

**\*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)*

Loving God, like a good shepherd, you provide for our every need.  
Empower us to share our gifts and our lives so that others may hear the  
good news of your love and experience the joy of your care. Amen.

### The Church Goes to Serve

**\*The Closing Hymn #485** "To God Be the Glory" *(Presby Hymnal)*

**\*The Benediction**

**\*The Postlude**

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



### **Saint Andrews United Presbyterian Church**

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# Saint Andrews United Presbyterian Church

September 25, 2022 16th Sunday after Pentecost

10:30 AM

## The Church in Preparation

**The Prelude**

Pianist Melinda Ripper

**Welcome and Announcements**

**The Introit and Time of Centering** "Be Thou My Vision"

Guitar: Andrew Ripper

Piano: Melinda Ripper

**The Call to Worship**

Dale Hutchison

Leader: When we are lost,

**People: God never stops seeking us,**

Leader: When we are found,

**People: There is gladness and great joy!**

Leader: Christ lifts us up from the darkest depths,

**People: Christ kneels down so that we may stand,**

Leader: Let us praise the One who loves and seeks us,

**People: Let us worship the One who saves and redeems us.**

**The Opening Prayer** *(In Unison)*

Loving God, you are the wellspring of all grace and goodness; you are the source of all life and love. Be with us in this time of worship. Lift up our voices so we may sing your praise. Speak to us through your Word so we may know your truth. Touch us with your Spirit so that we may shine forth with your love, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**\*The Opening Hymn #478** "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven" *(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)*

Loving God, in Christ you have gone to the ends of the earth to show us the depth of your love. Still, we struggle to see ourselves and each other through your eyes. While you relentlessly seek, we tell ourselves some people are too lost to be found. While you persistently reach out, we turn away, convinced some sins put us beyond the limits of your limitless love. You offer us an ocean of grace and we dole it out by the spoonful. Forgive us, Lord. Help us to see ourselves and each other through your gracious eyes. Help us to embody your boundless 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**

Exodus 32: 7 – 14  
1 Timothy 1: 12 - 17  
Luke 15: 1 - 10  
Leader: The word of the Lord.

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**People: Thanks be to God**

### **Anthem**

“Amazing Grace”  
Guitar: Andrew Ripper  
Piano: Melinda Ripper

### **The Sermon**

“Lost”

Rev. Merry Meloy

### **\*The Hymn #173**

“A Woman and a Coin”

*(Please See Insert)*

### **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**

No matter how far we have wandered or where we have strayed, Christ seeks us out and guides us home. In gratitude for God's seeking, saving love, 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**

“Awesome God”  
Pianist: Melinda Ripper

**This Week at Saint Andrews United Presbyterian Church**

**Sunday, September 25, 2022**

10:30 AM – Worship

**Monday, September 26, 2022**

**Tuesday, September 27, 2022**

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

**Wednesday, September 28, 2022**

5:00 PM – Community Dinner – Trinity

**Thursday, September 29, 2022**

6:15 PM – Canticleer Ringers  
7:30 PM – Chancel Choir

**Friday, September 30, 2022**

**Saturday, October 1, 2022**

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

**Next Sunday, October 2, 2022**  
*World Communion Sunday*

10:30 AM – Worship with Communion

**Worship Leaders**

**Ushers:** Dave Landis    Scott/Donna O' Day    Nate Grossman    Travis Grossman  
**Next Week:** Mary Ann Hazlett    Scott Hazlett    Bob Eamigh    Kathy Eamigh  
**Liturgist:** Dale Hutchison    **Next Week:** Esther Radvinski  
**Sound Tech:** Jon McKay    **Next Week:** Kevin Moon  
**Flower Delivery:** Barb Hutchison    **Next Week:** Ashley Farrington  
**Open the Church:** Paul Perry    **Next Week:** Paul Perry  
**Close the Church:** Dave Pisani    **Next Week:** Dawn Grossman

**The Flowers** today are given by Dan and Kendra Mulneix in honor of friends past and present.

**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**

Rick Kelley    September 30



**Communion Next Sunday**



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

## MUSIC NEWS



The Canticle 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!

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## 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!

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## 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!

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## 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. 29<sup>th</sup>. To learn more, to help teach or to donate an instrument, please contact Mary Kitchen (412-266-0930).

**Visions of CommUnity—  
A Glimpse of the Past and What's to Come  
Saturday, October 8<sup>th</sup>  
2:00 pm – 8:00 pm**

Stroll through a self-guided tour of the developing Cultural District in downtown Butler. There will be musical performances, poetry readings, banner displays, art exhibits, and the opportunity to take in some of Butler's beautiful churches.

Tickets are \$10 per person. Children 12 and under are free. They can be purchased at [butlerculturaldistrict.org](http://butlerculturaldistrict.org) or at Covenant on the day of the event.

Stops include:

**Covenant Presbyterian Church.** *Art show by Butler Associated Artists, performances, and a banner art show and contest.*

**Saint Andrews United Presbyterian Church.** *Short performances will be offered every half hour from 2:30 to 5:30. Musicians include Music Director Deanna Golden accompanied by pianist Kathy Sawyer of Downtown Sounds Music Studio and violinist Melanie Rodgers. Local nature photographer Fred Young will host a display of some of his photos.*

**Butler Middle School Courtyard.** *Banner art show and contest, and performances.*

**First United Methodist Church.** *Art show by Sue Burtner.*

**Butler Public Library.** *Poetry walk, musical performances, poetry slam, and banner art show and contest.*

**First English Lutheran Church.** *Musical performances by organist Signe Mitchell and trumpeter Jim Cunningham.*

**Maridon Museum.** *Asian art exhibit and performances by Butler Symphony artists.*