



Ministry Spotlight: Reformation Sunday

Celebrating St. Andrews' Reformed heritage!

Thanks to everyone who helped with the setup, our guest musicians, and those who contributed to the shortbread and more reception. And a special thanks to our time-travelers who let us overhear their conversation about the significance of the Reformation: Martin Luther (Charlton Allen), John Calvin (David Lukens), and Pope Paul III (Arch Baker).





From the Pastor

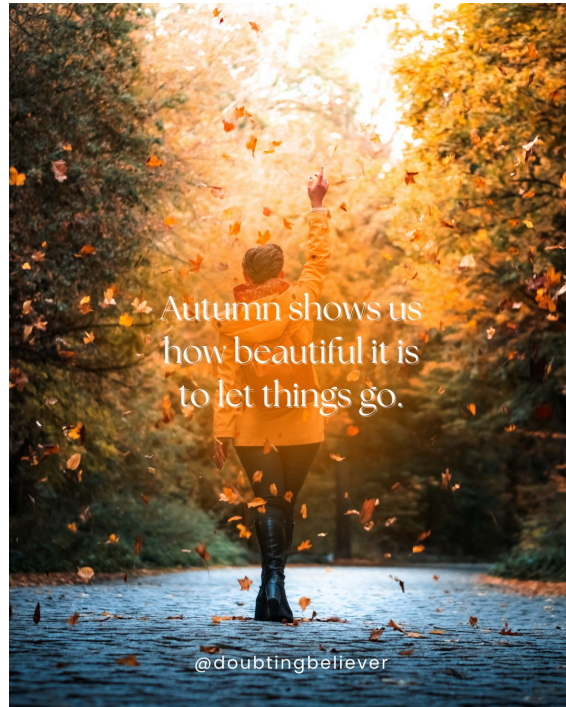
Pat Baker and I recently participated in a special, recurring program at the High Museum of Art, called “*Art After Loss*” (<https://high.org/art-after-loss/>). It was lovely to spend a couple of hours each week sitting with just a few works of art and a small group. The staff facilitated reflection and discussion. They even gave us homework between weeks that I found to be quite meaningful. It was a very different experience from my usual museum visits.

On our last day, we spent time in the special exhibit, “Kim Chong Hak: Painter of Seoraksan.” This Korean painter’s work is arranged by season. I’ve always appreciated Spring more than the other seasons, but the time spent with Hak’s 2023 painting, *Autumn*, reminded me of the gifts of Fall.



In the past, the best thing about Autumn was a break from the heat. However, in this one painting, composed of three panels, the transformation that occurs during the season is more apparent. As the saying goes, "Autumn shows us how beautiful it is to let things go."

We tend to hold tight to things that have outlived their usefulness and relationships that have become toxic. Often, we do this out of fear. But our faith teaches us that we don't need to be afraid of letting go. We need not fear death, the death of things that once meant something to us. We are resurrection people. That's why I love Spring! It's all about death being defeated. But Autumn does that too; it's just a different phase of the transformation. *In the end is our beginning.*



And so, I wonder, what do you need to let go of this season?

Camille

November Worship

November 2

All Saints Sunday
Standing at the Watchpost
Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

November 9

How does it look to you now?
Haggai 2:1-9

November 16

Not the Way It's Supposed To Be
Isaiah 65:17-25

November 23

Brunch Church
Psalm 46

November 30

Advent Begins
Rev. Melissa McNair-King Preaching





Brunch Church and the Hanging of the Greens

Please help us with Brunch Church on Sunday, November 23rd. Brunch starts at 9:45 am. Worship begins at the regular time, 10:00 am. The church will provide coffee, beverages, and donuts. We ask members to contribute breakfast casseroles, fruit and cheese platters, and other brunch items. Please bring them to Heffner Hall by 9:30; we'll need many hands to set up, serve, and clean up. Look for a sign-up coming soon. Contact [Cindy Weimer](#) or [Marsha Ashby](#) for more information.

Stick around after worship for our annual Hanging of the Greens. As we prepare our campus for the Christmas season, many hands are needed for tasks of every ability level. Join us!

Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee has the process of identifying and nominating a slate of elder and deacon candidates to present to the congregation at our annual meeting in January. Members who wish to suggest someone (either self or another member) for these positions should complete the Nominating Committee Suggestion Form [found here](#) and, in the Narthex, and place it in the offering basket on Sunday. You can also nominate someone via email to Camille, the church office, or by reaching out to a member of the committee.

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Advent Begins

Advent begins Sunday, November 30th. Our theme is *What Do You Fear? Insisting on Hope this Advent*. We will use materials from Sanctified Art. Advent devotionals, which include prayers, journal prompts, reflections, and visual art, all inspired by our scripture texts for the season, will be available in the Narthex and outside the church office in the breezeway beginning November 23rd. Stay tuned for details as we approach this season of anticipation.

Giving

Online giving applies to your pledge just the same as a paper check. Secure online contributions can be made by clicking [this link](#), or checks can be mailed to: SAPC, 4882 Lavista Rd, Tucker, GA 30084

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through the Presbyterian Mission Exchange

The Daily Gospel of Luke Countdown to Christmas Challenge

Advent is the season of anticipation, joy, and reflection. If you'd like a challenge in addition to the devotionals available, or prefer a seasonal journey focused on one narrative, then reading through the *Gospel of Luke* is a great way to prepare for Christmas. With 24 chapters, this beloved book of the Bible offers the perfect daily countdown to the celebration of Christ's birth.

Why Choose Luke's Gospel for Advent?

Luke uniquely captures God's heart for all people, highlighting themes of compassion, humility, and joy. From the angelic announcement of Christ's birth to his ministry among the marginalized, Luke's narrative invites us into the transformative story of salvation. This journey offers a full view of Christ's life, ministry, and sacrifice, grounding your Advent season in the gospel's life-changing truths.

How to Participate in the Daily Gospel of Luke Countdown to Christmas

The practice is simple yet powerful: begin on December 1st and read one chapter of Luke each day, concluding on Christmas Eve with the story of Jesus' resurrection and triumph.

1. Start on December 1st. Read Luke 1 and reflect on the angel's announcement to Mary.
2. Continue daily. Let each chapter immerse you in Jesus' life and mission.
3. Complete the gospel on December 24th. Celebrate Christmas Eve with a full heart of joy, marveling at the hope found in Christ.

There's no group to join or meeting to attend, just read on your own. We will have a simple guide to help you track your reading available in the weekly email and in the narthex, beginning November 23rd.

Older Adult and Caregiver Ministries

by Pat Baker



Discussion/Support group

The Older Adulthood Discussion on November 20th will be led by Pat Baker. We're going to discuss "Reframing Aging" so that we, as older adults, use language that is inclusive and free of age bias. One of our society's strengths is our belief in justice. A just society ensures that everyone, regardless of age, can participate and contribute in meaningful ways. We'll meet at 10:30am in the meeting room. Please join us for what will be a lively discussion and reflection.

The December Older Adulthood discussion will be on December 11th (instead of the 18th). We'll have two outside speakers who will give you LOTS of hints and information on what to do with all your STUFF. Look for more information in the Thursday emails and bulletins.

December Day Trip - Mark Your Calendars

Our HOLIDAY day trip this year will be to the NEW location for the Atlanta Christkindl Market, the Lawrenceville Lawn in Downtown Lawrenceville where you will experience the magic of the holiday season enjoying the unique fusion of traditional German festivities and the vibrant spirit of Atlanta. From delicious culinary delights to handcrafted treasures, we'll immerse ourselves in an enchanting world where old-world charm intertwines with the vibrancy of Atlanta culture. We'll meet at the church at 10:45 am on Friday, December 12th and carpool to downtown Lawrenceville. You'll be free to enjoy the market at your own pace where you'll find plenty to eat and plenty to buy! We'll return to Tucker early afternoon. Check out all that will be available at <https://www.christkindlmarket.org/>. There is no cost to attend the market. Please contact Pat Baker- pat@sapctucker.org or 678-438-3673 to let her know you will be going and if you'll be meeting us at the church to carpool.

Are You Yearning to Get Away to the Mountains?

Join us at Montreat this Spring

Spring is the perfect time to visit Montreat and William Black Lodge; it is not too cold or hot and the rocking chairs on the front porch are VERY inviting! Enjoy the fresh mountain air and feel renewed spiritually. Worship will be led by Pastor Camille and this year's program will be presented by Tommy Brown, Director of William Black Lodge. Tommy will be putting together a group of speakers who will share their knowledge and wisdom about the lore, music, and storytelling of this part of North Carolina and the mountains. The retreat starts the evening of April 21st and ends after breakfast on Friday the 24th, 2026. This retreat is open to all adults including church members, family members (bring your mom, dad or your daughter or son) and your friends (neighbors, bridge partners, and exercise buddies, etc.) who are

looking for a few days away in the mountains for fun and relaxation. If you are still working this would make for a great mini vacation.

The price range for 3 nights on the rooms, depending on single and double occupancy, is \$285.00 to \$420.00 + tax. All meals (excluding Thursday lunch) are \$104.00+tax. A deposit of \$50.00 is due by November 31st, paid to the church. You can indicate by email, or send your deposit to the church office C/O Pat Baker, St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, 4882 Lavista Rd., Tucker, GA 30084. Please contact Pat Baker if you have any questions or want further information.

Gather. Grow. Give. Go. Sundays at 9:00 a.m.



- 9-9:30 Children: Joyful Noise music program (choir room)
- 9-9:30 Adults: Gather for fellowship and discussion time (youth room)
- 9:30-10 Children: Either go to Children's church for a brief Bible story and lesson (nursery) or join the adults for an intergenerational project (youth room).
- 9:30-10 Adults: Either continue the discussion or join the children for an intergenerational project (youth room).

November 2	<i>Gather</i>	Adults: Giving Thanks Children: Exploring Worship
November 9	<i>Grow</i>	Adults: Gratitude in Scripture Children: The Story of Jesus and One Thankful Man
November 16	<i>Give</i>	Adults & Children: Returning Thanks—Make kits for unhoused neighbors
November 23	<i>Go</i>	Adults & Children: Help prepare for Brunch Church
November 30	<i>Advent</i>	Adults & Children: What Do You Fear?

Fidelis Sunday School Class

Everyone is welcome to join the Fidelis Sunday School Class, which meets at 9:00 am on Sunday mornings in the Library, and on Zoom (password fidelis).

The class uses *The Present Word* series of books. In November we are finishing up the series "Judah, from Isaiah to Exile." Contact Deanna Hall for more information.

NETWorks' Good Neighbor Christmas Shop

We will be collecting new, unwrapped toys for NETWorks soon. stay tuned to your weekly emails for more details.

November Birthdays

3rd Louis Todd
 6th Bill Beeson
 7th Pat Zrolka
 8th Janet Shiver
 10th Heather Morse,
 Melissa McNair-King
 12th Mary Evans
 13th Deb Chambers
 14th Betty Weber, Linda
 Weaver
 17th Tami Phillips
 20th J. D. McFarlan
 22nd Shannon Maloney
 25th Peggy Heffner

Clifton Sanctuary Ministries



There are spots available for upcoming dates to bring food to Clifton. For more information or to sign up, [click here](#). This ministry is a very easy thing to do while maintaining your social distancing since meals are dropped off on Clifton's front porch after calling ahead to let them know when you are coming.

A group gathers on the 4th Sunday of each month after worship to make lunches for Clifton. If you are interested in helping, [contact Phyllis Bearden](#).

Our congregation feeds the men at Clifton Sanctuary Ministries on the fourth Sunday of every month.

39ers Lunch Group

The 39ers we will not be meeting in November or December because of the busy holiday season. We will start afresh on January 27th by going to one of our favorites-Bambinelli's in Tucker. We hope that those of you who have not joined this group in the past will make a new year's resolution to join us in 2026.

26th Marianne Pattillo, David Shiver

November Anniversary

Paige & Craig Kubik

Collections for NETWorks

Our collection of food and hygiene items for NETWorks is going well. Thank you for your ongoing generosity to our neighbors. Please keep bringing in shelf-stable food and hygiene items like adult diapers, poise pads, maxi pads and tampons to the collection bins in the Narthex.

Upcoming Events

12/21 Lessons and Carols

12/24 Christmas Eve Candle
Light Worship
5 and 11 pm

Highlights from the October Session Meeting

Jane Thomas, Clerk of Session

- The Session discussed the current financial situation of the church and the school.
- We also discussed follow up actions from our meeting with The Presbyterian Foundation.

Support Our Preschool

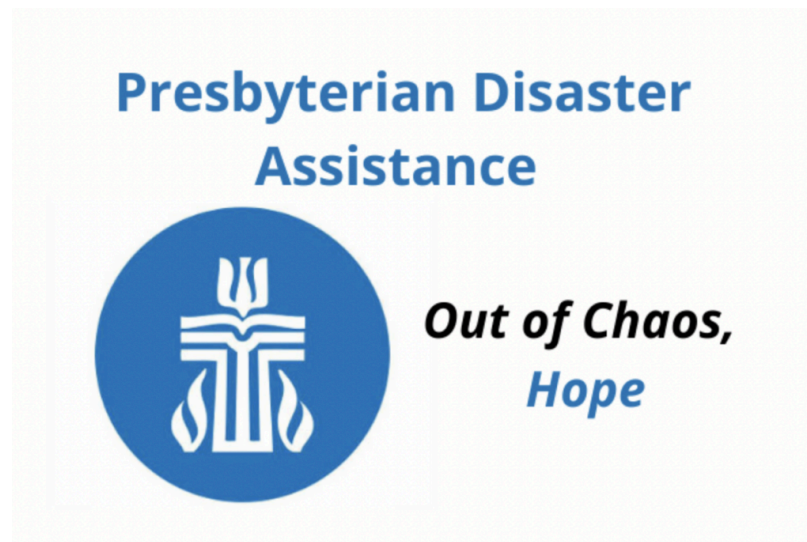
Some ways you can help the school include:

- Join En-Core! With the increase in enrollment at St. Andrews Preschool and the addition of a PreK class, Encore Volunteers are needed. We help with different events throughout the year and also read on a regular basis on Fridays. With the increased enrollment our immediate need is for additional readers on Fridays. Please [contact Cindy Weimer](#) with any questions.
- [Click this link](#) to see the school's Amazon wish list.



Out of Chaos, Hope
Flood, Hurricane & Wildfire Response and Relief
by Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is a ministry of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) which enables congregations and mission partners to witness to the healing love of Christ through caring for communities adversely affected by crises and catastrophic events. PDA has deployed National Response Teams to the Texas Hill Country flooding, Spring tornados, Southern California wildfires, Florida, North Carolina, and Georgia to support the congregations and communities affected by the natural disasters. They also aid refugees and asylum seekers as well as respond to incidents of public violence, like mass shootings. When you are not sure what to do besides offering thoughts and prayers, supporting PDA is a way to do more. If you would like to contribute a financial gift to support PDA's immediate and long-term work to rebuild and recover, you can give [using this link](#).



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