

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY  
ST. ANDREWS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT  
MARCH 8, 2020  
10:00 AM



GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME

OPENING VOLUNTARY

*Ah, Holy Jesus*  
HERZLIEBSTER JESU

Johann Crüger  
Setting by Dale Wood

†CALL TO WORSHIP

All are welcome here—

**The young and old, those who have visions and those who dream dreams.**

All are welcome here—

**The sinner and saint, those who seek forgiveness and those who long for peace.**

All are welcome here—

**The hurt and the doubting, those who know the wilderness and those who feel lost.**

All are welcome here; for you are loved by God, and this is God's house.

**Let us worship God. Amen.**

†HYMN 167

*Forty Days and Forty Nights*

AUS DER TIEFE RUFTE ICH

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God, we give you our hearts. They are brimming with doubt and are saturated with fear, but we give them to you anyway, for you promise to love us as we are. You promise to walk with us to the ends of the earth, so in this moment, we promise to tell the truth.**

**God, you ask us to be brave and bold, but we cower in fear. You ask us to love our neighbors as ourselves, but we hold tight to privilege and the status quo. And you ask us to risk it all to follow you, but we are content with the injustices at hand. Forgive us for our sin and lift our eyes to you. Lift our eyes to the hills. 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.

FORTY DAYS AND FORTY NIGHTS

As we continue through the season of Lent, this hymn offers a summation of what the season is all about. Rather than just being a time of denial and avoiding earthly temptations, Lent is a season oriented to its positive outcome, Easter.

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

Marsha Ashby

HEBREW SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 121

Pew Bible, page 539(OT)

MUSICAL OFFERING *He Watching Over Israel*

Felix Mendelssohn

GOSPEL READING John 3:1-17

Pew Bible, page 88(NT)

CHILDREN'S LESSON

SERMON *The Wilderness is a Place of  
Mystery and the Unknown*

Rev. Camille LeBron Powell

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

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

MINUTE FOR MINISTRY

*Calvin Center*

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Offertory *God Moves in a Mysterious Way* Setting by Roy Brunner

†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

†HYMN 509 *All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly*

HOLY MANNA

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."

### OFFERTORY

Based on the tune DUNDEE from the Scottish Psalter, 1615. Refer to Hymn #45

### 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 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.

## GOING TO SERVE GOD IN THE WORLD

†HYMN 45

*I to the Hills Will Lift My Eyes*

DUNDEE

†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.**

I TO THE HILLS WILL LIFT MY EYES

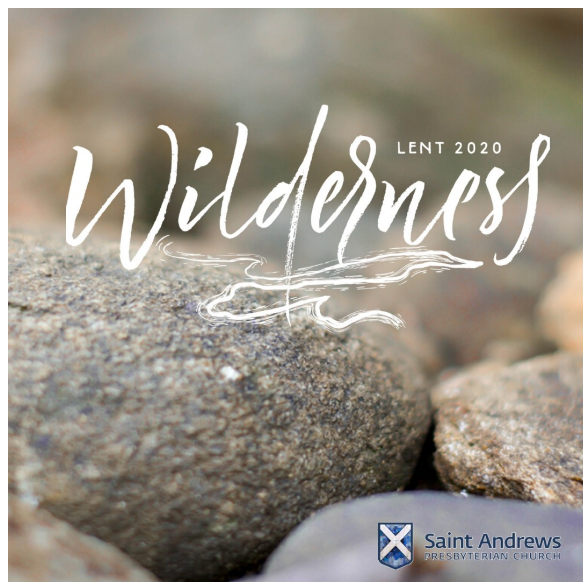
Psalm 121 is known as a Song of Ascent, with the perspective of a person on a pilgrimage to Jerusalem, surrounded by hills. In this psalm Israel dared to affirm allegiance to the one true God, in whom they trust on the journey.

*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



## CALENDAR

### **Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 AM Sunday School  
10:00 AM Worship  
4:00 PM Chancel Bells  
5:00 PM Youth Music/Supper

### **Monday, March 9<sup>th</sup>**

6:00 PM SAS School Board  
8:00 PM AA/ALAnon

### **Tuesday, March 10<sup>th</sup>**

6:30 PM Management Ministry

### **Wednesday, March 11<sup>th</sup>**

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

### **Thursday, March 12<sup>th</sup>**

### **Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup>**

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

### **Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 AM Aging in Place Event  
12:30 PM Tucker Chili Cook-off

### **Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 AM Sunday School  
10:00 AM Worship  
11:20 AM Calvin Center Work Day  
11:30 AM Session Meeting  
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.

**Melissa Browning**

**Sharon Shenkman**

**Pat Creasman's Mother, Norma**

**Mary Cameron, in hospice care**

**The Bunce Family, on the death of Jeff's mother.**

**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**

## 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.

### 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

**Join us around the Big Table March 11, 18, & 25!** 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.

**Youth** We will meet at 5:00 this evening for extended music time, have dinner at 6:45 and a devotional at 7:15. Join us and bring a friend! Contact John McCrosky with any questions, john@sapctucker.org. Stay tuned for details about next week's mission event.

**Calvin Center Work Day** All are invited to join our youth on a Lenten mission experience at the Calvin Center next Sunday, March 15. We'll take the buses after worship and return by 5:00 PM. There will be time for service as well as quiet reflection. Contact John McCrosky with any questions and to reserve a spot on the bus. john@sapctucker.org

**Dinners for Eight** ♪ *Getting to know you! Getting to know all about you!* ♪ Would you like to know better the folks in your church? Here's how it will work: You will be put into groups of 8 who will eat lunch or dinner 4 times together – once in each of the months of April thru July. Everyone will be responsible to plan one month's event, on a date everyone in the group can come. You can eat in a home (each bring a dish), or in a restaurant (dutch), or in a park or wherever!! The deadline to sign up is Mar. 22; find the sheet in the narthex. Questions: Ask Gretchen Turner, 770-363-5273, or any member of the Engagement Team

**Tucker Chili Cook-Off** Come represent St Andrews on Main St. in Tucker, meet our neighbors and serve Marsha Ashby's fabulous chili entry at the 9th annual Tucker Chili Cook-Off on Saturday, March 14th. The event runs from 12:30 - 5:00 PM. Proceeds from the event are shared with Friends of Tucker Parks. Call Heather Morse 770-395-6531 or Marsha Ashby for more information, or to sign up..

**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. Please contact Phyllis Bearden at 404-580-8679, or make her Sunday by talking to her after worship and offering to help.

**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.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