

The Church Responds

The Affirmation of Faith - Apostles' Creed *(In Unison)*

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

A Minute for Stewardship

Dawn Grossman

The Church Goes Forth to Serve

The Closing Hymn #821 "My Life Flows On" *(Glory to God)*

My life flows on in endless song, above earth's lamentation.
I hear the clear, though far-off hymn that hails a new creation.

Refrain:

No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I'm clinging.
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?

Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear that music ringing.
It finds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing?

Refrain

What though my joys and comforts die? I know my Savior liveth.
What though the darkness gather round? Songs in the night he giveth.

Refrain

The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a fountain ever springing!
All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from singing?

Refrain

The Benediction and the Postlude

Saint Andrews United Presbyterian Church

August 9, 2020

10th Sunday after Pentecost

10:30 AM

The Church in Preparation

The Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

The Introit and Time of Centering

#423 "Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God" *(Glory to God)*

Create in me a clean heart, O God; create in me a clean heart, O God;
create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Restore to me the joy of your salvation; restore to me the joy of your salvation;
restore to me the joy of your salvation; and uphold me with your free Spirit.

The Call to Worship

Leader: Brothers and Sisters, we are gathered here to proclaim the good news:

People: **In Christ, we are a new creation.**

Leader: Christ is calling us and all of creation into new life now.

People: **Lord, help us to bring about this new creation even here today.**

All: **Let us worship the God who makes all things new!**

The Opening Prayer *(In Unison)*

Morning by morning you awaken us, O God; day by day you show us your wondrous love. Your Word falls fresh upon our listening ears; we hear your wisdom and are refreshed by your Spirit. Come, move among us; we long to be the new creation promised through your son, Jesus Christ. In his name, we pray. Amen.

*The Opening Hymn #664 "Morning Has Broken" *(Glory to God)*

Morning has broken like the first morning;
blackbird has spoken like the first bird.

Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!

Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven,
like the first dewfall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
sprung in completeness where God's feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning,
born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation; praise every morning,
God's recreation of the new day!

The Prayer of Confession

Merciful Friend and Savior, we confess that, while your love and grace free us to live as new creations, we too often cling to and are weighed down by the old. We hold on to grudges and hurts rather than forgive; we justify our envy and greed rather than embrace self-sacrifice and the common good; we turn a blind eye and a deaf ear to the needs of the world rather than accept "the least of these" as our neighbor. For those times when we have been angry instead of kind, self-absorbed instead of thoughtful, fearful instead of bold, we ask your forgiveness. Renew in us a heart of pure devotion and outrageous delight in serving you and your purposes in this world. Amen.

A Time of Silent Confession

The Assurance of Pardon

Musical Response

"Gloria Patri"

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost,
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.

The Church in Proclamation

Scripture Readings

Isaiah 62: 1 – 4, 11 - 12

Acts 9: 1 - 20

Leader: The word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God**

Special Music

"Breathe on Me Breath of God"

Vocalist: Deanna Golden

Pianist: Melinda Ripper

The Micro Message

"I Will Change Your Name"

Rev. Monica Hamilton

I will change your name
You shall no longer be called
Wounded, Outcast, Lonely or Afraid
I will change your name
Your new name shall be
Confident, Joyfulness, Overcoming One
Faithfulness, Friend of God, One Who Seeks My Face.

Musical Response #276 "Sing a New Song unto the Lord"

(Glory to God)

Refrain:

Sing a new song unto the Lord; let your song be sung from mountain's high.
Sing a new song unto the Lord, singing hallelujah!

Shout with gladness! Dance for joy! O come before the Lord.
And play for God on glad tambourines, and let your trumpet sound.

Refrain:

Rise, O children, from your sleep; your Savior now has come.
He has turned your sorrow to joy, and filled your soul with song.

Refrain:

Glad my soul for I have seen the glory of the Lord.
The trumpet sounds; the dead shall be raised. I know my Savior lives.

Refrain:

The Sermon

"God Changes Everything"

Rev. Hamilton

The Hymn #634

"To God Be the Glory"

(Glory to God)

To God be the glory; great things he has done!
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

Refrain:

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory: great things he has done!

Great things he has taught us; great things he has done,
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
but purer and higher and greater will be
our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.

Refrain:

Scripture Readings

Isaiah 62: 1 – 4, 11 - 12

The LORD says, “For the good of Zion I will not keep silent.

For Jerusalem’s benefit I will not remain quiet.

I will not keep silent until what I will do for them
shines like the sunrise.

I will not remain quiet until they are saved
and shine like a blazing torch.

² Jerusalem, the nations will see
that I have made everything right for you.

All their kings will see your glory.

You will be called by a new name.

I myself will give it to you.

³ You will be like a glorious crown in my strong hand.

You will be like a royal crown in my powerful hand.

⁴ People will not call you Deserted anymore.

They will no longer name your land Empty.

Instead, you will be called One the LORD Delights In.

Your land will be named Married One.

That’s because the LORD will take delight in you.

And your land will be married.

¹¹ The LORD has announced a message
from one end of the earth to the other.

He has said, “Tell the people of Zion,

‘Look! Your Savior is coming!

He is bringing his people back as his reward.

He has won the battle over their enemies.’”

¹² They will be called the Holy People.

They will be called the People the LORD Set Free.

And Jerusalem will be named the City the LORD Cares About.

It will be named the City No Longer Deserted.

Acts 9:1-20

Meanwhile, Saul continued to oppose the Lord’s followers. He said they would be put to death. He went to the high priest. ² He asked the priest for letters to the synagogues in Damascus. He wanted to find men and women who belonged to the Way of Jesus. The letters would allow him to take them as prisoners to Jerusalem. ³ On his journey, Saul approached Damascus. Suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. ⁴ He fell to the ground. He heard a voice speak to him, “Saul! Saul! Why are you opposing me?”

⁵ “Who are you, Lord?” Saul asked.

“I am Jesus,” he replied. “I am the one you are opposing. ⁶ Now get up and go into the city. There you will be told what you must do.”

⁷ The men traveling with Saul stood there. They weren’t able to speak. They had heard the sound. But they didn’t see anyone. ⁸ Saul got up from the ground. He opened his eyes, but he couldn’t see. So they led him by the hand into Damascus. ⁹ For three days he was blind. He didn’t eat or drink anything.

¹⁰ In Damascus there was a believer named Ananias. The Lord called out to him in a vision. “Ananias!” he said.

“Yes, Lord,” he answered.

¹¹ The Lord told him, “Go to the house of Judas on Straight Street. Ask for a man from Tarsus named Saul. He is praying. ¹² In a vision Saul has seen a man come and place his hands on him. That man’s name is Ananias. In the vision, Ananias placed his hands on Saul so he could see again.”

¹³ “Lord,” Ananias answered, “I’ve heard many reports about this man. They say he has done great harm to your holy people in Jerusalem. ¹⁴ Now he has come here to arrest all those who worship you. The chief priests have given him authority to do this.”

¹⁵ But the Lord said to Ananias, “Go! I have chosen this man to work for me. He will announce my name to the Gentiles and to their kings. He will also announce my name to the people of Israel. ¹⁶ I will show him how much he must suffer for me.”

¹⁷ Then Ananias went to the house and entered it. He placed his hands on Saul. "Brother Saul," he said, "you saw the Lord Jesus. He appeared to you on the road as you were coming here. He has sent me so that you will be able to see again. You will be filled with the Holy Spirit." ¹⁸ Right away something like scales fell from Saul's eyes. And he could see again. He got up and was baptized. ¹⁹ After eating some food, he got his strength back.

Saul spent several days with the believers in Damascus. ²⁰ Right away he began to preach in the synagogues. He taught that Jesus is the Son of God.



The flowers today are given by the Mahood Family in appreciation for all the work by our church family.



Congratulations and best wishes to Gary and Jeanette Nestor! They celebrated their 50 year wedding anniversary on August 1, 2020 with a dinner at Hotel Saxonburg.

Office Closed

The Church Office will be closed tomorrow, August 10, 2020. Normal office hours will resume on Tuesday.

Pastor Merry Away

A warm Saint Andrews welcome to our guest preacher, Rev. Monica Hamilton! Before her honorable retirement, Rev. Hamilton served as pastor of the Burlington Presbyterian Church in Burlington, NJ. Prior to that, she served as pastor of the Harlansburg Presbyterian Church in Harlansburg, PA. We are blessed to have her lead us in worship this morning!

Pastor Merry is out of town to spend some time with her mother. While she is away, Rev. Mary Kitchen will be available in case of emergencies. If you have a pastoral care need or concern, please call Rev. Kitchen at 412-266-0930.

Scripture Readings and Announcements