

The Offertory

“Peace Like a River”
The Chancel Choir

*The Congregation Sings in Response

#7 “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him, all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, ye heav’nly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*The Prayer of Dedication *(In Unison)*

Almighty and eternal God, so draw our hearts to you, so guide our minds, so fill our imaginations, so control our wills, that we may be wholly yours, utterly dedicated to you; and then use us, we pray, as you will, but always to your glory and the welfare of your people, through our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

William Temple (1881 – 1944)

*The Hymn #439

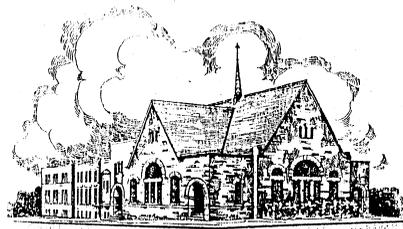
“In Christ There Is No East or West”

(Presby Hymnal)

*The Benediction

*The Postlude

~Welcome to Saint Andrews~



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September 19, 2021

10:30 AM

The Church in Preparation

The Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

The Introit and Time of Centering

“Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness”

Deanna Golden and the Chancel Choir

The Call to Worship

Leader: Happy are those whose hope is in the Lord,

People: Who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them;

Leader: Who gives justice to those who are oppressed,
And food to those who are hungry.

**People: The Lord sets the prisoners free,
And opens the eyes of the blind;
The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;**

Leader: The Lord loves the righteous,
And watches over the stranger,

**People: The Lord sustains the orphan and the widow,
But frustrates the way of the wicked.**

Leader: Let us offer God our grateful worship.

People: Let us join in prayer and songs of praise.

All: Praise the Lord!

(Portions of Psalm 146, adapted)

The Opening Prayer *(In Unison)*

Over the busy clamor of our lives, we hear you calling, God. Grant us the grace to pause and to listen. Focus our gaze so we may see your face in those around us. Focus our hearts so we may hear your voice in the sounds and stillness of worship. Guide us into the wonder of your presence and fill us with your Spirit, so we may go forth to share your boundless love and grace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***The Hymn** "Here in This Place" *(Please See Insert)*
(Ushers will collect prayer requests. Please pass them to the side aisles.)

*The people will rise in body or spirit

The Prayer of Confession *(Responsively)*

Leader: Merciful God, forgive us when we turn away from you;

**People: When we become so wrapped up in other goals and priorities,
We cannot see the needs around us or sense the needs within.**

Leader: Forgive us when we see but do not respond;

**People: When we close our ears to the cries of the poor
And harden our hearts to the pain of those who are suffering.**

Leader: Forgive us when we miss the beauty of your creation,
And the reality of your presence,

**People: Because our gaze is turned inward,
And we are focused only on ourselves.**

Leader: Forgive us, Lord.

**All: In your mercy, stir us from our complacency,
And heal our hardness of heart.
Open us our minds to your surprising grace.
Open our hearts to your amazing love. Amen.**

A Time of Silent Confession

The Assurance of Pardon

The Congregation Sings in 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

The Scripture Readings

Isaiah 35:4 - 7a

James 2:1 - 10, 14 - 17

Mark 7:24 - 37

Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

Musical Interlude "We Cannot Measure How You Heal"

Vocalist: Deanna Golden

Pianist: Kathy Sawyer

The Sermon

"Ouch!"

Rev. Merry Meloy

***The Hymn #408** "Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life" *(Presby Hymnal)*

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.**

The Offertory Invitation

Every good thing is a gift from God — the food we eat, the things we have, the time
we spend, our whole lives. We give our lives back to God as a way of saying thank
you — spending our resources to help those in need, sharing our talents and our
time so that others may know Christ's grace and love. With joy and gratitude, let us
bring before the Lord our tithes and offerings.

Please sign and pass the Friendship Registers located near the center aisle.
Thank you!

Welcome Kathy!

A warm Saint Andrews welcome to our guest accompanist, Kathy Sawyer, Kathy is the Director of Music at Hampton Presbyterian Church and co-owner of Downtown Sounds Music Studio where she teaches piano and voice. We are blessed to have her helping to lead worship this morning!

All in the Family

The sympathy and resurrection faith of the congregation go out to:

- *Caitlyn Wilbert and her family. Caitlyn's father, Curtis Wilbert, and her grandmother, Barbara Ann Petanovich, both died on August 30, 2021 at Butler Memorial Hospital.*
 - *The Martin and Haughey families. Bonnie Martin and Lori Haughey's aunt, Velma Kiser Blain, died on September 4, 2021.*
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Happy Birthday to

Travis Mowery

September 19

Flower Calendar Openings



Would you like to donate the chancel flowers for one or more worship services?

We still have openings on the following Sundays:

Sept. 26

Nov. 7

Oct. 17

Nov. 14

Oct. 24

Nov. 28



You can sign up on the calendar in the Narthex. Don't forget to tell us if the flowers are in honor or in memory of someone, or if they are to commemorate an important date. The flowers you donate are yours to take home after the worship service, or you may leave them and a Deacon will take them to one of our homebound members. The cost is \$40. Thank you!