

***The Congregation Sings in Response #2081 “Thank You, Jesus”**

Thank you, Je-sus, a-men!
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Al-le-lu-ia! A-men!

***The Prayer of Dedication (In Unison)**

Gracious God, may our giving add strength to the witness of your church.
Guard us from the cynicism of our skeptical, self-serving age. Empower us to
share the good news of your love in our homes, in our community, and
throughout the world, through the grace of Christ. Amen.

The Church Goes to Serve

***The Closing Hymn #343 “Called as Partners in Christ’s Service” (Presby Hymnal)**

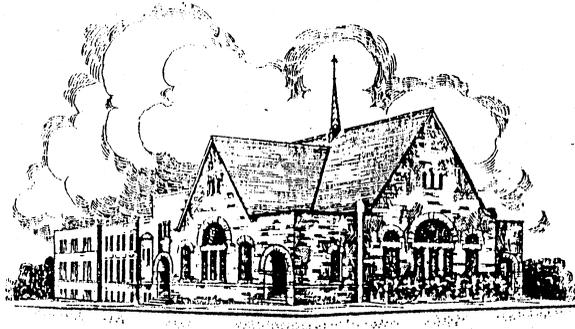
***The Benediction**

The Benediction Response

“Amen”
The Chancel Choir

***The Postlude**

Welcome to Saint Andrews. We’re glad you’re here!



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September 18, 2022

15th Sunday after Pentecost

10:30 AM

The Church in Preparation

The Prelude

Guest Pianist Kathy Sawyer

Welcome and Announcements

The Introit and Time of Centering

The Call to Worship

Andrew Ripper

Leader: O Lord, you have searched us and know us.

People: You know when we sit down and when we rise;

Leader: You discern our thoughts from far away.

**People: Even before the words are on our tongues,
O Lord, you know them completely.**

Leader: Where can we go from your Spirit?

People: Where can we flee from your presence?

Leader: If we ascend to heaven, you are there;

People: If we make our bed in the depths, you are there.

Leader: If we take the wings of the morning
and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,

**People: Even there your hand shall lead us,
and your right hand shall hold us fast.**

(Portions of Psalm 139, adapted)

The Opening Prayer (In Unison)

Everlasting God, in whom we live and move and have our being: You have
made us for yourself, so that our hearts are restless until they rest in you.
Deliver us from cold hearts and wandering thoughts, that with steady minds
and burning zeal we may worship you in spirit and in truth, through Jesus
Christ our Lord. Amen.

***The Opening Hymn #101 “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” (Presby Hymnal)**

(Ushers will collect prayer requests. Please pass them to the center aisle.)

*The people will rise in body or spirit

The Prayer of Confession *(In Unison)*

Merciful God, in your gracious presence we confess our sin and the sin of this world. Although Christ is among us as our peace, we are a people divided against ourselves. The profit and pleasures we pursue lay waste to the land and pollute the seas. The fear and jealousies we harbor set neighbor against neighbor and friend against friend. In your mercy, forgive us, Lord. Heal us and set us free to serve you. Empower us to be agents of your reconciling love, through the grace of Christ. 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 Reading

Deuteronomy 30: 15 - 20
Philemon 1: 1 - 21
Luke 14: 25 - 33

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Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

Anthem

“Come, Come Unto Me”
The Chancel Choir

The Sermon

“Counting the Cost”

Rev. Merry Meloy

***The Hymn #393**

“Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said”

(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

We honor Christ by sharing the abundance that God has shared with us. In gratitude for God's many blessings, we offer our time, our talents, our resources and our lives. Let us bring before the Lord our tithes and offerings.

As the offering plates are being passed, please sign and pass the Friendship Registers located at the end of your pews. If you are visiting with us this morning, please help us get to know you by filling out the long, blue card in the pew rack in front of you. Thank you!

The Offertory

“How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord”

Vocalist: Deanna Golden

Pianist: Kathy Sawyer

This Week at Saint Andrews United Presbyterian Church

Sunday, September 18, 2022

10:30 AM – Worship

Monday, September 19, 2022

Tuesday, September 20, 2022

10:00 AM – 2:00 PM – The Alcove at Saint Andrews

Wednesday, September 21, 2022

10:00 AM – Property Team

5:00 PM – Community Dinner – Saint Andrews

Thursday, September 22, 2022

6:15 PM – Canticleer Ringers

7:30 PM – Chancel Choir

Friday, September 23, 2022

Saturday, September 24, 2022

10:00 AM – 2:00 PM – The Alcove at Saint Andrews

Next Sunday, September 25, 2022

10:30 AM – Worship

Worship Leaders

Ushers: Jon McKay Natalie McKay Paul Perry Peggy Douthett

Next Week: Dave Landis Scott/Donna O' Day Nate Grossman Travis Grossman

Liturgist: Andrew Ripper **Next Week:** Dale Hutchison

Sound Tech: Kevin Moon **Next Week:** Jon McKay

Flower Delivery: Stephanie Arienzo **Next Week:** Barb Hutchison

Open the Church: Paul Perry **Next Week:** Paul Perry

Close the Church: Susan Moon **Next Week:** Dave Pisani

Prayer Requests can be made by using the pink/purple prayer request cards found in the pew racks. Pass your requests to the center aisle during the Opening Hymn. They will be distributed to our Prayer Team to be included in this week's prayers.

Restrooms: From the front of the sanctuary, use the left entrance (by the piano) and follow the hallway to the right. The restrooms are down the hall on the left.



Happy Birthday to

Kate Busa September 18

Travis Mowery September 19

Communion Sunday October 2nd



We will be celebrating the Lord's Supper during worship on World Communion Sunday, October 2nd. Please join us!

MUSIC NEWS



The Canticleer Ringers and Chancel Choir have resumed! The handbell choir rehearses on Thursday evenings from 6:15 to 7:15. The choir rehearses Thursday from 7:30 to 8:45. If you've ever wanted to give music a try, this is the perfect opportunity. Anyone and everyone is welcome!

Chancel Flowers



We recently received word that the cost of chancel flowers will be increasing significantly. To keep the cost of donating as manageable as possible, we will now be ordering one slightly larger arrangement, rather than two smaller vases. To place flowers in memory or in honor of someone, just sign up on the calendar in the narthex. The flowers you donate are yours to take home after worship, or you may leave them and a Deacon will take them to one of our homebound members. The cost is \$35. Thank you!

New Members Class

We are gathering a New Members Class for this fall. If you are interested in joining the church, or just want to learn more about who we are and what we do, this opportunity is just for you! We'll meet on Sunday mornings before worship. Please let Pastor Merry or Jon McKay know if you'd like to attend. Thanks!



September First Sunday Mission Offering

Our First Sunday Mission Offering in September will be used to support our sponsored child, Bala, at the Indo-American Home for Children. Bala is 17 years old and is beginning her senior year. Through the home, she receives room, board, an education, and the opportunity for a better life. Last spring, Bala sent a letter. This is part of what she wrote:

Dear Sponsor Parents,

How are you doing? I am doing good here and hope you are doing good too. . . I am very happy here. I pray for you every day. Thank you for all the love and support. Thank you for everything you have done for me. Remember me in your prayers too. Hoping to hear back from you soon and maybe meet you one day. Bye.

*Yours Lovingly,
S. Bala*

It costs \$360 a year to care for one child at the Indo-American Home for Children.. If you would like to help sponsor Bala, just mark your check "Sponsored Child" or use a First Sunday Mission Offering Envelope from the pew racks. Thank you!

Music Program for Seniors Begins

Do you enjoy music? Have you longed to play an instrument but thought it was too late to learn? New Horizons International Music Association is a worldwide organization that helps people age 50 and older learn an instrument. A local chapter, led by Mary and Allen Kitchen, is starting this fall. They'll be offering an introduction to guitar, ukulele, mandolin, violin, viola, cello and bass. The group will meet on Thursday afternoons at 2:00 pm at Trinity Presbyterian Church, starting Sept. 29th. To learn more, to help teach or to donate an instrument, please contact Mary Kitchen (412-266-0930).