

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
ST. ANDREWS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT
MARCH 1, 2020
10:00 AM



GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME

OPENING VOLUNTARY *My Song Is Love Unknown*
RHOSYMEDRE

John Edward
Setting by Dale Wood

†CALL TO WORSHIP

God hovered over the void and breathed life into dust.

God created in the wilderness.

The Israelites wandered in the desert for forty years.

The Israelites found God in the wilderness.

Jesus said “no” to the tempter time and time again.

Jesus claimed his identity in the wilderness.

We grow in the wilderness. We learn in the wilderness.

For God is with us—before, through, and after the wilderness.

Let us worship God!

Amen.

†HYMN 624 *I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art*

TOULON

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of Creation, The psalms remind us that even before a word is on our tongue, you know it completely. You know the prayers we bring before you today—confessions of greed and doubt, fear and anxiety, conflict and regret. Free us from these sins. Give us the strength to say “no” to that which separates us from you, and “yes” to the things that let love grow. Guide us out of our self-created wilderness spaces and into your light. Gratefully we pray. *Silence is kept for personal prayers of confession.*

CHORAL PETITION 437 *You Are the Lord, Giver of Mercy*

WAYFARING STRANGER

You Are the Lord, giver of Mercy!
You Are the Christ, giver of Mercy!
You Are the Lord, giver of Mercy!

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

†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

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.

I GREET THEE, WHO MY SURE REDEEMER ART

Coming out of the 16th Century Protestant Reformation, this hymn focuses on our reliance upon Christ alone. The words are intimate and personal connecting us to the hope that Christ gives us.

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

Carol Gordon

HEBREW SCRIPTURE READING Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7

Pew Bible, page 2(OT)

MUSICAL OFFERING *O Jesus, I Have Promised*

Howard Helvey
Text: John Bode

GOSPEL READING Matthew 4:1-11

Pew Bible, page 3(NT)

CHILDREN'S LESSON

SERMON *The Wilderness is a Place of Beginnings* Rev. Camille LeBron Powell

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

†HYMN 166 *Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days*

ST. FLAVIAN

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

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Offertory *Jesu, meine Freude*

J. S. Bach

†Offertory Response

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow
**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.**

TALLIS' CANON

†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:

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

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE

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

LORD, WHO THROUGHOUT THESE FORTY DAYS

The season of Lent begins with the story of Jesus' temptation and forty days in the wilderness. His time in the wilderness is a model for the forty days of Lent leading up to Easter.

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

GOING TO SERVE GOD IN THE WORLD

†HYMN 833

O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go

ST. MARGARET

†INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

†BENEDICTION IN WORDS

†BENEDICTION IN MUSIC 291 *Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness*

SPIRIT

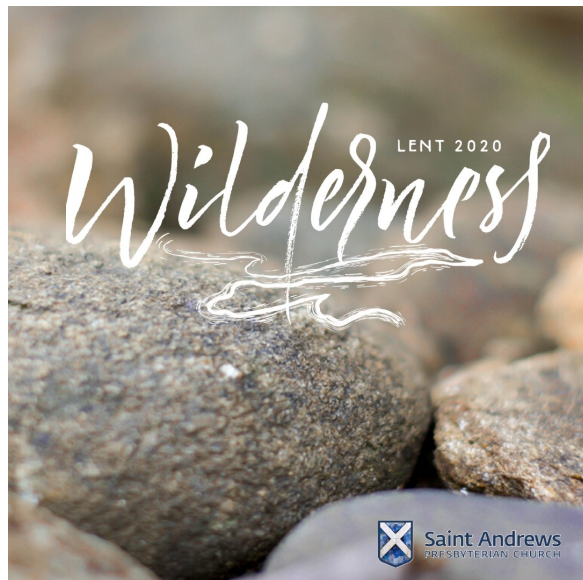
Spirit, spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness calling and free.
Spirit, spirit of restlessness, stir from me placidness, wind, wind on the sea.

As one part of the church of Jesus Christ, we are inspired and guided by Christ's vision of God's realm – one that includes all who seek to love God and neighbor.

St. Andrews Presbyterian Church welcomes all people, regardless of age, race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, economic situation, family status, mental or physical abilities to become part of the membership and ministry of the church. We welcome all of each of you.

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
Lonnelle Bruce, Interim Director, St. Andrews School
Gretchen Perkins, Office Manager
Debbie Hutto, Financial Administrator
Kristen Sommerfeld, Seminary Intern



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.

CALENDAR

Sunday, March 1st

9:00 AM Sunday School
10:00 AM Worship
11:15 AM Education Ministry
11:15 AM Diaconate
4:00 PM Chancel Bells
5:00 PM Youth Choir
6:00 PM Youth Supper/Gathering

Monday, March 2nd

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

Tuesday, March 3rd

7:00 PM Mission Ministry
7:30 PM Worship Ministry

Wednesday, March 4th

5:00 PM Little Light
5:45 PM Big Table
7:30 PM Chancel Choir

Thursday, March 5th

Friday, March 6th

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

Saturday, March 7th

8:30 AM Aging in Place Event

Sunday, March 8th

9:00 AM Sunday School
10:00 AM Worship
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.

Melissa Browning

Sharon Shenkman

Pat Creasman's Mother, Norma

Mary Cameron, in hospice care

**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-Camelia Place **Barbara
Mattheis**-Regency House **Ron and
Betty Weber** at home

LENTEN THEME AND LITURGY

This Lenten season we are following the theme, *Wilderness* 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 Lenten Devotionals found in the Narthex. The Call to Worship and Prayer of Confession are adapted from liturgy written by Sarah Are of A Sanctified Art.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

39ers The 39ers is a group of folks who like to meet and eat and have fellowship together, and everyone is welcome to attend. Their next meeting will be Monday, March 2nd at 12:00 PM at Red Lobster. (3937 Lavista Rd, Tucker 30084) Please contact Charles Mills with any questions 678-575-2637.

Ushers Needed Please contact Debbie Brilling if you would like to join the usher team! Spots available on 2nd, 4th, or 5th Sundays of the month, with the 4th Sunday especially needing ushers, 404-633-8911 or 770-329-8721.

Youth We will meet at 5:00 this evening for choir, have dinner at 6:00 and youth gathering from 6:00-7:30. Join us and bring a friend! Contact John McCrosky with any questions, john@sapctucker.org .

Join us around the Big Table March 4, 11, 18, & 25! Big Table for Lent begins on Wednesday, March 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. Dinner is at 5:45, followed by fellowship and programs for all ages, ending at 7:30 PM.

AV Volunteers Needed You don't have to be a technical person to work our AV board – promise! You'll get plenty of training, and another volunteer will mentor you until you feel confident to be the Worship Tech by yourself. Please contact Phyllis Bearden at 404-580-8679, or make her Sunday by talking to her after worship and offering to help.

Aging in Place Workshop and Resource Fair Join us Saturday, March 7 from 8:30 AM-12:30 PM in Heffner Hall. St. Andrews is coordinating with local groups and agencies to put on this FREE event. There will also be several vendors including Friends of Disabled Adults and Children (FODAC), AARP's HomeFit Program, Cobb County Assistive Technology Lab, The Yellow Dot Program and much more! A causal breakfast will be served.

Got batteries? Let's recycle them! Our Caring for Creation team will be collecting household batteries up to 9-volts for recycling through March 15. Look for the battery collection box in the narthex.

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.andrewspresbyterianatucker *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