

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
ST. ANDREWS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
CHRIST THE KING
NOVEMBER 24, 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 *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing* Arr. Arnold Sherman
Chancel Bells

†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

The Lord has filled our mouths with laughter and our tongues with shouts of joy.
The Lord has done great things for us, and we are glad indeed.

†HYMN 336 *We Gather Together* KREMSER

CONFESSING OUR SIN

Holy God, you know us better than we know ourselves. You see our need when we are blind to it. You have made us to be yours. In your compassion, forgive us for our lack of faith and the harm we do to others and to your earth. Forgive us for turning away from your will, for ignoring the cries of our neighbors, for failing to listen to what is most nourishing even for ourselves. Let our faults fall from your eyes as you open ours. Hear this and answer, in Jesus' holy 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.**

†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 NETTLETON.

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

Phyllis Bearden

EPISTLE READING

Colossians 1:10-20

Pew Bible, page 188(NT)

MUSICAL OFFERING

Come, Christians Join to Sing

Benjamin Harlan

HEBREW SCRIPTURE READING

Psalms 126

Pew Bible, page 541(OT)

CHILDREN'S LESSON

SERMON

Grateful: A Habit

Rev. Camille LeBron Powell

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

†HYMN 74

When God Restored Our Common Life

RESIGNATION

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

“Fear God. Honor the emperor.” Scripture tells us that, in the as yet unredeemed world in which the church also exists, the State has by divine appointment the task of providing for justice and peace. It fulfills this task by means of the threat and exercise of force, according to the measure of human judgment and human ability.

The church acknowledges the benefit of this divine appointment in gratitude and reverence before him. It calls to mind the Kingdom of God, God's commandment and righteousness, and thereby the responsibility both of rulers and of the ruled. It trusts and obeys the power of the Word by which God upholds all things.

We reject the false doctrine, as though the State, over and beyond its special commission, should and could become the single and totalitarian order of human life, thus fulfilling the church's vocation as well.

We reject the false doctrine, as though the church, over and beyond its special commission, should and could appropriate the characteristics, the tasks, and the dignity of the State, thus itself becoming an organ of the State.

The church's commission, upon which its freedom is founded, consists in delivering the message of the free grace of God to all people in Christ's stead, and therefore in the ministry of his own Word and work through sermon and Sacrament.

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

We Will Glorify
Women's Ensemble

Twila Paris
Setting by Jack Schrader

†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.

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE

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

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Today's responsive affirmation is adapted from *The Theological Declaration of Barmen*, which was written to help Christians withstand the challenges of the Nazi party. In May of 1934 delegates representing Lutheran, Reformed, and United churches from around Germany assembled in the town of Barmen to proclaim their faith in Jesus Christ. *The Declaration*, written primarily by Karl Barth, affirmed that while Christians must still listen to the surrounding culture, Christ is ultimately the *only* one to whom the church owes obedience. The church should not hand over its message to the prevailing ideological convictions of the day. This affirmation is proper on this particular day in the church year when we affirm the Reign and Lordship of Christ.

†Prayer of Dedication

GOING TO SERVE GOD IN THE WORLD

†HYMN 268

Crown Him with Many Crowns

DIADEMATA

†INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

†BENEDICTION IN WORDS

BENEDICTION IN MUSIC

Voluntary on DIADEMATA

Charles Callahan

CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS

Matthew Bridges employs multiple senses (sound, sight, and smell) to speak of the many titles (or “crowns”) for Christ. With the images from scripture lifting up Christ’s reign, this hymn is appropriate for the last Sunday of the liturgical year, Christ the King.

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

ADVENT AT ST. ANDREWS

WHAT
CAN'T
WAIT

<http://sapctucker.org/>

In Worship

- 12/1** God's Promised Day Can't Wait
- 12/8** Repentance Can't Wait
- 12/15** Delight Can't Wait
- 12/22** Courage Can't Wait

Special Events & Services

- 12/4** Big Table - Hanging of the Greens
- 12/11** Big Table - Christmas Party
- 12/18** Big Table - What Can't Wait
- 12/22** Lessons & Carols 6:30 pm
- 12/24** Christmas Eve 5:00 & 11:00 pm

CALENDAR

Sunday, November 24th

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

Monday, November 25th

8:00 PM AA/ALAnon

Tuesday, November 26th

Wednesday, November 27th

Thursday, November 28th

Friday, November 29th

8:00 PM AA/ALAnon

Saturday, November 30th

Sunday, December 1st

9:00 AM Sunday School
10:00 AM Worship
11:15 AM Education Ministry
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.

Congratulations to Debbie Hutto, our Finance Administrator, on the birth of her first grandchild.

Nancy Reichmann

Charles Mills

Bona Puckett

Lisa Bunce

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 Wayne and Linda Fuller with thanks to God.

Advent Devotionals "What Can't Wait," are available in the narthex and in the office. These devotionals include prayers, journal prompts, reflections, original art, and coloring pages all inspired by our scripture texts for the season. There is also a family advent calendar available.

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 this afternoon. 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.

Youth Group will join in the church trip to see the Mr. Rogers Movie. Please see the announcement above for details. Please bring money for the movie and dinner out. 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 8th. 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, preserving the pride and dignity of the family. Please contact Paul Ellingson with any questions, 770-310-8396.

Thanksgiving Dinner Our partner congregation, *Cristo para Todas las Naciones*, invites St. Andrews to their Thanksgiving dinner and service on Thursday, November 28 at 7:00 PM in Heffner Hall. Those who went last year had a wonderful time, and anyone who would like to join them is most welcome to attend.

Big Table Advent is almost here! Please mark your calendar and save the date for Big Table on December 4, 11, and 18th from 5:45-7:30 PM.

NET Food Pantry 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.

Change for Children Next Sunday, December 1st we will take our monthly offering for Change for Children. Please bring in your change.

Christmas Tree Lot Boy Scout Troop 129 is selling trees and wreaths at St. Andrews again this year. The troop travels to select and cut the trees each year and this is the major fund-raiser for their troop. They will be open 9am-9pm on weekends, and 5pm-9pm on weekdays until December 20th, or until they sell out.

Church at Prayer will not meet next Friday, November 29th.

Office Closed The church office will be closed next week on November 27-29th for Thanksgiving.