

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

ST. ANDREWS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MARCH 23RD, 2025

10:00 AM

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT



GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME

OPENING VOLUNTARY *Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart* Frederick Atkinson

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Worship is a place to rest.

We breathe deeply here.

We still our aching bones.

We sit in the quiet.

We surround ourselves with music.

Worship is a place to rest.

Worship is a place to grow.

We listen for God's word.

We invite it to challenge us.

We lean in with curiosity.

We ask questions.

Worship is a place to grow.

So come into this space. Come rest and grow here.

For where two or more are gathered, God is always there.

Let us worship our gracious God.

†HYMN 36

For the Fruit of All Creation

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CONFESSING OUR SIN

Holy God, There are days when we fail to rest.

We stretch ourselves too thin. We say "yes" to every invitation.

We run a million miles a minute. We ignore your command to rest.

There are also days when we fail to act.

We wait for someone else. We take the easy road.

We find excuses and justify our inaction.

God, forgive our imbalance.

Remind us that birds rest, and they also fly. Show us how to do the same.

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

WAYFARING STRANGER

Silence is kept for prayers of personal confession

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Family of faith, I have good news! Our God does not keep score. Our God does not hold grudges. Our God does not assume the worst about us. No, our God offers grace, and endless second chances, and boundless love. So join me in proclaiming the good news of the gospel:

God's grace is deeper than the ocean. God's love is wider than the sky. We are seen. We are claimed. We are forgiven. May this realization change and inspire us. Thanks be to God! Amen.

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.

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Based on the hymn tune MORCAMBE.

LENTEN THEME AND LITURGY

This Lenten season we are following the theme, "everything [in] between: meeting God in the midst of extremes," 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 and cards found in the Narthex. The Call to Worship, Prayer of Confession, and Affirmation of Faith are adapted from prayers written by Sarah (Are) Speed of A Sanctified Art.

†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

Margaret Ellingson

SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 20:1-3, 8-11

Pew Bible p. 63 (OT)

MUSICAL OFFERING

What a Friend / Lonesome Valley Arranged by John Miller

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 13:6-9

Pew Bible p. 71 (NT)

CHILDREN'S LESSON

SERMON

everything [in] between: rest and growth Rev. Dr. Camille LeBron

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

†HYMN

Beneath the Soil

WINCHESTER OLD

Please see the bulletin insert.

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

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

†Offering Response

TALLIS' CANON

**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.**

†Prayer of Dedication

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

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."

HYMN

Anna Strickland of Sanctified Art wrote this original hymn text based on Luke 13:6-9, setting it to the tune WINCHESTER OLD ("God Is Our Refuge and Strength"), connecting with our Lenten theme of *everything [in] between*.

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 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 "members of the church." All who confess Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord are invited to partake of the Lord's Supper. 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 communion elements to be assured of God's love and grace in Jesus Christ. All are invited to follow the instructions given at the Lord's Table to receive Communion.

GOING TO SERVE GOD IN THE WORLD

†HYMN 821

How Can I Keep From Singing?

HOW CAN I KEEP

†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION IN MUSIC

Adagio on ST. AGNES

Raymond Haan

HYMN 821

The text of this hymn is full of Biblical allusions that serve as both a comfort and to call us to rejoice. In 1957 folksinger Pete Seeger included a version of this hymn in a folk-song journal with an additional verse written by Doris Plenn in response to McCarthy-era pressure on political liberals.

CHURCH STAFF

The Rev. Dr. Camille S. LeBron, Pastor

David Lukens, Director of Music

Edward Weaver, Associate Director of Music and Organist

Pat Baker, Director of Older Adult and Caregiver Ministries

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Helen Hoang, Financial Administrator

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.

Approved and adopted by the Session of St. Andrews, August 2019

CALENDAR

Sunday, March 23rd

8:45 AM Sunday School
10:00 AM Worship
11:00 AM Chancel Bells
Lunches for Clifton
2:00 PM Revelation Bible Study
4:30 PM Dinner, Clifton Sanctuary

Monday, March 24th

7:00 PM Coro Voci
8:00 PM AA Meeting

Tuesday, March 25th

12:00 PM 39ers

Wednesday, March 26th

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

Thursday, March 27th

6:30 PM Light of Grace

Friday, March 28th

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

Saturday, March 29th

Sunday, March 30th

8:45 AM Sunday School
10:00 AM Worship
11:00 AM Chancel Bells
2:00 PM Revelation Bible Study

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
Mike Bearden

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

Peggy Benedict at home
Ted & Peggy Heffner Blueridge
Assisted Living
Henry Tribble The Villages
David & Mary McCowen Holbrook
Betty Weber Townsend Park Health

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

39ers The 39ers are meeting on Tuesday, March 25th at Noon at the Red Lobster by Northlake. Everyone is welcome to attend!

Easter Flower Dedications If you would like to dedicate an Easter flower in memory or in honor of a loved one, there are dedication forms 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 \$12 each. Put "Easter Flowers" on the memo line, if paying by check. April 6th will be the last day for sending in dedications.

April Retreat The Spring Adult Retreat is on! April 22-25, we'll be going to Camp Mikell in the foothills of the Great Smoky Mountains. Please call or email Pat Baker to reserve your space. Sign up by tomorrow, March 24th.

Lenten Book Study Everyone is welcome to join us Sunday mornings at 8:45 a.m. in the Meeting Room, during Lent. We will be going through *The Final Days: A Lenten Journey through the Gospels* by Matt Rawle. Books are available for \$10 on Sunday mornings or in the church office.

Second Preschool Work Day Many thanks to everyone who heled out on the 15th! Please join us on our second spring cleaning and work day on Saturday, March 29, 10:00 AM-3:00 PM. See your weekly email for a link to sign up.

Lamplighter Deadline Articles for the April *Lamplighter* are due on Tuesday, March 25th.

Lenten Materials are available in the narthex and digitally. Scan these QR codes to get the devotional book and devotional cards. Please do not share these links, as they are copyrighted materials and our license is for use within our congregation.

Devotional book



Devotional cards

