

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

ST. ANDREWS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
OCTOBER 22, 2023 10:00 AM



GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME

OPENING VOLUNTARY *Triptych on "The Ash Grove"* David Cherwien
Adagio

†CALL TO WORSHIP

We are invited to share in Christ's ministry of compassion.

We will widen our hearts so we might cradle the lost.

We are challenged to learn more about God each day.

We will open our minds so we might discern God's dreams for us.

We are summoned to let the Spirit be planted within us.

We will deepen our souls so we might grow in love.

†HYMN 49 *The God of Abraham Praise* LEONI

CONFESSING OUR SIN

Your holiness, O God, commands that we confess:

We have neither loved our neighbors as ourselves nor honored ourselves as your beloved creation.

We have judged unjustly, regarded others ungenerously, profited at the losses of those near and distant, borne grudges, desired vengeance, and kept silence in the face of wrongdoing.

We long to live in accord with your desire that your way of compassion, kindness, and honesty will govern our hearts and minds, turning us toward lives of peace.

Forgive us and lead us. *(Silence is kept for personal prayers of confession.)*

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

†JOYFUL RESPONSE *Come Sing, O Church in Joy!* DARWALL'S 148TH

Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!

For Christ the Lord has led us through the ages long!

**In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now
and praise the Lord!**

HEARING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION LaVerne Byas-Smith

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 96 Pew Bible p. 520(OT)

MUSICAL OFFERING *All Good Gifts* David Schwoebel

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 22:34-46 Pew Bible p. 24(NT)

WELCOME

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.

OPENING VOLUNTARY

The service begins with the first note of the Opening Voluntary.

THE GOD OF ABRAHAM PRAISE

Set to a traditional Jewish tune, this hymn brings together texts used in synagogues, Christian churches, and Unitarian communities. Using various names and images for God, this song reminds us that God we know in Jesus Christ is the same God called and covenanted with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

SILENCE

The time of silence allows you to speak or listen to God as you best need this morning.

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE

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

CHILDREN'S LESSON

SERMON *Committed to the Win-Win-Win* Rev. Dr. Camille LeBron Powell

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

†HYMN 708

We Give Thee but Thine Own

SCHUMANN

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

At St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, we believe in
The Father, Son, and Holy Ghost;
Being Christ-centered;
The Bible as the core of our belief;
Doing justice, loving mercy, and walking humbly with our God;
Being an open and safe place for confession and forgiveness;
Being involved in the community, locally and beyond;
Being welcoming and inclusive;
Caring for creation.
We believe that the church is the people.

MINUTE FOR MINISTRY

Generosity

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

†Litany of Offering

As you have chosen us, O God, and enriched our lives:

We offer you ourselves, and our financial support.

For the ministry of the Christian Gospel, the inspiration of sacred music, and the singing of hymns from every age:

We offer you ourselves, and our financial support.

For the Christian education of children, for the guidance of youth, and for the spiritual well-being of adults:

We offer you ourselves, and our financial support.

For compassion and justice in our land, and for a spirit of respect and hospitality:

We offer you ourselves, and our financial support.

For the calling of the world to Christ, and for the economic and spiritual elevation of untold millions:

We offer you ourselves, and our financial support.

For the sake of that day when the spirit of Christ shall clothe itself in the hearts of our age, and swords shall be beaten into plowshares, and peace shall embrace the world:

We offer you ourselves, and our financial support.

Presentation of 2024 Commitments

You are invited to bring your pledge cards and offerings to the basket in front of the Communion Table.

Offertory

Trio on "The Ash Grove"

David Cherwien

†Offertory Response 647 *Give Thanks*

GIVE THANKS

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

In May 2018, our intergenerational Sunday school class studied Presbyterian creeds and confessions. They explored what the authors addressed and struggled with what to agree on and how to say it. The class members wrote this affirmation of faith for St. Andrews based on scripture, our Reformed heritage, and our congregation.

GIVE THANKS

Many hymns are written by pastors looking to support their sermons, but this one was written by a congregation member in response to a pastor's teaching. The song draws on 2 Corinthians 8:9 and other passages of scripture that evoke gratitude for God's goodness.

†Prayer of Dedication

GOING TO SERVE GOD IN THE WORLD

†HYMN 700

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

I'M GONNA LIVE

†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 *Toccata on "The Ash Grove"*

David Cherwien

I'M GONNA LIVE SO GOD
CAN USE ME

The phrase "so God can use me" is a remarkable statement of intention. This hope of being of use to God's purposes does not seek a personal reward or praise or credit. It is a selfless offering of oneself, not a self-centered promotion of oneself.

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.

CHURCH STAFF

The Rev. Dr. Camille LeBron Powell, Pastor
LaVerne Byas-Smith, 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

Notes on Today's Music:

The music for the **Opening Voluntary**, **Offertory**, and **Benediction in Music** are settings of the hymn tune "The Ash Grove," a traditional Welsh folk song whose melody has been set to numerous sets of lyrics. Most familiar to us is the Thanksgiving hymn "Let All Things Now Living," composed in 1939 by Katherine K. Davis (1892-1980), an American composer, pianist, arranger, and teacher, whose most well-known composition is the Christmas song "Carol of the Drum," later known as "The Little Drummer Boy."

David Cherwien (b. 1957) is artistic director of the National Lutheran Choir and is a nationally known conductor, composer, and organist. Recognized for his contributions to the field of church music and liturgy, he is in demand as a clinician and hymn festival leader across the country.

The text of the **Musical Offering** is from a poem composed by German poet and journalist Matthias Claudius (1740-1815). The music was composed by David Schwoebel (b. 1957), an American composer, arranger, pianist, accompanist, and clinician. He is an established composer of sacred music with over 200 publications in 29 different publisher's catalogs. A lover of hymnody, two of his hymns are in *Glory to God*.

CALENDAR

Sunday, October 22nd

8:45 AM Sunday School - All Ages
10:00 AM Worship
Pledge Dedication Sunday

Monday, October 23rd

8:00 PM AA Meeting

Tuesday, October 24th

Wednesday, October 25th

12:30 PM Lunch and Learn
7:30 PM Chancel Choir

Thursday, October 26th

10:30 AM SAS Halloween Parade
4-7:00 PM Tucker Farmer's Market
5:00 PM Light of Grace

Friday, October 27th

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

Saturday, October 28st

Sunday, October 29th

8:45 AM Sunday School - All Ages
10:00 AM Worship
Reformation Sunday
11:00 AM Shortbread & More
Reception

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.

Tom Evans

Linda Weaver

Robert Hall

**Homayoon Tabatabaee, father of
Darya, in hospice care**

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

Milly Ball The Atria

Peggy Benedict at home

Elinor Bryan Westminster Village

Henry Tribble The Villages

Ron Weber at home, **Betty Weber**
Manor Lake

Linda Weaver at home

Ted & Peggy Heffner Blueridge
Assisted Living

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 Nursery, located in the hallway between the Sanctuary and Heffner Hall, has two dedicated childcare helpers 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, and the Parlor is available for anyone needing a quiet moment outside of the sanctuary.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pledge Dedication Sunday Today is pledge dedication Sunday. Please bring your pledge cards forward after the Litany of Offering as we express gratitude to God and offer our commitments with our lives, treasures, talents, gifts and time. Pledge cards are available in the Narthex.

Flowers Today are given today by Cristine Kaufmann to the Glory of God.

Seven Marks Vital Congregations Study Copies are available in the narthex, and are attached to the weekly email.

Nominating Committee The Nominating Committee has begun the process of identifying and nominating a slate of elder and deacon candidates to present to the congregation later this fall. Members of the congregation who wish to suggest someone (either self or another member) for these positions should complete the Nominating Committee Suggestion Form found in the Narthex, or email Camille or the church office.

Reformation Sunday Next Sunday we celebrate God's reforming work in the church from October 31, 1517, in Germany, to Scotland a few years later, all the way to Tucker, Georgia, in 1960, and continuing around the world today. Everyone is invited to wear something that represents and celebrates their heritage—whether it be a tartan, kente cloth, or cowboy boots—as we worship the God who continues to work in and through us and look forward to what God has in store for us in the future.

Shortbread & More Reception On October 29th, a Shortbread & More reception will be held following the Reformation Sunday worship service. You are invited to bring shortbread cookies or another snack/dessert that represents your cultural heritage.

Lay Readers Want to be more involved in Sunday worship? SAPC's Worship Ministry is looking to add readers. For more information, please contact Carol Gordon at carol.gordon587@gmail.com, or call (770) 564-0900, or text (404) 316-8675. You would be so welcome.

SAS Halloween Parade St. Andrews School's Halloween parade is this Thursday at 10:30 in the courtyard. Seating will be available along the "parade route," and a reception hosted by En-Core volunteers will follow for school parents and church members in the Education Building. Come out and encourage the children and meet the families of SAS.

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