

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

ST. ANDREWS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

EPIPHANY
JANUARY 5, 2020
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 Morning Star, How Fair and Bright* Dietrich Buxtehude
Chorale by Phillip Nicolai (1599)

*O Morning Star, how fair and bright! You shine with God's own truth and light,
Aglow with grace and mercy!
Of Jacob's line, King David's Son; our Lord and Savior, You have won
Our hearts to serve you solely!
Lowly, holy! Great and glorious, all victorious, rich in blessing!
Rule and might o'er all possessing!*

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Although the beckoning star heeded by wise travelers long ago no longer leads the way,

The manger-born Christ is still to be found and followed.

We are not brought to our knees in surprise as were those journeyers of old,

Yet our desire to worship can be as deep as theirs.

And though we do not bear gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh,

We offer ourselves and what we have.

The story continues. The good news abounds. There is a living Christ to discover and worship and serve.

Let us rejoice and be glad!

†HYMN 133

O Come, All Ye Faithful!

ADESTE FIDELES

CONFESSING OUR SIN

God of glory, you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world, to reveal your love for all people. We confess that our sin and pride hide the brightness of your light. We turn away from the poor; we ignore cries for justice; we do not strive for peace. In your mercy, cleanse us of our sin, and baptize us once again with our Spirit, that, forgiven and renewed, we may show forth your glory shining in the face of Jesus Christ.

Silence is kept for personal prayers of confession.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

†JOYFUL RESPONSE

The First Noel

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**And by the light of that same star three wise men came from country far;
To seek for a king was their intent, and to follow the star wherever it went.
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, born is the King of Israel.**

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.

†SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The angels praised God saying: “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!” In the name of the Prince of Peace who has come, let us share the peace of 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

Mary Evans

HEBREW SCRIPTURE READING Ephesians 1:3-14

Pew Bible, page 180(NT)

GOSPEL READING John 1:10-18

Pew Bible, page 86(NT)

CHILDREN’S LESSON

SERMON

How Have We Seen God ? Rev. Camille LeBron Powell

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

†HYMN 150

As With Gladness Men of Old

DIX

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS OF GOD’S CHURCH, COMMUNITY & WORLD

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Offertory

Behold That Star
David Lukens - Baritone

Traditional Spiritual
Arranged by Mark Hayes

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

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God all creatures high and low. Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise God, in Jesus fully known; Creator, Word, and Spirit one.

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

†Prayer of Dedication

THE CELEBRATION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Invitation

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving and the Lord’s Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

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:

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE

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

THE CELEBRATION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

In the act of remembering that is the Lord’s Supper, we receive and trust the love of Christ present to us and to the world. Through it, we are renewed and empowered to be the church, the body of Christ, in the world.

The invitation to the Lord’s Supper is not just for Presbyterians or church members. All who confess Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord are invited to partake of the Lord’s Supper. Access to the Table is not a right conferred upon the worthy but a privilege given to the

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

Prayer after Communion

GOING TO SERVE GOD IN THE WORLD

†HYMN 744	<i>Arise, Your Light Has Come!</i>	FESTAL SONG
†INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP		
†BENEDICTION IN WORDS		
BENEDICTION IN MUSIC	<i>Voluntary in D</i>	John Stanley

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 will be served in the pews. Gluten Free wafers are on the trays with the bread.

ARISE, YOUR LIGHT IS COME!

The imagery in this hymn is drawn from the words of the prophet Isaiah, primarily chapters 60 & 61. The prophet's words are important for us, in part, because they form the basis of Jesus' first sermon (Luke 4:16-30). Because these words shared Jesus' ministry they should also shape our lives as followers.

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

CALENDAR

Sunday, January 5th

9:00 AM Sunday School

10:00 AM Worship

Monday, January 6th

8:00 PM AA/ALAnon

Tuesday, January 7th

Wednesday, January 8th

Thursday, January 9th

Friday, January 10th

9:00 AM Church at Prayer

8:00 PM AA/ALAnon

Saturday, January 11th

Sunday, January 12th

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.

Charlton Allen

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

**The Durden Family on the
death of Cora Durden.**

**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

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.

The Light of Grace dance ministry will be providing a Sunday school class at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings, beginning on January 12th. The class will meet in the double room of the education building for anyone with any kind of disability. We welcome anyone who would like to be a part of all that God is leading us to do.

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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