

**\*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 God, you have given us all that we have and all that we are. As we return a portion of these gifts, we dedicate our lives to your service. Through your Spirit, inspire our wisdom and generosity. Empower us, individually and as a congregation, to be a means of blessing to our hurting world. Amen.**

**\*The Hymn #692**

"Wonderful Words of Life"

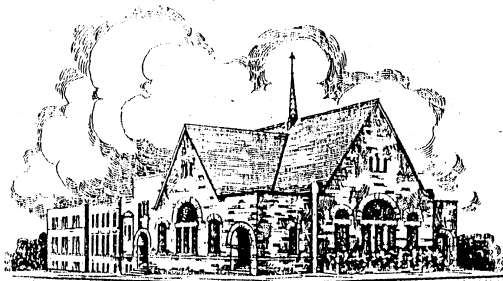
*(Sing to the Lord)*

**\*The Benediction**

**\*The Postlude**

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~Welcome to Saint Andrews~



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# Saint Andrews United Presbyterian Church

September 5, 2021

10:30 AM

## The Church in Preparation

**The Prelude**

Welcome and Announcements

**The Introit**

TBA

**The Call to Worship**

Leader: With our words and in our actions,

**People: Let us praise the living God.**

Leader: With our lips and in our lives,

**People: Let us glorify the living Lord.**

Leader: Let us worship God!

**The Opening Prayer (Responsively)**

Leader: God of surprises, when we think you are not present in our lives, you reveal yourself in the love of friends and family and nurture us in your never-ending affection.

**People: God of surprises, when we think you are not present in our community, you labor to make us of one heart and cause us to share gladly and generously.**

Leader: God of surprises, when people think you are not present in our world, you bring hope out of despair and create growth out of difficulty.

**All: God of surprises, you are ever with us. When the days go by and our vision fades, keep surprising us. When our hope dims and our patience wears thin, keep coming to us.**

**Teach us to keep our eyes and our hearts open, that we may see your loving presence among us. Amen.**

*(Francis Brienen, adapted)*

**\*The Hymn #113**      “We Have Come into His House”      *(Sing to the Lord)*

(Ushers will collect prayer requests. Please pass them to the side aisles.)

\*The people will rise in body or spirit

### **The Prayer of Confession** *(In Unison)*

Gracious God, we confess that we are not the people you call us to be. We fail in our love for you, forgetting your gracious acts. We fail in our love for one another, forsaking our neighbors’ needs. Forgive us and liberate us, Lord. Release us from the shackles of our sin and heal our brokenness so that we may worship and serve you fully and freely, through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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**    2 Kings 22: 8 – 13; 23: 1 - 3  
Leader: The word of the Lord.  
**People: Thanks be to God**

### **Musical Interlude**

“For Everyone Born”  
Vocalist: Deanna Golden  
Pianist: Melinda Ripper

### **The Sermon**

“A Life Changing Discovery”      Rev. Dr. Mary Kitchen

**\*The Hymn #686**      “Thanks to God Whose Word Was Spoken”      *(Sing to the Lord)*

### **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**

We give because God has given so generously to us. We give to feed the hungers of body and soul that are all around and deep within us. Let us bring before the Lord our tithes and offerings.

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

### **The Offertory**

“Ride On, King Jesus”  
Vocalist: Deanna Golden  
Pianist: Melinda Ripper

## Welcome Mary!

A warm Saint Andrews welcome to our guest preacher, the Rev. Dr. Mary Kitchen. Mary retired earlier this summer after a long and fruitful ministry at North and East Butler Presbyterian Churches. We are blessed to have her leading us in worship!



*The flowers today are given by Dave Landis  
in memory of Carol's birthday.*

## All in the Family

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

- *The family and loved ones of Lois Myers Panei. Lois died at Concordia on August 5, 2021.*
- *The family and loved ones of Esther Radvinski's great niece, Elizabeth Hackwelder. Elizabeth died on August 6, 2021.*
- *The family and loved ones of Pastor Merry's mother, Alice Meloy. Alice died on August 15, 2021.*

## Pastor Merry Away

Pastor Merry is out of town for a few more days of bereavement leave. While she's away, Rev. Lee Dreyer will be available in case of emergencies. If you have a pastoral care need or concern, please call Danielle at our church office (724-287-4777) or Rev. Dreyer (724-504-7983).



## Happy Birthday to

|                  |              |
|------------------|--------------|
| Sharon Johnson   | September 5  |
| Peggy Douthett   | September 9  |
| Mary Ann Hazlett | September 10 |
| Shirley Hindman  | September 11 |

## Indoor Yard Sale

This Friday, Sept. 10, 2021

and

Saturday, Sept. 11, 2021

8:00 am – 2:00 pm



Huge Sale of home décor, furniture, holiday decorations, gifts, vintage and collectibles, glassware, kitchen and bath items, tools, garden and outdoor items, toys, books, linens, and much more!

Mark your calendars and help spread the word!

There is something for everyone!