



From the Pastor

Kintsugi is the centuries-old Japanese art of repairing broken pottery with lacquer and gold—while engaging in meaningful spiritual reflection. It's different from just trying to glue a broken mug back together again, hiding the cracks and any evidence of its brokenness. Kintsugi is a process of restoration rooted in the wisdom that our own imperfections can be honored rather than hidden.



As we continue our worship series Broken—Good News for Tough Times, Paul's letter to the church in Rome encourages us. It reminds us how God sustains us amid brokenness, both within and without, helping us find wholeness and unity. We will conclude this series on September 6th with a Service of Healing and Wholeness, integrating our traditional end-of-summer hymn sing.

Healing was an integral part of Jesus' ministry. The church has been called to continue this ministry as one dimension of its concern for the wholeness of people.

"Services of wholeness and healing are one way of enacting the church's ministry of pastoral care. The central element in these services is prayer, calling upon God's saving grace or giving thanks for healing received, in life and in death, in body, mind, or spirit... Healing in its many forms comes as a gift from God, not as an accomplishment of human prayer." (Book of Order, Directory for Worship W-5.0204)

The ministry of healing concerns our interior and exterior lives. We are invited to pray for the divisions and splits in our lives. We are invited to make changes in our lives that lead to wholeness for ourselves, our relationships, and our world. A service of healing and wholeness is a service of prayers of thanksgiving, intercession, supplication; prayers that are silent, written, spoken, sung, and enacted through the laying on of hands; prayers that are given for individuals, for communities, for nations. There will be a variety of opportunities for enacted prayer during the service.

Each of us is like a piece of Kintsugi—broken and restored, hurt and healing. The cracks, still visible in the lacquer and gold, bear witness to God's gift of healing through the power of the Holy Spirit. I hope you will plan to join us in worship, online or in person, on September 6th.

Camille

St. Andrews Back-to-School Carnival



It's Free!

- Bounce Houses
- Crafts
- Yard Games

**August 8
10a-12p**

- Petting Zoo
- Sno Cones
- and more!

St. Andrews Presbyterian Church
4882 Lavista Road, Tucker, GA

Back-to-School Carnival

August 8, 10 am - 12 pm

Come one, come all to our annual Back-to-School Carnival! Join us as we open our campus to our neighbors on Saturday, August 8th from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm! We will have crafts, spin art, a petting zoo, popcorn, sno cones, story rime and more!

Here's the [link](#) to the volunteer sign up!

Treasurer's Report

by [Charlton Allen](#)

In June, our income was \$45,656.44, and our expenses totaled \$41,122.75. For the month, we are in the black \$4,544.69. Year to date, our income is \$215,758.11 and expenses are \$245,706.05. So, we are in the red by \$29,947.94.



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. Or monetary donations to NETWorks may be made directly [here](#).

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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



Summer Worship Series

Broken: Good News for Tough Times

As far as we know, the Apostle Paul never met the Christians in Rome to whom he wrote. But he knew that the Christian life was perilous. He knew the world in which the church was growing and spreading was unpredictable and increasingly diverse. That’s why he wrote to the young church, hoping to encourage and build up the community he hoped to one day visit. This Summer, we’ll spend time reading some of the most intriguing and inspiring passages from Romans. I hope that we will learn how God sustains us in the midst of brokenness, both within and without, helping us find wholeness and unity, just as Paul had hoped, no matter the crises we face.

August 2	Guest Preacher	
August 9	<i>Inseparable</i>	Romans 8:26-39
August 16	<i>All-Inclusive Grace</i>	Romans 9:1-5
August 23	<i>The End of the Law</i>	Romans 10:5-15
August 30	<i>God is in Control</i>	Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32
September 6	Hymn Sing and Service of Healing and Wholeness	

Fabric Collection for New Paraments

Margaret Williams is planning to make new paraments for Advent, Lent, and Easter, and want to ask people to bring fabrics that she could use to make them.

Blue, purple, white, and/or gold fabrics of any kind are needed. It could be old clothing, ties, pillowcases, tea towels, or any other scraps they might have. It's not necessary to buy new fabric, in fact we would prefer to recycle old things into something special. A short note indicating who donated the fabric and any information associated with it would also be appreciated.

Please bring your fabric donations to the collection box in the Narthex through September 13th. Feel free to include who the donation is from and if there is a story to share that goes along with it.

Older Adult and Caregiver Ministries

Adult Day Program

The Adult Day Program is a mission project of St. Andrews in collaboration with Peachtree Christian Health to provide a facility and volunteers to serve older adults and individuals requiring affordable, supervised daytime care and respite for caregivers. Other objectives of this program are to provide programming to improve brain health and promote aging in place.



The day program will be held every Tuesday in the Youth room from 9:30 am to 2:30 pm, starting September 1st. The day's activities will include devotionals, games, classes and exercise. In addition to the day program Peachtree Christian Health's staff will be providing, on a regular basis, additional educational programming.

Educational Programming

The New Beginnings Educational Outreach Program is dedicated to increasing awareness about the importance of early diagnosis, next steps, and access to evidence-based interventions for individuals living with mild cognitive impairment, Alzheimer's disease, and related dementias. The program also emphasizes vital support for caregivers navigating these conditions. It intends to provide critical, evidence-based resources to the broader community to educate, empower, and connect individuals and families. [See the attached flyer](#) for registration information.

The first program is a free memory screening on August 4th at St. Andrews in the meeting room from 10:00 am-noon and 1:00-2:30 pm. Stay proactive. Screenings and assessments provide early insight, support brain health, and connect you to the right resources for ongoing care and support. Registration is required. Contact For more information and to pre-register for these opportunities, contact Vivian Gaither, Education Outreach Manager, at vgaither@pchlec.org or at 770-624-2727.

Volunteer Opportunities

In addition to offering our facilities for this program we are seeking volunteers from St. Andrews and the wider Tucker Community. These volunteers will be provided adequate training on being greeters and friends to the participants, helping with the daily activities, serving lunch and assisting in other areas as needed. The first day of training for volunteers will be Friday, July 24th. We are looking for all levels of involvement as a volunteer. You could volunteer one day a month or more or you could volunteer to pick up the catered lunch. There will also be opportunities to volunteer with programming or the daily devotions. [Click here](#) for more information and for the sign-up to volunteer.

Older Adulthood Discussion/Support Group, August 20, 2026

We welcome Rev. Tom Edmondson back to GA in his new position as the Director of The Atlanta Center for Logotherapy. Rev. Edmondson was the former pastor of The First Christian Church of Atlanta, a neighbor church down the street. He will be leading our August Older Adulthood Discussion/Support. His topic will be "What is meant to give light must accept that it burns: A Candle Meditation on 2 Corinthians 4:6-7 and 16. I hope you will join us at 10:30am in the meeting room.

Rev. Tom Edmondson is a Diplomate in Viktor Frankl's Logo-Philosophy (Viktor Frankl Institute of Logotherapy, USA) and an Accredited member of the International Association of Logotherapy and Existential Analysis.

Daily Comforts for Caregivers

By Pat Samples

Toughness and Softness

Caring for my loved one has both toughened me and softened me. I'm not always sure which side of me is called for in any given situation, but sooner or later it becomes clear. Sometimes I need both. In some instances I've had to stand up to people or endure past what I thought were my limits. If I hadn't grown a few callouses, I would never have made it. I had to be strong so I could say yes or no emphatically. In other instances, my toughness had to stay parked in idle. I've had to soften up, become flexible, open my arms, and widen my lap. Over time, I'm learning to stay alert in each situation to see which is better to rely on, toughness or softness. I work to keep them in balance and with all the practice I am getting as a caregiver, I'm sure they'll both grow stronger.

My toughness and my softness provide needed balance as I care for my loved one.

Standing with Immigrants

Tom Hagood has been working for several months to help organize a meaningful gathering for people of faith to organize, train, and mobilize to protect our neighbors who are being cruelly targeted for deportation.

The 1/2 day conference is next Friday, 8/7. Let's get working together! [Click here](#) for more information, or to RSVP.



Fidelis Sunday School Class

Fidelis Sunday School will continue to meet Sunday mornings at 9:00 am during the summer. 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. [Contact Deanna Hall](#) for more information.

August Birthdays

- 2 Elena Weaver
- 8 Zachary Meeks, Gretchen Turner
- 12 Nathan Phillips
- 25 Charles Mills, Susan Williams
- 27 Patsy Cannon

August Anniversaries

- 9 John & Jimmie Artley

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 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

The 39ers are a group that meets for lunch and fellowship at noon on the last Tuesday of the month. 39ers will meet at the Tucker location of Taqueria Los Hermanos on August 25th. Everyone is welcome!

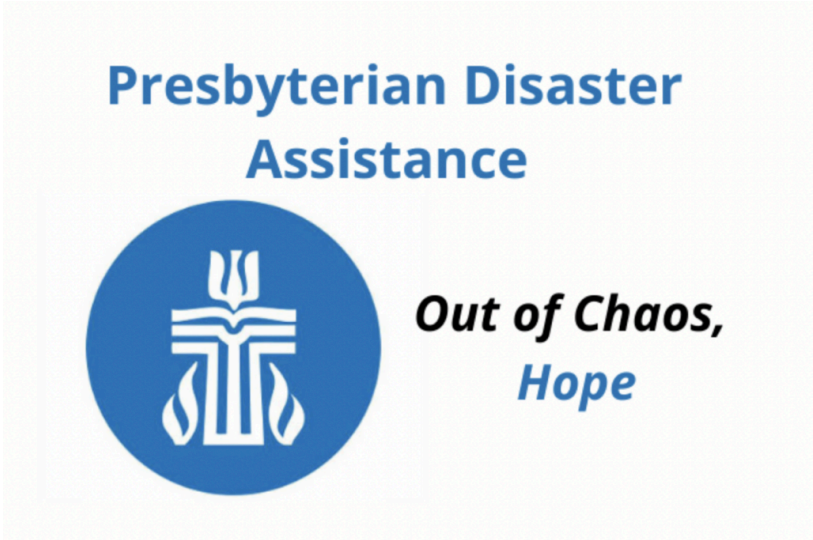
PC(USA) General Assembly News

The 227th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA) met in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, June 22-July 2. The assembly, gathered to work on behalf of the larger church, articulated its stance on several social issues, including artificial intelligence, White Christian nationalism, immigration and customs enforcement (ICE), the state of Israel, and gender-affirming healthcare. Alongside social witness, the Assembly voted to amend the Book of Order, make changes to the ordination process, and carefully examine the closure of PC(USA) World Mission. It's a lot to keep track of. If you're interested in learning more about the actions of the General Assembly, Rev. Michael Cuppett, a pastor serving in New Jersey, has compiled a recap of the 227th General Assembly. [Click here](#) for the recap.

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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