

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

ST. ANDREWS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 1, 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 *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* Setting by Paul Manz

†CALL TO WORSHIP

What can't wait?

Hope for a better day.

What can't wait?

Peace and repentance, among and within us.

What can't wait?

Joy and delight! Our cup runs over.

What can't wait?

Love for self, love for neighbor, love for Creator, and love for creation.

Those who deny hope will never know vulnerability; for hope requires us to believe in a better day – even when this one is falling apart. For hope is to believe in God's ability to bring about a better day; God is waiting, and God is ready.

Starting here and now - let us worship Holy God. Amen.

†HYMN 82

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

HYFRYDOL

CONFESSING OUR SIN AND LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

...I will wait for a lot of things, but I will not wait for hope.

We cannot wait for hope, because we want to live with hope - today and every day. We want to roll our sleeves up and get to work - living, serving, giving, and transforming with the hope of a better day.

We strive to live our hopes, but too often fall back into our fears. Confident in God's grace, let us confess the ways we have failed to lead lives driven by hope

Gracious God,

You paint a picture of a better world-

A world of peace and joy, of equality and grace.

But we turn our heads and close our eyes,

Afraid that you might want us to help.

You ask us to be brave, and we are complacent.

You ask us to speak out, but instead we stay quiet.

You ask us to listen, and we assume we are the experts.

You lead with love, and we wait on the sidelines.

Forgive us for always being ten steps behind you.

Forgive us for all the ways we are works in progress.

Fill our hearts with a hope that won't let go.

Silence is kept for personal prayers of confession.

WELCOME

The service begins with the first note of the Opening Voluntary.

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

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

ADVENT THEME AND PRAYERS

This Advent season we are following the theme, "What Can't Wait" from A Sanctified Art, LLC. A Sanctified Art believes God speaks to us through many mediums and that creativity is an integral part of worship. They create curriculum and worship resources, including the Advent Devotionals found in the Narthex. The Call to Worship, Prayer of Confession, and Candle Lighting Liturgy are adapted from prayers written by Sarah Are of A Sanctified Art.

COME, THOU LONG-EXPECTED JESUS

This familiar hymn is often associated as a signal of the advent season, though there is little focus on the nativity. The lyrics remind us of the larger mystery to be celebrated in Christ's birth: freedom from fear and death.

SILENCE

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

It is right to lift up thanks and praise.

...We pray all this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray together, saying:

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.

Breaking of the Bread and Pouring of the Cup

Communion of the People

Communion Song *Come Now, O Prince of Peace* O-SO-SO

Come hope of u - ni - ty; make us one bo - dy.
Come, O Lord Je - sus; re - con - cile all peo - ple.

Prayer after Communion

GOING TO SERVE GOD IN THE WORLD

†HYMN 93 *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates* TRURO

†INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

†BENEDICTION IN WORDS

†BENEDICTION IN MUSIC *Variation on HYFRYDOL* Charles Callahan

The invitation to the Lord's Supper is not just for Presbyterians or church members. With the knowledge that we can never earn the grace we receive through Christ, we believe that anyone with the desire to come to the table demonstrates a desire to know Christ, and is welcome. Access to the Table is not a right conferred upon the worthy but a privilege given to the undeserving who come in faith, repentance, and love. Even one who doubts or whose trust is wavering may receive the bread and cup in order to be assured of God's love and grace in Jesus Christ.

All are invited to the Lord's Table to receive Communion, which is served by intinction today. Congregants proceed via the center aisle to receive the bread (gluten-free bread is available at the center station), which they then dip into the chalice of nonalcoholic grape juice. Worshipers return to their pews by the side aisles.

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.andrewspresbyteriantucker *Follow us- pictures and updates*

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

Contact Us- Office Hours are M-F from 9:00AM-1:00PM, 770-938-2833, office@sapctucker.org

Join us in Worship & Fellowship

WHAT CAN'T WAIT

Advent 2019

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CALENDAR

Sunday, December 1st

9:00 AM Sunday School
10:00 AM Worship
11:15 AM Education Ministry
4:00 PM Chancel Bells

Monday, December 2nd

12:00 PM 39ers
8:00 PM AA/ALAnon

Tuesday, December 3rd

Wednesday, December 4th

5:00 PM Little Light
5:45 PM Big Table

Thursday, December 5th

Friday, December 6th

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

Saturday, December 7th

Sunday, December 8th

9:00 AM Sunday School
10:00 AM Worship
11:30 AM Session Meeting
Diaconate Meeting
4:00 PM Chancel Bells
5:00 PM Youth Music/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.

Nancy Reichmann

Charles Mills

Lisa Bunce

The family of 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 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, Room 107.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Change for Children We will take our monthly offering for change for children today.

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.

Big Table: Wednesdays Together at St. Andrews Big Table for Advent begins on Wednesday, December 4. Join us for our inter-generational dinner, fellowship, and learning. All ages are welcome. Dinner is from local restaurants for a cost of \$10 for adults, \$5 for kids age 5-12, and free for kids under 5. Family max for dinner is \$20. 5:45-6:20 Dinner Served; 6:20-6:35 Fellowship Activity; 6:35-7:30 Programs for children, youth, and adults, childcare for infants and toddlers. You don't have to RSVP, but it sure does help. Please contact the office, or Merle Westbrook to let us know you're coming, 770-934-4735.

NETWorks Christmas Shop 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 at Network's annual Christmas Shop. Please contact Paul Ellingson with any questions, 770-310-8396.

39ers will meet at The Crossing on Monday, December 2nd at Noon. Everyone is welcome to attend. (40 S. Peachtree, Norcross, GA 30071) Please contact Sarah Slusher with any questions 770-845-1248.

OACM Day Trip The Older Adults and Caregivers Ministry is heading to the Nativity exhibit at Epiphany Church and will have lunch at Mary Mac's in Atlanta. We'll meet in the church parking lot at 9:30 a.m. on December 13 and take the vans or carpool. There is a sign up sheet in the Narthex, or contact Pat Baker, 770-938-2833 ext.11.

Advent Study The Potpourri Sunday School Class will begin a new study on December 1st: *Names for the Messiah: An Advent Study* by Walter Brueggemann exploring the four royal titles from Isaiah 9:6. The class meets in room 116 in the Education Building at 9:00 AM. No reading or book purchase required, but books are available, if desired from Amazon or Cokesbury. Study notes available on our Sunday School web page or in class. Questions, contact Mike Bearden, 404-660-8234.

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 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
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Kristen Sommerfeld, Seminary Intern