December 1st. The toys will be sold at affordable prices to low-income parents in our community, allowing them to provide Christmas gifts for their families. Toys are not given away, believing families prefer to provide for themselves. This assists in preserving the pride and dignity of the family. Click here more information. Please contact Paul Ellingson with any questions, 770-310-8396.

HomeFit Seminar Tuesday, November 19th from 12:00 –1:00 PM in the meeting room. Dennis Lippy is an "Aging in Place Specialist" with AARP's HomeFit program. Each person will receive the *AARP HomeFit Guide*, which suggests solutions allowing the possibility of staying longer in your own home.

Chrismon Making Everyone interested in making this year's Chrismons is invited to join us in the library tomorrow evening— Monday, November 18th at 6:30 PM. It is a St. Andrews tradition that each family that attends Christmas Eve services at SAPC receives a Chrismon ornament to take home. Everyone is welcome. Please bring good scissors, if you have them. Contact Margaret Williams with any questions, 770-938-1489.

Presbyterian Women The PW will meet for bible study, fellowship and refreshments on Tuesday, November 19th at 10:00 AM in the meeting room, and all of the women of St. Andrews are welcome to attend. Please contact Jackie Harper with any questions, 770-934-3463.

A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood Join your church family to see the new Mr. Rogers movie, *A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood*. We're going to see the 3:30 showing at North Dekalb Mall on 11/24. If you would like to ride the bus or carpool from the church, please meet in the church parking lot by the busses by 2:30. If you want to meet us at the theater, you should plan to arrive by 3:00. We are not purchasing group tickets or requiring reservations. You may choose to buy your ticket in advance online or at the box office that day (\$4.99 each + taxes/fees for all ages). After the movie all who are interested and able, are invited to go out to dinner and have some time to share fellowship and talk about the film.

NET Food Pantry On Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Sunday, please remember the NET Food Pantry on your next shopping trip. SAPC provides powdered milk, grits, and oatmeal year-round. Donations of other shelf-stable foods are also welcome. There is a collection box in the narthex.