

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

ST. ANDREWS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 12, 2023

10:00 AM



GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME

OPENING VOLUNTARY *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing* Setting: Dale Woods

INTROIT 175 *Seek Ye First* LAFFERTY
Seek ye first the kingdom of God and its righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia!

†CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather together—
the seekers, the dreamers, the shooting-star wishers,
in hopes of seeing God.

We gather together—
the curious, the hungry, the loving, the lonely,
in hopes of finding peace.

We gather together—
those who are thirsty and those with water to spare,
in hopes of finding justice.

So come to the well, come to the table. Come, let us worship God. Amen.

†HYMN 479 *Come Now to the Water* JACOB'S WELL

CONFESSING OUR SIN

Holy God, we have been on every side of this story.
We have been the one who is thirsty and in need of compassion,
and we have been the one with a bucket and a deep well.
So today we wonder: how often have we missed the opportunity to share water
with our neighbors?
How often have we forgotten that we have a bucket
and the power to bring change?
How often have we simply decided that justice and compassion
were not worth the work?
Forgive our fragile hearts and remind us that it was you
who sat at that well in Samaria in the heat of the day.
It was you. It is still you. With hope 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!

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.

SEEK YE FIRST

This text is one of the classic examples of the 20th-century trend of setting Scripture (Matthew 6:33 in this case) to music. We usually abstain from using the word *alleluia* during Lent. However, the text and tone of this hymn are so well suited for our Lenten theme that we made an exception. Additionally, the 40 days of Lent do not include Sundays because every Sunday is a "little Easter," so *alleluia* is appropriate.

LENTEN THEME AND LITURGY

This Lenten season we are following the theme, "Seeking: honest questions for deeper faith," from A Sanctified Art, LLC. This ministry believes that God speaks to us through many mediums and that creativity is an integral part of worship. The Call to Worship, Prayer of Confession, and Affirmation of Faith are adapted from prayers written by Sarah (Are) Speed of A Sanctified Art.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Family of faith, as hard as it is to imagine: we could lose the bucket, we could hoard the water for ourselves, we could pretend we do not see all who are thirsty, and we would still belong to God. This is the good news of the gospel:

**God's grace is deeper than any well. We are seen, loved, and forgiven.
May this realization change and inspire us. Amen.**

HEARING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Cindy Weimer

SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 17:1-7

Pew Bible p. 61 (OT)

MUSICAL OFFERING

A Lenten Meditation

Douglas Wagner

SCRIPTURE READING

John 4:5-42

Pew Bible p. 89 (NT)

CHILDREN'S LESSON

SERMON

Seeking: Will You Give Me a Drink?

Rev. Camille LeBron Powell

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

†HYMN

We All Come Thirsty

ST. COLUMBA



We all come thir - sty to the
Through dif - f'ren - ces our hands can
We care for God's com - mun - i -



well to seek the li - ving wa - ter With
reach to care and hold each oth - er There
- ty Our mu - tual aid shared free - ly To



wounds and pasts we'd ra - ther hide But
are no stran - gers for they are Our
all we give as we re - ceive With



let - ting our hearts sof - ten
sib - lings, sis - ters, bro - thers
grace and lov - ing deep - ly

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE

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

WE ALL COME THIRSTY

Anna Strickland of Sanctified Art wrote this original hymn text, connecting images from scripture and our Lenten theme of Seeking. The tune ST. COLUMBA is from the familiar hymn, *The King of Love, My Shepherd Is*.

© Anna Strickland, 2022
Free for congregational use.

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe that a glass of water given to us by a stranger can taste like justice.

We believe that honest conversation has the power to change us.

We believe that all God's children have a voice and something to say.

We believe that Jesus loves the outcast, the ignored, the shamed, and the abandoned.

We believe in asking questions.

We believe in curiosity.

We believe in giving people a drink.

May we be brave enough to give people a drink. Amen.

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

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Offertory Response

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 to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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 817

We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight

DUNLAP'S CREEK

†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

†SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

BENEDICTION IN MUSIC *Christ unser Herr zum Jordan kam* Dietrich Buxtehude

Christ, Our Lord, came to the Jordan

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

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

The invitation is not just for Presbyterians or "church members." 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. All are invited to receive the bread and cup, regardless of age or understanding, to be assured of God's love and grace in Jesus Christ.

Today, communion will be served by intinction. Congregants proceed via the center aisle to receive the bread (gluten-free bread and individual cups of juice are available), which they then dip into the chalice of non-alcoholic grape juice. Worshipers return to their pews by the side aisles. If you are unable to come forward to receive communion, we will come to you in your seat.

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.

CALENDAR

Sunday, March 12th

9:00 AM Sunday School
10:00 AM Worship
11:00 AM Chancel Bells
11:15 AM Diaconate

Monday, March 13th

8:00 PM AA Meeting

Tuesday, March 14th

Wednesday, March 15th

12:30 PM Lunch and Learn
5:00 PM Light of Grace
7:30 PM Chancel Choir

Thursday, March 16th

7:00 PM Lenten Book Study (Zoom)

Friday, March 17th

9:00 AM Church at Prayer
8:00 PM AA Meeting

Saturday, March 18th

11:00 AM Lenten Book Study

Sunday, March 19th

9:00 AM Sunday School
10:00 AM Worship
1:00 PM Session (Zoom)
11:00 AM 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, or contact the office. Please update the office about any changes in the condition of your loved ones.

**Marcia Noble's daughter,
Michelle**

Robert Hall

Our new Elders and Deacons

**In the Nursing Home, Home Care,
or Assisted Living:**

Milly Ball at home

Peggy Benedict at home

Elinor Bryan Westminster Village

Henry Tribble The Villages

Ron Weber at home, **Betty Weber**
Camelia Place

WELCOME

We invite you to join St Andrews, a congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA), in ministry and in worship.

Please note your presence on the list in the narthex so that members of our church family may welcome you. Your presence is a joy for us.

The parlor in the Narthex has two dedicated childcare volunteers who will stay with young children during worship. For school-age children, the PRAYground is available, near the front of the sanctuary, offering educational and interactive materials.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Easter Flowers If you would like to dedicate an Easter flower in memory or in honor of a loved one, there are dedication forms available online and in the narthex. Please note on the form if you plan to take the flower with you on Easter Sunday, or if it is a dedication only. Flowers are \$10 each. Please put 'Easter flowers' on the memo line, if paying by check.

Book Study It's not too late to join our Lenten Book Study. We are studying *Materiality as Resistance* by Walter Brueggemann on Thursday evenings at 7:00 PM on Zoom and on Saturdays at 11:00 AM in the meeting room during Lent. Please read Chapter 3 for this week's meetings.

Lenten Devotionals and devotional cards are available in the narthex or in the courtyard by the door to the office. The devotional books have full-color artwork, reflections, and places to journal. The devotional cards contain scriptures and prayers for the Lenten season.

Lunch and Learn Join us on Zoom Wednesdays from 12:30-1:30 PM. We will be studying John 9:1-7 and John 9:8-41 on 3/15/23.

Just Creation Conference at Columbia Seminary, March 16-19. Mark your calendars and plan to attend. See your weekly email for more information about this exciting event including the schedule, sessions and speakers, even our own Ashley Lewis.

Rise Against Hunger We are joining with Rise Against Hunger to pack 10,000 meals on Sunday, March 26th at 3:00 PM in Heffner Hall. Waivers are available in the narthex and in the weekly email.

A Digital copy of this bulletin and the notes for today's music are available on our website accessible by scanning this code.



CHURCH STAFF

The Rev. Camille LeBron Powell, Pastor
Ashley Lewis, Coordinator of Congregational Vitality
David Lukens, Director of Music
Edward Weaver, Associate Director of Music and Organist
Pat Baker, Director of Older Adult and Caregiver Ministries
Lonnelle Bruce, Director, St. Andrews School
Gretchen Perkins, Office Manager
Helen Hoang, Financial Administrator

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- 770-938-2833, office@sapctucker.org