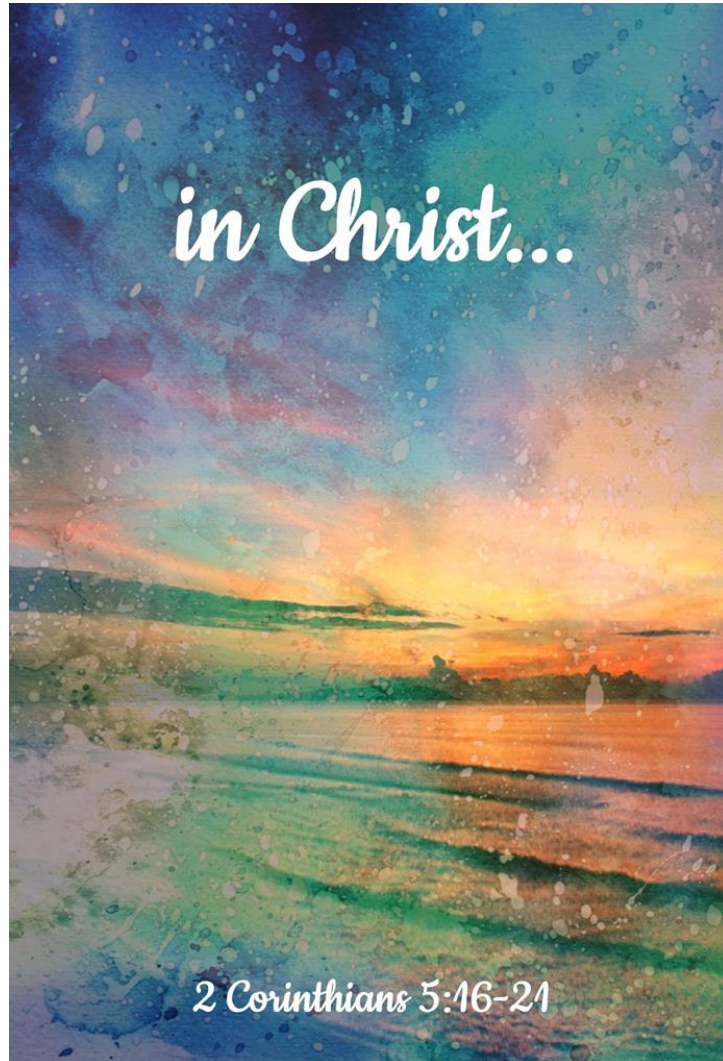


St. Andrews Presbyterian Church



March 27, 2022

# Fourth Sunday in Lent

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

March 27, 2022

10:30 A.M.

### **THE GATHERING**

PRELUDE

"Poco Adagio"

C. SAINT-SAËNS

*"Be still and know that I am God."*

*Psalm 46:10*

(Please use this time to prepare for worship in silence.)

### WORDS OF WELCOME AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISCIPLESHIP

PASSING THE PEACE

*"...I was a stranger and you welcomed me."*

*Matthew 25:35b*

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

(The people may greet each other in the spirit of Christ.)

CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on Psalm 32)

Liturgist

Happy are those whose sin is forgiven.

**Yes, happy are we whom the Lord has cleared of guilt!**

Unfailing love surrounds those who trust the Lord.

**You are our hiding place. O God. You protect us from trouble.**

Rejoice in the Lord and be glad, all you who obey him!

**Yes, let us shout for joy and praise the Lord!**

### OPENING PRAYER

THE LENTEN WREATH – LETTING GO OF SIN

Rich and Marjorie Groenwald

We have been born into a world of sin. We hurt our neighbors, intentionally and unintentionally. We turn away from God. Sin is inescapable. But so is grace. God calls us to repent and Jesus speaks to us, "Your sins are forgiven." We can let go of our sins and turn back to God, trusting in God's mercy and forgiveness. (Silence)

As we extinguish this candle, we let go of our sins. We repent for all that we have done or left undone, and allow ourselves to be forgiven, so that we might respond by offering forgiveness to others and gratitude to God. (A candle is extinguished)

**Faithful God, forgive us for turning away from you and others. As we journey toward the cross, help us to repent of our sin and to forgive others in the same way you have forgiven us. Amen.**

\*HYMN 664

"Morning Has Broken"

BUNESSAN

\*CONFESSION AND PARDON

Jesus said, "I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners." Therefore, with boldness, let us approach the throne of grace and confess our sin together. Let us pray.

**Eternal God, our judge and our redeemer, if we have lived for ourselves and apart from you, have mercy upon us. If we have relied on our own strength and ignored our dependence upon you, forgive us. If we have begrudged your generous love for the undeserving and been consumed with resentment, heal us. Restore us, gracious God, to the blessed communion of your kingdom, through the grace of our Jesus Christ. In his name we pray. Amen.**

Silent Confession

\*KYRIE

**Lord, have mercy,  
Christ, have mercy,  
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life is gone, a new life has begun. Friends, believe the good news: **in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.**

**THE WORD**

CHILDREN'S TIME

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Traditional) (Page 35, *Glory to God Hymnal*)  
SINGING WITH THE CHILDREN: "Jesus Loves Me" (Hymn 188)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE HEBREW BIBLE READING: Joshua 5:9-12  
The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM "Agnus Dei" JACKSON

THE NEW TESTAMENT READING: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21  
May God bless to our understanding this reading of God's holy Word. **Amen.**

SERMON "In Christ"

**THE RESPONSE**

\*HYMN 774 "There Is Now a New Creation" GAMBRELL  
(Verses 1, 2, 4, 5)

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God,  
the firstborn of all creation;  
for in him all things in heaven and earth were created,  
things visible and invisible,  
whether thrones or dominions  
or rulers or powers—  
all things have been created through him and for him.  
He himself is before all things,  
and in him all things hold together.  
He is the head of the body, the church;  
he is the beginning,  
the first-born from the dead,  
so that he might come to have first place in everything.  
For in him all the fullness of God  
was pleased to dwell,  
and through him God was pleased  
to reconcile to himself all things,  
by making peace through the blood of his cross. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

"Offertoire"

LEON BOËLLMANN

\*DOXOLOGY/Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow (607)

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

\*PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

***THE SENDING***

\*HYMN 543

"O Christ, Surround Me"

GREEN TYLER

\*COVENANT OF THE CONGREGATION (Unison)

**As God's own people, we covenant to be merciful in action, kindly in heart,  
humble in mind. We pledge to always be ready to forgive as freely as the Lord  
has forgiven us. And above everything else, we will offer love and never  
forget to be thankful for what God has done for us.**

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Postlude"

M.H. ESLAVA

\*Those who are able, please stand.

PARTICIPANTS IN WORSHIP

The Rev. Dr. Anne Hébert, Pastor  
The Rev. Margie Osborn, Guest Preacher  
Elaine Trent, Liturgist  
Dennis and Sally Keeney, Greeters  
Cynthia Blanchard and Tim Ismiel, Ushers  
Rich and Marjorie Groenwald, Lenten Candle Snuffers  
Tim Quist, Organist  
Michael Beery, Soloist and Choir Director



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

SPECIAL OFFERINGS

HUNGER • DISASTER • DEVELOPMENT

Next Sunday St. Andrews will receive the **One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) Special Offering** which supports Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hungry Program, and the Self Development of People program. Through our gifts to OGHS we enable these organizations to become "repairers of the breach" (Isaiah 58:12) for people facing disaster, hunger and oppression. Please prayerfully consider your gift to the One Great Hour of Sharing. Mission Ministry Team

This Week at St. Andrews

<p><b>Today</b> 9:00 Bible Study 10:30 Worship 11:45 Coffee Hour 4:00 A.A./Al-Anon Serenity Group 6:30 Benzie Chorus Rehearsal</p> <p><b>Tuesday, Mar. 29</b> 10:00-12:00 Migrant Bag Dropoff</p> <p><b>Wednesday, Mar. 30</b> 10:30 Lenten Book Study with Jack Harnish 1:00 Centering Prayer 2:00 Session Meeting 4:30 Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p><b>Thursday, Mar. 31</b> 10:00-12:00 Migrant Bag Dropoff 2:00 Grandmother's Class</p> <p><b>Sunday, Apr. 3</b> 9:00 Bible Study 10:30 Worship 11:45 Coffee Hour 4:00 A.A./Al-Anon Serenity Group 6:30 Benzie Chorus Rehearsal</p>
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