



# St. Andrews-Covenant

## Presbyterian Church | PC (USA)

**Welcome to Worship! | September 10, 2023 | Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

*It is good you are here! Please silence all electronic devices.*

### **GATHERING**

Prelude *Cantilena*

Charity Boyles

Welcome

Moment for Mission

*Associate Pastor Nominating Committee*

#### **\*Call to Worship**

How shall we live in the love of God?

**We will treat one another with fairness and dignity.**

How shall we witness God's forgiving love?

**We will reach out to others with compassion.**

Come, let us worship God who has always loved us.

**May our worship of God be reflected in our lives of hope and peace.**

#### **\*Gathering Prayer**

#### **\*Hymn 401** *Here in This Place (Gather Us In)*

*(You are invited to come forward with your 5-Cents-A-Meal Offering.)*

#### **Prayer of Confession**

**Beautiful Savior, you have made your law clear: Love. Love one another. Owe one another nothing but love. Do no wrong to a neighbor. But we have not mastered what it is to love. We have fallen short, causing harm to others through careless action and thoughtless lack of action. Forgive us. Teach us how to love more fully, more perfectly, as generously as you love, following your law and fulfilling your will, and seeking reconciliation with one another and with you. Amen.**

#### **Assurance of Forgiveness**

#### **\*Sung Response 582** *Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me*

**Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me, and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

**World without end, without end. Amen. World without end, without end. Amen. World without end, without end. Amen. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

#### **\*Sharing the Peace of Christ**

Leader: The Peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

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**\*Please stand in body or in spirit.**

## **WORD**

**Baptism** *Walker William Paschal, son of Julie and Aaron Paschal, brother of Sutton, and great-grandson of William and Bette Jean Aman*

**\*Apostles' Creed** (*hymnal, p. 35*)

**\*Sung Response** *See This Wonder in the Making (hymnal back page)*

**First Lesson** *Psalm 149*

**Second Lesson** *Matthew 18:15-20*

**Sermon** *Community Matters: Conflict Resolution*

Rev. Katherine B. Harrington

**\*Hymn 372** *O for a World*

**Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer**

## **THANKSGIVING**

**Offering and Passing of Friendship Pads**

**Offertory** *Beautiful City*

Andre J. Thomas

Three gates in-a the east! Three gates in-a the west! Three gates in-a the north!  
Three gates in-a the south! Twelve gates to the city, Hallelu. Oh, what a beautiful city!  
Twelve gates to the city, Hallelu. In bright mansions above, Lord, I want to live up yonder.  
My mother lives up in glory, I want to live there too. My father lives up in glory, I want to live there too. My sister lives up in glory, I want to live there too. My brother lives up in glory, I want to live there too. The beautiful city, city of God! Oh, that city! Beautiful city! I want to be in that number, beautiful city!

**\*Doxology 606**

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

## **SENDING**

**\*Hymn 757** *Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples*

**\*Blessing**

**\*Dismissal**

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

**Postlude** *O God of Earth and Altar*

James Mansfield

## **Worship Leaders**

Senior Pastor, Rev. Katherine B. Harrington  
Parish Associate, Rev. Dr. Gary Smith  
Director of Music, Cindy Litzinger  
Choir Director, Angela Burns

Organist/Pianist, Sara Bryant  
Adult Choir  
Lay Reader, Dumay Gorham  
Production Coordinator, Jim Fox

**The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God  
and in celebration of the baptism of Walker William Paschal and in memory of  
Walker's great-grandparents, Emerson and Ruth Lewis.**

## **Our Church's Mission**

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