

**THE LORD'S DAY**  
**MAY 21, 2023**

*But when Christ appeared as a high priest...He entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of His own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption. —Hebrews 9:11a, 12, ESV*

## **Welcome to Saint Andrews Presbyterian Church**

*We are glad to have you worship with us today.*

**Visiting For The First Time?** We are so glad you joined us today for worship. Be sure to take a visitor bag on your way out today!

**All Those in Attendance Today** are asked to complete the tear-off card on the back of this worship guide. The cards may be placed in an offering basket.

**For Your Convenience: Elevators** are located outside the double doors on both sides of the front of the sanctuary. **Restrooms** may be found at the back of the sanctuary or out the double doors at the front right of the sanctuary. **Envelopes** for cash gifts are available in the Sanctuary Lobby.

**Digital Devices** If you have brought a digital device into today's service, please take a moment to make sure you have turned it off, or to vibrate, so that we may all worship without interruption.

### **Parents:**

- **Nursery:** A nursery for children 3 and younger is available on the first floor during the service.
- **Children's Church Check-in:** If your K4 or K5 child will be attending Children's Church, please be sure to check-in at the Children's Desk (on the first floor) prior to the service. Our ushers will be happy to assist you.
- **Changing Stations** are available in the men's and women's restrooms in the sanctuary lobby, as well as in our Children's Ministry Hallway (first floor).
- **A Nursing Room is Available** in room 104 (first floor).
- **Children's Worship Bags:** Age-appropriate children's bulletins are available at [sapc.net](http://sapc.net) and on the rack in the sanctuary lobby. Please return bags to the rack after the service.

**Prayer Updates and Announcements** are sent out during the week by email. If you are not receiving these updates and would like to, please supply your email address on the response card on the back page and indicate "Engage" (the name of the communication).

**Mailing Checks To SACP** If you mail a check to the church, we ask that you please use the following address:

**St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, P.O. Box 788, Irmo, SC 29063**

You are also encouraged to check your annual contribution statement to make sure all gifts were recorded. Should you encounter a discrepancy, please contact Cindy Rife, Financial Administrator (803-888-1711, [cindy@sapc.net](mailto:cindy@sapc.net)). Note that giving may be done and contribution information may be found online at [go.sapc.net/OnlineGiving](http://go.sapc.net/OnlineGiving)

**The SACP Offices** are open Monday—Thursday: 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Friday: 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

**For Emergency Pastoral Care** during non-office hours, call (803) 422-6697.

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
The Lord's Day, May 21, 2023, 10:30 a.m.

**PREPARATION**

**PRELUDE**

*Praise Unfolding*

*Eithun*

**WELCOME**

Rev. Rattray

**PRAISE**

**CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP**

***Come, Christians, Join to Sing!***

*Kempton*

Come, Christians, join to sing,  
Loud praise to Christ our King; Alleluia! Amen!  
Let all, with heart and voice, before His throne rejoice;  
Praise is His gracious choice: Alleluia! Amen!

Come, lift your hearts on high, Alleluia! Amen!  
Let praises fill the sky; Alleluia! Amen!  
He is our guide and friend, to us He'll condescend;  
His love shall never end: Alleluia! Amen!

Praise yet our Christ again; Alleluia! Amen!  
Life shall not end the strain; Alleluia! Amen!  
On heaven's blissful shore, His goodness we'll adore,  
Singing forevermore, "Alleluia! Amen!"

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**LEADING IN WORSHIP TODAY**

*Rev. Marc Rattray, Senior Pastor*  
*Mrs. Amy Reynolds, Director of Music & Arts*  
*Rev. Andrew Davis, Assistant Pastor*  
*Mrs. Jeanette Simpson, Director of Children's Ministry*  
*Ms. Katie Goodwin, Scripture Reader*  
*Rev. Bob Bryant, Assistant Pastor*

*Mrs. Sharon Rattray, Organ*  
*Mrs. Allison Hilbish, Piano*  
*Choir*  
*Handbell Choirs 1 & 2*

**DEACON OF THE WEEK:**

*Mr. Chandler Whisnant (803-422-9234)*

**POLICE OFFICER OF THE WEEK:**

*Please take time this morning to express your thanks to Officer John Hendricks and pray for him.*

**\*\* Those who are able, please stand.**

**\*\* CALL TO WORSHIP**

***Isaiah 6:1-3***

Leader: In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of His robe filled the temple. Above Him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. And one called to another and said:

People: **"Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of His glory!"**

**\*\* HYMN OF WORSHIP #38**

***Holy, Holy, Holy!***

Mrs. Reynolds

**\*\* INVOCATION AND PRAYER OF ADORATION**

Rev. Davis

**RENEWAL**

**RECEIVING OF COMMUNICANTS**

***Silas Blair Baldwin\****

***Whitaker Grier Mangum***

***Parker Riley Mull\****

***Layton Elizabeth Suits***

*\*to be baptized*

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

**PRAYER FOR COMMUNING MEMBERS**

Mrs. Simpson

**\*\* HYMN OF ASSURANCE #110**

***His Robes For Mine***

## COMMITMENT

### \*\* RESPONSE

#### ***Doxology***

*Children in K4 & K5 may be excused for Children's Church.*

5 Praise God from Whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here be-low: al-le-  
10 lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia! Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host, praise Father, Son, and Holy  
Ghost: al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

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### \*\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

#### **OFFERTORY**

***Meditation on Beautiful Savior***

*arr. Moglebust*

#### **\*\* SCRIPTURE READING**

***Hebrews 9:1-12*** (*pew Bible page 1005*)

Ms. Goodwin

#### **\*\* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

### SERMON

**LOOKING FORWARD IN FAITH #17**

***Jesus, Our Mercy Seat***

*(outline on page 8)*

Rev. Rattray

**\*\* HYMN OF PREPARATION #124**  
*Before the Throne of God Above*

**SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION<sup>‡</sup>**

**\*\* HYMN OF RESPONSE #185**  
*There Is a Redeemer*

**\*\* BENEDICTION**

**SPECIAL BENEVOLENCE OFFERING**

As you leave the service today, the ushers will be receiving a special offering at the exits for local benevolence inside and outside the church.

**POSTLUDE**

**PRAYERS FOR THOSE NOT TAKING COMMUNION**

*St. Andrews Presbyterian Church welcomes all baptized Christians who are willing to forsake their sin and trust in Jesus for salvation, and who are members of congregations that proclaim the gospel, to receive the Holy Communion with us. If you are not able to receive Communion, please use this time to meditate on one of the following prayers:*

***Prayer for Those Searching for Truth*** Lord Jesus, You claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following You as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what You claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who You are. Give me an understanding of You that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life You promise. Amen.

***Prayer of Belief*** Lord Jesus Christ, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever dared admit, but through You I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank You for paying my debt on the cross, taking what I deserve in order to offer me complete forgiveness. Knowing that You have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive You as my Savior and Lord. Amen.

**This Week's Scripture Reading Challenge  
& Prayer Prompts from This Week's Mission Focus (p.9)**

*Pray for America by praying for centers of influence in our nation.*

- Sunday, May 21**..... **Psalm 78**  
> *Give thanks for the foundation rooted in God's faithfulness that the Convocation laid 50 years ago*
- Monday, May 22** ..... **Ezekiel 40 & John 21**  
> *Give praise for Christ's enduring Church these past 50 years*
- Tuesday, May 23** ..... **Ezekiel 41 & Acts 1**  
> *Pray the PCA continues to be true to the Scriptures*
- Wednesday, May 24** ..... **Ezekiel 42 & Acts 2**  
> *Pray the PCA continues to be true to the Reformed Faith*
- Thursday, May 25**..... **Ezekiel 43 & Acts 3**  
> *Pray the PCA continues to be obedient to the Great Commission of Jesus Christ*
- Friday, May 26** ..... **Ezekiel 44 & Acts 4**  
> *Pray for this year's PCA General Assembly, June 12-16, in Memphis, TN*
- Saturday, May 27** ..... **Ezekiel 45 & Acts 5**  
> *Pray for St. Andrews PCA to see the gospel go forth in Irmo, SC*
- Sunday, May 28**..... **Psalm 79**  
> *Pray for our church plants—Christ Community and North Augusta Fellowship—to thrive*

**LOOKING FORWARD IN FAITH #17**  
***Jesus, Our Mercy Seat***  
*Hebrews 9:1-12*

- I. The Witness of the Earthly Tent
  - A. The Holy Place
  - B. The Most Holy Place
  - C. The Mercy Seat
  
- II. The Witness of the Earthly Mercy Seat
  - A. Forgiveness
  - B. Holiness
  - C. Clean Conscience
  
- III. The Witness of the Eternal Mercy Seat
  - A. Reconciliation to God
  - B. Access to Heaven
  - C. Eternal Perfection



**IN LIGHT OF THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY  
OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA, PRAY...**

1. **Unity:** *For unity across our denomination and for those attending this year's General Assembly, June 12-16.*
2. **Thriving Families:** *For CDM Discipleship Ministries, the equipping and discipling arm of the PCA, as they seek to encourage individuals, families, and churches to follow Christ faithfully.*
3. **Church Mobilization:** *For the PCA's mobilization for the Great Commission through Mission to North America and Mission to the World, the sending organizations of the denomination.*

**THIS WEEK'S MISSIONS FOCUS:  
DAY OF PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING FOR THE PCA**

**Celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Convocation of Sessions**

*A significant initial step that led to the formation of the PCA*

In 2023, the Presbyterian Church in America celebrates its 50th year as a denomination. We look back with gratitude on the people and events God used to shape us. We look forward in prayer for God to do more than we can ask or think in the years to come.

It was on May 19, 1973, in Atlanta, Georgia, in the sanctuary of Westminster Presbyterian Church that 450 ruling elders from 261 churches representing 70,800 members joined together in a convocation of presbyters or Sessions. They listened to stirring messages. They viewed slide presentations which shared the kinds of churches and ministries which would be a part of any continuing church. They reaffirmed their commitment to the Scriptures, the Reformed faith, and the Great Commission. And when the pivotal time came for a vote as to whether to proceed ahead and begin a new denomination separate from the Presbyterian Church in the United States, the convocation voted 349 – 16. It would be seven more months until this new denomination became a reality, but this was one of the important beginnings of what became known eventually as the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA).

Now, fifty years later, we are setting aside this Sunday in May and inviting you to join together in a season of prayer as we thank God for what He's done and pray with expectation for His continued favor on our denomination.

*Resources: byFaith Magazine; pca50.org*

**SAPC Financial Summary**

**Ministry Operations** *(July 1, 2022-June 30, 2023):*

Budgeted.....	\$1,788,855
Received to Date .....	1,351,441
Expenses to Date .....	1,432,820

**Faith Mission Giving** *(April 1, 2023-March 31, 2024):*

Pledged .....	\$215,055
Received .....	36,573

**Mortgage** *(January 1, 2023-December 31, 2023):*

Current Balance .....	\$490,024
Principal Reduction Funds to Date.....	32,399

## MINISTRY NEWS

### —WORSHIP—

[sapc.net/WORSHIP](http://sapc.net/WORSHIP)

*A disciple is faithful to worship with God's people, not merely out of duty, but out of joyful gratitude for salvation.*

**COMMUNION SERVICE** We will celebrate the Lord's Table as part of this morning's worship service. Please prepare your heart for this holy sacrament.

### —GROW—

[sapc.net/GROW](http://sapc.net/GROW)

*A disciple is committed to continue to grow, to be a lifelong learner of the things of God.*

**JAM Jr.** (ages 2-5) registration closes today! There are a few spots remaining! Visit [sapc.net/events](http://sapc.net/events).

**A SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY!** A 4-week teacher mentoring workshop will be held June 11 and 25, July 9 and 23, for two hours beginning at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Eddie & Gwen Spencer. These sessions are for those teaching or looking to teach at SAPC. Space is limited, so visit [sapc.net/serve](http://sapc.net/serve) to sign up today!

### —SERVE—

[sapc.net/SERVE](http://sapc.net/SERVE)

A disciple seeks to use his/her gifts and abilities to serve God and others as an application of genuine faith.

**NOTE: OUR NEXT ELECTION OF CHURCH OFFICERS** will be held on Sunday, June 11. Those standing for office are:

**Nominated for Elder:** Brian Bowen, Lucius Coogler, John Hilbish, Mark Jordan, Daniel Marchman, Daniel Threadgill

**Nominated for Deacon:** Brad Brannon, Bucky Brown, Dillon Layman, Steve Martin, Daniel Maycock, Casey Melia, Roger Simpson

**CHILDREN'S MINISTRY THIS FALL** We are in need of 2 adults for our Fall 3's Growth Class, each Sunday morning at 9:15 a.m. We are also looking for a few volunteers at the 10:30 a.m. hour for infants and 3's. Please be in prayer for these vital roles to be filled. If you are interested or have more questions, please contact Jeanette ([jeanette@sapc.net](mailto:jeanette@sapc.net)).

### **SUMMER SAPC CHURCH-FAMILY CHOIR**

Interested in singing with our choir? This summer, in combination with our joint growth classes, we will have a summer SAPC church family choir on the platform for worship on Sundays July 16, 23, 30 and August 6. If you are age 9-99 and would like to sing in the choir on any of these Sunday mornings, join

us! We will meet immediately following the Growth Hour to prepare the music for worship. Don't read music? No worries! Our choir will be there to help. Come and sing any or all 4 of these Sundays!

**SAVE THE DATE** for our next blood drive on June 28, 1:00-6:00 p.m.! You can sign up today at [go.sapc.net/BloodDrive](http://go.sapc.net/BloodDrive).

**JAM Jr.** is in need of just 2 adult volunteers—one to assist with 2's and one to help lead art. If you are interested, please see or contact Jeanette ([jeanette@sapc.net](mailto:jeanette@sapc.net))

### **ITEMS NEEDED FOR CAMP JAM ART PROJECTS:**

- Plastic lids from sour cream, icing, and butter containers (or similar)
  - Small jars or flower vases
- Please deliver items to the Children's Desk.

### —CONNECT—

[sapc.net/CONNECT](http://sapc.net/CONNECT)

*A disciple connects with other believers for fellowship, prayer, friendship, and support.*

**CHURCHWIDE PICNIC TODAY!** Join us for this long-enjoyed, annual tradition! Family fun and games begin at 2:00 p.m. at Saluda Shoals Park, River Birch Shelter. The Splash Pad and train rides will be available for kids of all ages. The covered-dish, picnic meal will begin at 5:00 p.m. Pork BBQ, fried chicken, and drinks will be provided. Bring along your favorite hot and cold side dishes, salads, and desserts. **Also**, help with set up and clean up is still needed. Don't miss this special afternoon!

**SAVE THE DATE** for Summer at St. Andrews! Wednesday, June 14, we'll welcome back Melanie Penn in concert!

**TODAY'S FLOWERS** are given to the glory of God by Johnny & Sandra Jones in appreciation of the SAPC pastors and staff.

### **FORTY YEARS OF GOD'S FAITHFULNESS TO SAPC, 1983-2023**

As we reflect on God's faithfulness to SAPC, we also rejoice in His faithfulness to the Presbyterian Church in America denomination for the past 50 years. Today is set aside as a special time of giving **praise** for Christ's enduring Church, **thanksgiving** for the foundation laid 50 years ago, and **prayer** for the PCA. We rejoice in our great God!

# ACTIVITIES

# Response Card

May 21, 2023

## Sunday, May 21—Communion

*Communicants Received, MERGE Move Up*

- 8:45 AM Weekly Corporate Prayer, #208
- 9:15 AM Summer Growth Classes Begin
- 10:00 AM Fellowship Time, Gathering Place
- 10:30 AM Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 2:00 PM Churchwide Picnic, Saluda Shoals Park (Meal at 5p)



## PRAYER REQUEST

*(shared with pastors)*

## Monday, May 22

- 1:00 PM Staff Meeting, Conference Room
- 5:00 PM Columbarium Meeting, Library
- 6:00 PM Media Team Meeting

## Tuesday, May 23

- 6:30 AM Men's Tuesday Study: *Gospel of Luke*, Library
- 11:30 AM Administrative Support Team, Conference Room
- 6:00 PM Handbell Choirs 1 & 2, Chapala

## Wednesday, May 24

- 6:00 PM Youth Group, Youth Area
- 6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

## Thursday, May 25

- 9:30 AM Heart to Hands Sewing Ministry, #308
- 1:30 PM Knit, Crochet, & Pray Ministry, #208
- 6:30 PM Perception Ministries: Men's Spiritual Warfare & Tactics Group, #120

## Friday, May 26

- 6:00 PM Youth Late Night, Youth Area

## Sunday, May 28

- 8:45 AM Weekly Corporate Prayer, #208
- 9:15 AM Sunday Morning Growth Classes
- 10:00 AM Fellowship Time, Gathering Place
- 10:30 AM Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 5:00 PM Youth Praise Team Rehearsal, Youth Worship Room

### **SCHEDULED IN THE NURSERY**

#### **Today**

Infants: *M. Davis, R. King*  
Toddlers/2s: *J. Layman, L. Walker*  
3s: *M. Simmons, B. Siler*  
CC: *M. Poston, L. Cooger*

#### **Next Sunday**

Infants: *M. Tesh*, HELP NEEDED  
Toddlers/2s: *L. Baldwin, S. Baldwin, J. McGehee*  
3s: *S. Downs*, HELP NEEDED  
CC: *P. Graham, K. Webb*

*If unable to serve, please switch with someone and contact Jeanette Simpson (jeanette@sapc.net).*

**Please place this completed  
(see reverse) Response Card  
in the offering basket.**

## **OUR MINISTRY TEAMS**

### **OUTREACH**

**Missions:** To oversee and promote missions across the street, across the country, and across the world.

Elders & Staff: *Jay Evans, Bryan Patterson, Marc Ratray*

**Outreach:** To equip members to engage our community with the gospel and provide opportunities to build relationships outside the church.

Elder & Staff: *Johnny Moore, Andrew Davis*

### **TEACHING**

**Spiritual Growth:** To coordinate the growth and connection opportunities of the church toward becoming enfolded disciples of Jesus.

Elders & Staff: *David Koon, Jr., Jeff Mull, Lizzie Goodwin, Marc Ratray*

**Men's Ministry:** To connect and encourage men on their journey of faith.

Elder & Staff: *Jody Mills, Andrew Davis*

**Women's Ministry:** To connect and encourage women to seek what is good on their journey of faith.

Elder & Staff: *Bryan Clifton, Lizzie Goodwin*

**Youth Ministry:** To oversee and assist in ministries to 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade students with the aim of making disciples.

Elder & Staff: *Burk Suits, Rebecca Marchman*

**Children's Ministry:** To oversee and assist in the discipling of children from birth to 6<sup>th</sup> grade.

Elder & Staff: *Scott Downs, Jeanette Simpson*

### **WORSHIP**

**Worship:** To plan, coordinate, and carry out the worship ministry of St. Andrews.

Elder & Staff: *Larry Mack, Kristin Patterson, Amy Reynolds*

### **ADMINISTRATIVE TEAMS**

**Administrative Support:** To address day to day operational, personnel and administrative issues.

Elders: *Ted Gantt, Larry Mack, David Layman, Bryan Clifton, Johnny Moore*

**Fellowship:** To be involved in meals, receptions, and other events which provide opportunities for fellowship.

Elder & Staff: *DuPree McKenzie, Paul Reynolds*

**Building & Grounds:** To assure stewardship of our facilities and property.

Staff: *Paul Reynolds*