



St. Andrews-Covenant Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

Welcome to Worship! | May 5, 2024 | 6th Sunday of Easter

GATHERING

Prelude *Canon*

Theodore Dubois

Welcome

*Call to Worship

The Spirit is coming to bless us all with a new song:

Let our joy be complete!

Gifts for the good of all, poured out on all to teach us a new song:

Love one another!

Strangers and neighbors, foreigners and family will join in the new song:

We are no longer servants but friends!

Come, let our worship make a joyful noise,

Rejoicing in the friendship of God.

*Hymn 15 *All Creatures of Our God and King* (vv. 1, 2, 4, 6)

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, you love us, but we have not loved you; you call, but we have not listened. We walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped up in our own concerns. We have gone along with evil, with pride, quarreling, and divisiveness. Lord of love, help us to face up to ourselves, so that, as you move toward us in mercy, we may repent, turn to you, and receive your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

*Sung Response 581 *Glory Be to the Father*

*Sharing the Peace of Christ

The Peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Ordination and Installation of Officers

To be ordained and installed as Elder: David Hoff

To be installed as Deacon: Jim Williams

WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson Psalm 98

Second Lesson John 15:9-17

*Please stand in body or in spirit.

*Affirmation of Faith Apostles' Creed (hymnal, p. 35)

THANKSGIVING

Offering and Passing of Friendship Pads

Offertory *Joydance*

John Behnke

*Doxology 606

*Prayer of Dedication

COMMUNION

(All are invited to the Lord's Table. The elements will be shared by intinction, each person receiving a piece of bread to dip into the common cup. The congregation will come up the center aisle and return using the side aisles. Pre-packaged elements and gluten-free bread are available.)

*Choral Invitation 507 *Come to the Table of Grace (v 3)*

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution

Receiving Communion Together

Communion Music *Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring*

J.S. Bach

Prayer after Communion

SENDING

*Hymn 465 *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

*Charge and Benediction

*Dismissal *We stand while the bell is rung three times, remembering that God, Creator, Redeemer and Renewer of Life goes with us.*

Postlude *Allegro Vivace from Sonata*

Giovanni Sammartini trans. Garth Edmundson

Worship Leaders

Senior Pastor, Rev. Katherine B. Harrington
Parish Associate, Rev. Dr. Gary Smith
Director of Music, Cindy Litzinger
Pianist, Steve Lowry

Adult Bells
Organist, Sara Bryant
Production Coordinator, Jim Fox
Lay Reader, Evelyn Estep

Our Mission

Inspiring one another to love Jesus by staying faithfully present in our community.



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

May 5, 2024

Zoom Short Course *Every Thursday until June 6th, 6:30 pm via Zoom* Join us for weekly book study of Walter Breuggemann's "Embracing the Prophets in Contemporary Culture" led by David Hoff and Sue McCaffray. See Saints Alive for more details.

Habitat Kick-Off Ceremony *May 8th, 8:00 am at Haven Place* SACPC members are invited to join Cape Fear Habitat for Humanity for the kick-off of their new affordable home development. For details and address, see Saints Alive.

Membership Exploration Class *May 12th & 19th, 10:00 am in the dining room.* Rev. Katherine Harrington will lead this class with a general overview of St. Andrews-Covenant and our ministries, as well as what it means to be part of the Presbyterian Church (USA).

Earth Care Corner *RETHINK Plastic Toothbrushes* The average American will use approximately 300 toothbrushes in their lifetime! An easy and affordable way to help our environment is to use bamboo toothbrushes. See Saints Alive for more details.

Medical Debt *Thank you!* In total, SACPC raised \$10,222 towards the Presbytery's goal of \$20,000. Thank you, everyone, for your generosity!

Fall Retreat *Registration Closes June 1st* God is in the Mess, Sept. 20-22, Trinity Center, Pine Knoll Shores. Join Rev. Rachel Doll in exploring the theme, "God is in the Mess: Having Honest Conversations with God." See Saints Alive for more details and pricing information.

We're Hiring *Preschool Director* We are looking for a part-time preschool director. If you or someone you know might be interested, see Saints Alive for more details.

Unseen Guests *Cook Teams* Help offset the burden of hunger in our church family and local community by volunteering to cook, or support the Unseen Guest Program financially. See Saints Alive for details.

Volunteers Needed *Habitat Unity Church Build* Ages 14+ are welcomed and encouraged to help with the finishing work of a home build. See Saints Alive for more details and a link to volunteer.

Camp Fusion *Volunteers Needed* Our Children's Ministry needs helpers from 9:00 am - noon and noon - 3:00 pm from June 10th - 14th to assist with this summer's VBS and drama camp. See Lynn Warner for details.

Sunday School *June Updates* One combined adult Sunday School class every Sunday in June, Kardia Room at 10 am. For the first four Sundays in June, Pre-K through Youth are invited to the Chillaxation Station on the Ground Floor at 10 am. See Saints Alive for more details.

Session & Financial Highlights *March Updates* Session Report and Financial Highlights are now available. See Saints Alive for details.

May Donation Drive *Eden Village Go & Serve* is partnering with Eden Village by collecting items to help Wilmington's homeless population. Items needed: dish soap, disinfectant wipes/sprays, sponges, trash bags, toilet bowl cleaner, and hand sanitizer. See Saints Alive for details.

Grades K - 5th *May Updates* Camp Fusion (Registration is full) and Camp Fusion: Preschool, June 10-14 (Registration is still open). See Lynn Warner for more details.

Grades 6th - 12th *May Updates* School's-About-Out Cookout, 5/19, at 6:00 pm at Wrightsville Beach Park, Registration is still open for summer trips: Massanetta Springs Middle School Conference 7/11-7/14, Local Mission Trip, July 21 - 25. See Jen Phelps for details.

HOLY HAPPENINGS @ SACPC

Week Ahead: May 6 - May 12, 2024

Monday, May 6th:

10:00 am Companions Bible Study
5:00 pm Stillpoint Zoom
5:30 pm Officer Ed. & Gov.
7:00 pm AA Meeting

Tuesday, May 7th:

10:00 am More Than a Story Bible Study
5:30 pm Earth Care Team Meeting
HR Committee Meeting
7:00 pm Women's Zoom Bible Study

Wednesday, May 8th:

6:00 am Joe Mitchell Men's Bible Study
10:00 am Circle 6
10:30 am Camilla Bible Study
7:00 pm AA Meeting
7:30 pm Adult Choir

Thursday, May 9th:

10:00 am Circle 8
4:00 pm CEC
6:30 pm Embracing the Prophets (Zoom)

Friday, May 10th:

12:00 pm Al-Anon

Sunday, May 12th:

9:00 am Contemporary Service
10:00 am Sunday School
Membership Exploration Class
11:00 am Traditional Service

