



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

Welcome to Worship! | April 21, 2024 | 4th Sunday of Easter
It is good you are here! Please silence all electronic devices.

GATHERING

Prelude *This Is My Father's World* Dale Wood

Welcome Emily Donovan

Call to Worship Gwen Behen, Jo Carpenter, Lynn Atkinson, Gayle Bell, David Donovan

***Hymn 386** *Come, Worship God*

Call to Confession Lyda Williams

Prayer of Confession Lyda Williams

Scripture tells us that “creation waits with eager longing for the children of God to be revealed.”

Creation is waiting for us.

Waiting for us to open our eyes to the devastation in our world.

Creation is waiting for us.

To put the needs of the most vulnerable above the greed of the powerful.

Creation is waiting for us.

To move from doing what is easy to doing what is necessary and right.

Creation is waiting for us

To prioritize the needs of community over the convenience of self.

Creation is waiting for us

To remove the pollution from our seas, land, air, bodies and hearts.

Creation is waiting for us

ALL: In all these things and more, creation waits for us to assume our roles as its servants and protectors. Please forgive us when we act in ways that harm our Earth and when we delay our healing help.

Assurance of Forgiveness Gayle Bell

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

***Sharing the Peace of Christ** Gayle Bell

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

People: And also with you.

WORD

Prayer for Illumination Katie Grace Marinos

First Lesson “Creation Sensation”- a Dramatization based on Genesis 1 - Genesis 2:1-4
(See Insert)

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

Second Lesson Romans 8:18-25 (CEB)

Rev. Katherine B. Harrington

Sermon *The Frustration of Creation*

Rev. Katherine B. Harrington

***Hymn 14** *For the Beauty of the Earth*

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

Lynn Atkinson

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Lynn Atkinson

THANKSGIVING

Offering and Passing of Friendship Pads

Lynn Atkinson

Offertory *Look At the World*

Rutter

Look at the world, Everything all around us, look at the world and marvel every day. Look at the world so many joys and wonders so many miracles along our way. Praise to thee O Lord for all creation. Give us thankful hearts that we may see. All the gifts we share and every blessing, all things come of thee. Look at the earth, bringing forth fruit and flowers, look at the sky, the sunshine and the rain. Look at the hills, look at the trees and mountains, valley and flowing river, field and plain. Think of the spring, think of the warmth of summer bringing the harvest before the winter's cold. Everything grows, everything has a season, Til it is gathered to the fathers fold. Every good gift, all that we need and cherish comes from the Lord In token of his love. We are his hands stewards of all his bounty. His is the earth and his the heavens above.

***Doxology 606**

***Prayer of Dedication**

Lynn Atkinson

SENDING

***Hymn 370** *This Is My Father's World*

***Charge and Benediction**

Rev. Katherine B. Harrington

***Dismissal**

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

Postlude *For the Beauty of the Earth*

Wayne L. Wold

Worship Leaders

Senior Pastor, Rev. Katherine B. Harrington
Director of Music, Cindy Litzinger
Choir Director, Angela Burns
Organist/Pianist, Sara Bryant
Adult Choir

Earth Care Team
M&M (Music & More) Children
Production Coordinator, Jim Fox
Children's Director, Lynn Warner

Our Mission

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



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

April 21, 2024

Confirmation Sunday *April 28th, 10:00 am in Sanctuary* Please note a change in our regular worship schedule. There will be ONE Unity Service. You are invited to join us in welcoming and celebrating our Confirmands as they join our church.

Earth Care Congregation Certification *New Certification* SACPC was recently awarded the Earth Care Congregation status by The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)'s Presbyterian Hunger Program for our commitment to sustainability. See Saints Alive for full details.

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.

What's in Session? *Now Available* March Session Report and Financial Highlights are now available. See Saints Alive for details.

Volunteers Needed *Habitat Unity Church Builds* 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.

Banned Book Club *Today, 7:00pm via Zoom* Our next book is *The Handmaid's Tale* by Margaret Atwood - read the book and then join us on Zoom as English teacher extraordinaire Amy Stuart leads our discussion.

Spring Family Paddle *April 27th, 7:00 am* This is a free, guided 6-mile paddle along the scenic and beautiful Black River. Registration is required no later than 2:00 pm on Thursday, April 25th. See Saints Alive for more details.

Zoom Short Course *Begins May 2nd, 6:30 pm via Zoom* Join us for a 6-week book study of Walter Bruggemann's "Embracing the Prophets" led by David Hoff. See Saints Alive for more details.

Have a Favorite Tune? *Let us know!* Submit your favorite hymn or worship song to potentially be a part of an upcoming service in a special way. Email your submission to Cindy Litzinger.

April Donation Drive *The Carousel Center* Go & Serve is collecting items to help victims (preschool to teens) of child abuse that our neighbor, The Carousel Center, serves with love and compassion. Visit www.sacpc.org/volunteer for a list of needed supplies.

Grades K - 5th *April Updates* Camp Fusion, June 10-14, registration now open. See Cindy Litzinger for more details.

Grades 6th - 12th *April 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.

**Check out our new
Earth Care page!**



HOLY HAPPENINGS @ SACPC

Week Ahead: April 22- April 28, 2024

Monday, April 22nd:

EARTH DAY

- 10:00 am Companions Bible Study
- 5:00 pm Stillpoint Zoom
- 6:30 pm Session Meeting
- 7:00 pm AA Meeting

Tuesday, April 23rd:

- 10:00 am More Than a Story Bible Study
- 6:00 pm APNC
- 7:00 pm Women's Zoom Bible Study
- 7:30 pm Men's Basketball

Wednesday, April 24th:

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

Friday, April 26th:

- 12:00 pm Al-Anon

Sunday, April 28th:

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

- 9:00 am Sunday School
- 10:00 am Combined Service

More Info



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SACPC Spiritual Life Team presents:

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HONEST CONVERSATIONS WITH GOD

SEP 20 - 22 | Trinity Center | Pine Knoll Shores

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HELP ERASE

MEDICAL DEBT

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St. Andrews-Covenant
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Membership Exploration Class

MAY 12 & 19

10:00am | Dining Rm

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Fusion
Bible + Music + Drama

JUNE 10 - 14
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

OR ASK MRS. LYNN

SEE SAINTS ALIVE FOR DETAILS

WHAT KEEPS YOU UP AT NIGHT?

SEND US YOUR

Anonymous Prayer Requests

SEE SAINTS ALIVE FOR DETAILS
or scan the QR code to submit your anonymous prayer requests

YOUTH SCHOOL'S-ABOUT-OUT COOKOUT

SUN, MAY 19TH
6:00P - 7:30P
6TH - 12 GRADES

**AND KICK-BALL
CHALLENGE!**

Meet @ Wrightsville Beach Park