

Prelude

Mr. Sean A. Moore, Accompanist

*Processional

Mr. William S. Caudill '89, Pipe Major
St. Andrews Presbyterian College Pipe Band

*Greetings

Mr. Paul Baldasare, President

*Call to Worship

Miss Elizabeth Jones '07, English Major

Adapted from Psalm 100

Leader: Shout with joy to the Lord, all the earth.

People: Worship the Lord with gladness. Come before Him with shouts of joy.

Leader: The Lord is God. He made us and we are His.

People: Enter His gates with thanksgiving and into His courts with joy.

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord and bless His name for He is good.

People: His unfailing love continues forever.

All: Let us worship the Lord.

*Hymn: “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

Text: Walter Chalmers Smith

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, Thy great Name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might;
Thy justice, like mountains, high soaring above
Thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all, life Thou givest, to both great and small;
In all life Thou livest, the true life of all;
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
Then wither and perish—but naught changeth Thee.

Thou reignest in glory, Thou rulest in light,
Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight;
All praise we would render; O help us to see
'Tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee!

Prayer of Confession

Mr. Ian Gitata '08, Mathematics, Chemistry and Engineering Major

All: Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be. Set us free from a past that we cannot change and open to us a future in which we can be changed. May we serve you in the world as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

One: The One who created us, sustains us and reconciles us,
All: clears our eyes and removes our transgressions. We are offered new sight at this significant transition in our lives. God forgives us and warmly welcomes us. May we live as a forgiven and forgiving people, loved by God and sent out to love others. Amen.

A Time For Remembrance

Mr. Glenn Batten
Vice President for Enrollment and Student Services
Dean of Students

Anthem

“Down in the Valley to Pray”

Southern Folk Tune Arranged by Michael Pettersen

St. Andrews Presbyterian College Choir
Dr. William T. McConnell, Jr., Conductor

Scripture Reading

Psalm 103; Luke 10: 25-37

Dr. Robert J. Hopkins
Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of the College

Sermon

“Your Diploma: No News, Bad News, and Good News”

The Rev. Ronald C. Crossley, Ph.D.

Prayers of the People

Lyndsey McCall '07, Applied Ministries

***Hymn: “Be Thou My Vision”**

Ancient Irish poem translated by Mary E. Byrne

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Nought be all else to me, save that Thou art --
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and always
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
Great God of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word.
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Benediction

Rev. Crossley

Benediction Response: “Hear My Prayer”

Moses Hogan

St. Andrews Presbyterian College Concert Choir

Recessional (Worship Leaders Only)

Mr. Caudill

**Those who are able are invited to stand.*

Scripture Reading

New Revised Standard Version

Psalm 103

¹Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name.²Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits —³who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases,⁴who redeems your life from the Pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,⁵who satisfies you with good as long as you live so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.⁶The Lord works vindication and justice for all who are oppressed.⁷He made known his ways to Moses, his acts to the people of Israel.⁸The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.⁹He will not always accuse nor will he keep his anger forever.¹⁰He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.¹¹For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;¹²as far as the east is from the west, so far he removes our transgressions from us.¹³As a father has compassion for his children, so the Lord has compassion for those who fear him.¹⁴For he knows how we were made; he remembers that we are dust.¹⁵As for mortals, their days are like grass; they flourish like a flower of the field;¹⁶for the wind passes over it, and it is gone, and its place knows it no more.¹⁷But the steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear him, and his righteousness to children's children,¹⁸to those who keep his covenant and remember to do his commandments.¹⁹The Lord has established his throne in the heavens, and his kingdom rules over all.²⁰Bless the Lord, O you his angels, you mighty ones who do his bidding, obedient to his spoken word.²¹Bless the Lord, all his hosts, his ministers that do his will.²²Bless the Lord, all his works, in all places of his dominion. Bless the Lord, O my soul.

Luke 10:25-37

²⁵Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?"²⁶He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?"²⁷He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself."²⁸And he said to him, "you have given the right answer; do this, and you will live."²⁹But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"³⁰Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead.³¹Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side.³²So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side.³³But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity.³⁴He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him.³⁵The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.'³⁶Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?"³⁷He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."