

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
ST. ANDREWS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS
DECEMBER 29, 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

Shepherd's Pipe Carol

John Rutter
Arranged by Dale Wood

†CALL TO WORSHIP

For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders;

And he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Let us worship the God of justice and peace.

†HYMN 140

Once in Royal David's City

IRBY

CONFESSING OUR SIN

God of grace and truth, in Jesus Christ you came among us as light shining in darkness. We confess that we have closed our eyes to your light. You took the form of a child, born in a manger and forced to flee; yet, all too often we ignore the dignity of the powerless. You came to bring good news to the poor and proclaim release to the captives; yet, in our comfort, we forget the pleas of the vulnerable. Forgive us, O Lord, when we are hesitant to believe that your light can shine in unexpected places. Open our eyes to the places your light has long been shining, but we have been afraid to look.

Silence is kept for personal prayers of confession.

†CHORAL PETITION 132 *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice!*

IN DULCI JUBILO

**Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;
Now ye hear of endless bliss: Jesus Christ was born for this!
He has opened heaven's door, and we are blest for evermore.
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!**

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

†SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

God sent us God's son, to overcome death and give us a model for living courageously. So now, let us practice that courage by sharing the Peace of Christ with one another and with the world. The peace of the one born Emmanuel be with you all.

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

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.

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

Jeff Davis

SCRIPTURE READING

Hebrews 2:10-18

Pew Bible, page 205(NT)

MUSICAL OFFERING

Gesu Bambino
Kjersti Lukens - Soloist

Arranged by Mark Hayes

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 2:13-23

Pew Bible, page 2(NT)

CHILDREN'S LESSON

SERMON

It Was Just A Little Dream

John McCrosky

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

†HYMN 154

Jesus Entered Egypt

KINGS'S WESTON

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from A Brief Statement of Faith

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, eating with outcasts, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image to live as one community. We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. In a broken and fearful world, the spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

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

A Virgin Most Pure

Traditional English Carol
Setting by Raymond Haan

†Offertory Response *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow* LASST US ERFREUEN

**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

†INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

†BENEDICTION IN WORDS

BENEDICTION IN MUSIC 136 *Go, Tell It on the Mountain*

GO TELL IT

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE

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

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
Gretchen Perkins, Office Manager
Debbie Hutto, Financial Administrator
Kristen Sommerfeld, Seminary Intern

AS PART OF WORSHIP

*Join Us
Feb. 9*

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Prepare 10,000 meals to help fight
world hunger

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Rise
AGAINST HUNGER
food • community • sustainability

CALENDAR

Sunday, December 29th

9:00 AM Sunday School

10:00 AM Worship

Monday, December 30th

8:00 PM AA/ALAnon

Tuesday, December 31st

Wednesday, January 1st

Thursday, January 2nd

Friday, January 3rd

9:00 AM Church at Prayer

8:00 PM AA/ALAnon

Saturday, January 4th

Sunday, January 5th

9:00 AM Sunday School

10:00 AM Worship

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.

**The Powell Family on the loss
of Camille's Aunt**

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-Camellia Place 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.

Our youngest worshipers are invited to our Prayground, a worship area in the front of the sanctuary where they are able to engage in quiet activities while learning the rituals of worship. On Sundays with communion, the children will return to their families after the sermon.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Holiday Office Hours The office will be closed January 1st - 3rd.

Year-End Contributions Any pledges or contributions you wish to apply to 2019 must be in today's offering, in the drop slot in the office by December 31st, or post-marked by December 31st. Please contact our finance administrator, Debbie Hutto, with any questions: 770-938-2833 ex. 104, or finance@sapctucker.org.

Thank You to all who sang, rang, played, directed, supported, and encouraged the making of music to the glory of God in the joyous season of Christmas. Your time, effort, and dedication were an offering to the Lord and a gift to the people at Saint Andrews ...to all who brought cookies for the Christmas Cookie Celebration after Lessons and Carols. Your cookies were delicious and enjoyed by all! The remaining cookies were gathered and sorted into the lovely tins you donated. When all is said and done, we will have delivered almost 135 dozen cookies to several area agencies. You made it possible to share some joy with those in our community. *Soli Deo gloria.*

Rise Against Hunger On February 9, 2020, as part of the worship service and with the support of Rise Against Hunger, our congregation will prepare 10,000 meals in Heffner Hall (as we did in 2014, 2016, and 2018) to help fight world hunger. The school we help to support in Zambia with our Change for Children donations is one of the organizations that benefits from these healthy food donations. In anticipation of continuing to do this important mission opportunity every two years, we have established a restricted account for this activity to fund our costs for the ingredients for the meals.

39ers The 39ers is a group of folks who like to meet and fellowship together, and everyone is welcome to join them. They will meet for lunch at noon on Monday, January 6th at Hunan-Inn, 3662-B Chamblee Tucker Road Atlanta, GA 30341. Please contact Charles Mills with any questions: 678-575-2637.

Potpourri Sunday School Class will begin a new 6-week study of the book *Breaking the Code Revised Edition* by Dr. Bruce M. Metzger. We meet in room 116 in the Education Building at 9 am. No reading or book purchase is required; everyone is invited to listen or participate as you feel led. Study notes are available on our Sunday School web page or in the class. If a copy of the book is desired, e-books and paperback books available on amazon.com. Questions, please contact Mike Bearden, 404-660-8234.

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