

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

ST. ANDREWS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

FEBRUARY 16TH, 2025

10:00 AM

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY



GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Be Thou My Vision
Chancel Bells

Arranged by Lloyd Larson

†CALL TO WORSHIP

From the comfort of our homes and prosperous lives,

We come hungry for a better world for all.

In our society divided by power struggles and prejudice,

We affirm the power of Christ's healing love.

With the honesty of our doubts and insecurities,

We rejoice in God's love for each one of us;

seeking God's blessing to make us whole.

†HYMN 409

God Is Here!

ABBOT'S LEIGH

CONFESSING OUR SIN

Merciful God, your call to discipleship is demanding. You call us to reorder our lives by the kingdom you are bringing in Jesus Christ. Yet we still pass by the ones you especially notice: people who are poor and hungry; people who weep. We have not stood with those who are hated, bullied, and excluded. Comfortable with the way things are, we are too complacent, even complicit with injustice and prejudice. Forgive us, O God, and turn us back to your gospel. We pray this now, for our sake, and for the sake of your world; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

CHORAL PETITION 451

SCOTT

Open my ears, that I may hear
voices of truth thou sendest clear.
And while the wave notes fall on my ear,
everything false will disappear.
Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my ears; illumine me, Spirit divine!

Silence is kept for personal prayers of confession

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

†JOYFUL RESPONSE

Be Thou Our Vision

SLANE

Be Thou our vision, O Lord of our hearts;
Lead us and guide us to give our full part
To be Your hands and feet in every place,
Serving You humbly and filled with Your grace.

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.

†SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Cindy Weimer

SCRIPTURE READING

Jeremiah 17:5-10

Pew Bible p. 676(OT)

MUSICAL OFFERING

Be Thou My Vision

Arranged by Carlton Young

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 6:17-26

Pew Bible p. 60 (NT)

CHILDREN'S LESSON

SERMON

Hearing and Healing

Rev. Dr. Camille LeBron

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

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

Offertory

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

William Runyan

Arr. Cynthia Dobrinski

†Offering Response 608

PRAISE GOD

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore.

†Prayer of Dedication

SERVICE OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

PRESENTATION

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world?

I do.

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Lord and Savior, trusting in his grace and love?

I do.

Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his love?

I will, with God's help.

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS

CONGREGATIONAL VOWS

Do we, the members of the church, accept these as elders and deacons, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation, to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ? Do we?

We do.

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.

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE

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

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Ordination to Christian Ministry is marked by the laying on of hands with prayer for the gift of the Holy Spirit. Through this liturgical action, we are joined in Christ's service and called to reach out to others in his name. Today, we ordain and install Mitzi Hoffman and Linda Fouts to ministry as deacons. We install (ordained previously) as deacons: Judy Cook and Linda Fuller. We install (ordained previously) as elders: Basil Papotto, Margaret Williams, Margaret Ellingson, Cindy Weimer, Marsha Ashby, Curtis Morse, Klara Smith, and Jane Thomas

Do we agree to pray for them, to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is the Head of the Church? Do we?

We do.

PRAYER AND LAYING ON OF HANDS

DECLARATION OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

WELCOME AND CHARGE

GOING TO SERVE GOD IN THE WORLD

†HYMN 69

Here I Am, Lord

HERE I AM

†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION IN MUSIC *Was Gott tut, das ist wohlgetan* Johann Gottfried Walther
What God does, that is well done

HYMN 69

A relatively new addition to our hymnody, this song has become an important part of many ordination and confirmation worship services. Historically, each session meeting here at St. Andrews concludes with everyone joining hands and singing the refrain based on the call of Isaiah (6:8).

CHURCH STAFF

The Rev. Dr. Camille LeBron, 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 **Opening Voluntary** is setting of the traditional Irish folk melody first published in *Old Irish Folk Music and Songs* in 1909. It was first wedded with the words of an Irish rune dating from the 8th century in *The Irish Church Hymnal* (Dublin, 1919) when the tune was named SLANE.

This arrangement for handbells was composed in 2003 by Lloyd Larson (b 1954). Since 1982, Lloyd has been an active composer and arranger for several major publishing companies of church and school music, including more than 2,000 published works.

The text for the **Musical Offering**, "Be Thou My Vision," - *Rop tú mo baile, a Choimdin críde* in Irish Gaelic - is preserved in two manuscripts, both dating from the 10th or 11th century. The author of this prayer-hymn is unknown, but it is likely the work of an anonymous Irish monk from around the 8th century. The rhymed version we use was translated by Eleanor Hull in 1912.

This setting is by Carlton Young (1926-2023), a teacher, editor, composer, and conductor, has the unique distinction of serving as editor of two revisions of hymnals for Methodists: *The Methodist Hymnal*, 1966; and *The United Methodist Hymnal*, 1989. Dr. Young has served on several faculties and is Emeritus Professor of Church Music, Candler School of Theology, Emory University.

The **Offertory** is based on the well-known hymn tune by William M. Runyan (1870 -1957) in an arrangement for handbells by Cynthia Dobrinski (1950-2021). Runyan was the son of a Methodist minister. He showed an interest in music when very young, and by age 12 often served as church organist. He became a Methodist minister at 21, and held various pastorates in Kansas (1891-1903). Dobrinski was an American composer and arranger of handbell music with more than 175 works in print. She was a Fulbright scholar and taught for 15 years at the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas.

The text of the hymn on which the **Benediction in Music** is based was written in 1676 by Samuel Rodigast (1649-1708), a German teacher and hymnwriter. It was written to comfort a sick friend. The text and music first appear in the *Weimar Gesangbuch*, 1681. In it Rodigast lays out what it means to deal with the problem of pain and suffering through the perspective of faith. Our God is sovereign and full of love, and every circumstance he brings us through is good and right and true. The melody has been attributed to Severus Gastorius (1646-1682), a cantor in the town of Jena, Thuringia, a state in Germany.

CALENDAR

Sunday, February 16th

8:45 AM Sunday School
10:00 AM Worship
11:00 AM Chancel Bells
11:15 AM Diaconate Meeting
11:30 AM Session Meeting
2:00 PM Revelation Bible Study

Monday, February 17th

11:00 AM re:loom
8:00 PM AA Meeting

Tuesday, February 18th

10:00 AM Presbyterian Women
7:00 PM Caregiver Support Group

Wednesday, February 19th

12:30 PM Lunch and Learn
7:30 PM Chancel Choir
8:00 PM AA Meeting

Thursday, February 20th

6:30 PM Light of Grace

Friday, February 21st

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

Saturday, February 22nd

Sunday, February 23rd

8:45 AM Sunday School
10:00 AM Worship
11:00 AM Chancel Bells
Lunches for Clifton
11:15 AM Young Children's Parents Meeting
2:00 PM Revelation Bible Study
4:00 PM Dinner, Clifton Sanctuary

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.

Charles Mills

David McCowen

The Family of Robert Hall

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

Peggy Benedict at home

Henry Tribble The Villages

Betty Weber Townsend Park Health

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.

Anyone needing a quiet spot during Worship, is welcome to use the Parlor. Childcare is available in the nursery located across the hallway behind the sanctuary. For families with children who wish to stay in the sanctuary, the PRAYground is available, offering educational and interactive materials.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today's Flowers are given by Bernadette and Pat Angelo in honor of St. Andrews' children, who make our hearts smile.

re:loom re:loom is meeting on Monday February 17th at 11:00 am in the church library. Bring your lunch and stay for fellowship.

Presbyterian Women The PW are meeting Tuesday, February 18th at 10 AM in the meeting room. All of the women of St. Andrews are welcome to attend. They will be covering the 5th and 6th lessons in *Let Justice Roll Down*.

A **Caregiver Support Group** led by Pat Baker meets via Zoom the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM. All caregivers of spouses, parents for other family or friends are welcome to attend, no registration is needed. The Zoom link is in your weekly church email.

Flowers for Worship Scan this code to sign up to bring flowers for worship this winter. The flowers can be from the store, or from your yard.



Let's Launch Children's Church Save the date and plan to join LaVerne on Sunday, February 23rd at 11:15 AM in the meeting room to hear our plans for starting a weekly Sunday morning learning program for your preschoolers.

St. Andrews School will be closed February 17-21 for winter break.

Today's Bulletin A digital copy of this bulletin is available on our website, accessible by scanning this code:



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.

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