

# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

## ST. ANDREWS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

APRIL 27TH, 2025 ~ 10:00 AM

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

CARING FOR CREATION



### GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

#### WELCOME

OPENING VOLUNTARY      *This Is My Father's World*      Franklin Shepherd  
Arr. By Tedd Smith and Don Hustad

#### †CALL TO WORSHIP

In the midst of darkness & chaos,

**God imagined.**

In the fury & darkness,

**God imagined a world filled with trees,  
and blue skies and fluffy white clouds.**

In the meadow, God stood and

**imagined foxes, bluebirds, and slithering snakes.**

In a world of rainstorms and wildlife and cattle and grasses blowing in the breeze,

**God imagined humanity.**

**God imagined the continuum from man to woman.**

In a world teeming with billions of people,

**God imagined me.**

God imagined you and God imagined me. We are created in the image of God.

**God imagined us all. God loves each of us.**

Let us worship with the same imagination as the creating One!

**Amen.**

#### †HYMN 233

*The Day of Resurrection*

LANCASHIRE

#### CONFESSING OUR SIN

You have given us a world of beauty, and we have spoiled it.

A world to feed us, and so many go hungry.

A world of riches, and we are unwilling to share.

A world to care for, and we think only of ourselves.

Forgive us, gracious God, every time your heart is saddened by our selfishness,  
every time we have no thought for others, no cares but ours.

Enable us to see this world as a gift from you that can be shared,  
and those who live on it as our neighbors.

We ask this that your name may be glorified, through the beauty of this world,  
and the service of our lives.

*a time of silent, personal confession*

#### DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

JOYFUL RESPONSE 240      *Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks*

ALLELUIA NO. 1

*Refrain:* Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name

Jesus is Lord of all the earth. He is the King of creation. (*Refrain*)

#### 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.

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

We begin our worship with a call and response inspired by the creation story in Genesis 1-2, written by Tim Graves.

#### SILENCE

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

## †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

Phyllis Bearden

### SCRIPTURE READING

Revelation 21:1-4

Pew Bible p. 244 (NT)

### MUSICAL OFFERING

*For the Beauty of the Earth*

John Rutter

### SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 1:1-2:4a

Pew Bible p. 1 (OT)

### CHILDREN'S LESSON

### SERMON

*A Very Big Problem*

Rev. Dr. Camille LeBron

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

### †HYMN 20

*All Things Bright and Beautiful*

ROYAL OAK

### †AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in God above us,  
Creator of all things, sustainer of all life.  
We believe in Christ beside us,  
Companion and friend, redeemer of all the broken pieces of our universe.  
We believe in the Spirit deep within us,  
An advocate and guide who lives with us eternally.  
We believe in God's resurrection created world,  
Where all things are fixed, and all creation fits together in vibrant harmonies.  
We believe in God above, beside, within, God yesterday, today, and forever, the  
three in one, the one in three. We believe in God.

### 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

#### †Offering Response

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia, Alleluia!  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

#### †Prayer of Dedication

## 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 20

Written almost 200 years ago, this beloved hymn was originally part of an effort to help children understand the Apostles' Creed. The final stanza shifts the focus to the singers—we who have been given the ability to observe these wonders have also been given the ability and responsibility to praise God.

### AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Following the proclamation of the Word, the congregation is given the opportunity to respond to hearing God's Word by affirming what the church believes and expressing our faith. Today's affirmation, which focuses on God's connection and our connection to creation, is written by Christine Sine of *Journey to Wholeness*.

## GOING TO SERVE GOD IN THE WORLD

†HYMN 308

*O God in Whom All Life Begins*

NOEL

†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

**BENEDICTION IN MUSIC**

*Postlude on 'Hymn to Joy'*

Ludwig van Beethoven

Setting by Matthew Corl

*All thy works with joy surround thee; earth and heaven reflect thy rays;  
stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,  
chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.*

### CHURCH STAFF

The Rev. Dr. Camille LeBron, Pastor

David Lukens, Director of Music

Edward Weaver, Associate Director of Music and Organist

Pat Baker, Director of Older Adult and Caregiver Ministries

La Toya Johnson-Bowden, Director, St. Andrews School

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*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*

### Notes on Today's Music

The text for the **Opening Voluntary** "This is My Father's World" was written by Maltbie D. Babcock (1858-1901) and is from a collection of this Presbyterian's pastor's writings which was published posthumously. The recurring phrase was his customary way of identifying what he was going out to see on his morning walks. The tune TERRA BEATA was composed by Franklin L. Sheppard (1852-1930), a friend of the author, for these words. It first appeared in a Presbyterian Sunday School hymnal (1915) which the composer edited.

This setting was arranged for piano and organ by the team of Tedd Smith (b. 1927; London, Ontario, Canada) and Don Hustad (1918-2013).

The text for the **Musical Offering** "For the Beauty of the Earth" was written by Folliott Sanford Pierpoint (1835-1917) and first published in London in 1864. The original title was "Sacrifice of Praise" and the original refrain was "Christ our God, to Thee we raise / This our Sacrifice of Praise" which expresses the original intent as a eucharistic hymn.

This setting is by John Rutter (b. 1945), an internationally renowned English composer and conductor, associated mainly with choral music. His larger choral works, Gloria, Requiem, Magnificat and Mass of the Children are widely performed around the world, and many of his shorter pieces such as The Lord bless you and keep you, For the beauty of the earth, and All things bright and beautiful have become 'standards'. He has also composed or arranged many Christmas carols.

The **Benediction in Music**, based on the well-known melody created to provide a choral setting of J. C. F. Schiller's poem, *An die Freude* (To Joy), as the final movement of Beethoven's Ninth Symphony. The text we sing was written by Henry van Dyke (1852-1933), a prominent American Presbyterian pastor, author, educator, and diplomat.

This setting was composed by Matthew Corl (b. 1965), a respected organist, recitalist, and composer. The theme is set in an interesting variation between 6/8 and 3/4.

## CALENDAR

### **Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup>**

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

### **Monday, April 28<sup>th</sup>**

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

### **Tuesday, April 29<sup>th</sup>**

12:00 PM 39ers

### **Wednesday, April 30<sup>th</sup>**

1:30 PM Lunch and Learn  
7:30 PM Chancel Choir  
8:00 PM AA Meeting

### **Thursday, May 1<sup>st</sup>**

6:30 PM Light of Grace  
4:00 PM Tucker Farmer's Market

### **Friday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>**

9:00 AM Church at Prayer  
7:30 PM Worship  
8:00 PM AA Meeting

### **Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>**

### **Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup>**

8:45 AM Sunday School  
10:00 AM Worship  
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.

**Mike Bearden**

**David McCowen**

**Lynda Robinson, on the death of her sister, Wilene.**

**Richard Russ on a mission trip to Liberia**

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

**Peggy Benedict** at home

**Ted & Peggy Heffner** Blueridge Assisted Living

**Dave & Mary Jentoft** Brookdale in Meridian, MS

**David & Mary McCowen** Holbrook

**Henry Tribble** The Villages

**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

**Lunch and Learn - New Time** Lunch and Learn is back this week, at the new time of 1:30 PM. Join us on Zoom for a discussion of the week's scripture passages with Pastor Camille. It's a great time for faith formation and a mid-week check in with your church family. The Zoom link is emailed on Wednesday mornings. Please contact the church office, if you'd like to receive email from St. Andrews.

**39ers** The 39ers are meeting for lunch at Don Eduardo's on Tuesday, April 29th at Noon. Everyone is welcome to join in the fun and fellowship.

**May Day Trip** We will take a guided tour of the Breman Museum's "History with Chutzpa" exhibit on Monday, May 19th. We'll meet at the church at 10:45 AM to carpool to Egg Harbor Café in Brookhaven for brunch, and then head over to the museum for our 1:00 PM tour. Museum admission is \$7 for seniors and \$5 for adults, payable at the door. RSVP to Pat Baker by May 13th.

**Tucker Farmer's Market** has returned to SAPC. It's a great opportunity to shop local and to see your neighbors right on our front lawn, Thursdays from 4-7 PM.

**St. Andrews School** still has some spots available in their Summer Camp (ages 1-10) and Fall Classes (ages 1-5) Please contact the school for more information, 770-934-1461.

**Paper Shredding** DeKalb County is hosting their semi-annual household paper shredding event on Saturday, May 17.

**Electronics Recycling** is available to the community at E-Recycle USA in Tucker. Please see their website for more information: [erecycleusa.com](http://erecycleusa.com).

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