

## The Offertory

**\*The Congregation Sings in Response** “Halle, Halle, Halleluja”

Hal-le, Hal-le, Hal-le-lu-ja!  
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Hal-le-lu-ja! Hal-le-lu-ja!  
(Repeat)

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

Gracious God, all that we have is a gift from you. With thanksgiving for your bountiful goodness, we dedicate ourselves and our resources to the work of your kingdom. Teach us to serve one another. Empower us to proclaim the gospel in word and deed, so that all may be strengthened by your love and grace. Amen.

### The Church Goes to Serve

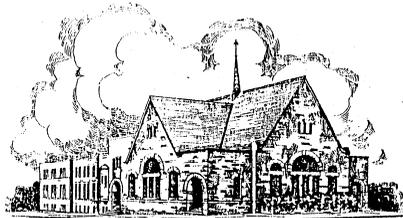
**\*The Closing Hymn #635** “Tell It to Jesus” *(Sing to the Lord)*

**\*The Benediction**

**\*The Benediction Response** “Amen”  
Chancel Choir

**\*The Postlude**

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



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# Saint Andrews United Presbyterian Church

October 23, 2022

20<sup>th</sup> 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** “Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying”  
Chancel Choir

**The Call to Worship**

Bonnie Martin

Leader: I lift up my eyes to the hills—  
from where will our help come?

**People: Our help comes from the Lord,  
who made heaven and earth.**

Leader: He will not let your foot be moved;  
He who keeps you will not slumber.

**People: The Lord is your keeper;  
The Lord is your shade at your right hand.**

Leader: The sun shall not strike you by day,  
nor the moon by night.

**People: The Lord will keep you from all evil;  
He will keep your life.**

Leader: The Lord will keep your going out  
and your coming in  
from this time on and forevermore.

*(Portions of Psalm 121, adapted)*

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

Loving God, in this time of worship, give us hearts to see the things our eyes overlook. Open our hearts to feel the things our hands can't touch. Tune our hearts to hear the still, small voice which sounds like only silence to our listening ears. Teach us to know who you really are—not flash or thunder, but love, softly spoken, flowing like a fountain, bathing our hearts and souls in the waters of your grace. Amen.

**\*The Opening Hymn #273** “Alleluia! Sing to Jesus” *(Sing to the Lord)*

(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)*

Patient God, you know that we are not consistent in our walk with you. Our faith journeys are marked by peaks and valley. It's easy to trust in your love when things are going well. But when life gets hard, we can get discouraged. At times, our faith falters. At times, we lose heart. Forgive us, Lord. Help us to persevere in faith. Help us to keep seeking, to keep listening, to keep following, to keep loving, 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**

Genesis 32: 22 - 31

O. T. Page 30

2 Timothy 3:14 – 4:5

N. T. Page 212

Luke 18: 1 – 8

N. T. Page 81

Leader: The word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God**

### **The Anthem**

### **The Sermon**

Rev. Merry Meloy

**\*The Hymn #298** “Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart” *(Sing to the Lord)*

### **The Church Responds**

#### **\*The Affirmation of Faith –** *(In Unison)*

**We are not alone; we live in God's world.**

**We believe in God:**

**who has created and is creating,**

**who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new,**

**who works in us and others by the Spirit.**

**We trust in God.**

**We are called to be the church:**

**to celebrate God's presence,**

**to love and serve others,**

**to seek justice and resist evil,**

**to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.**

**We are not alone.**

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

*(A Statement of Faith of the United Church of Canada)*

#### **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 to express thanks for the abundant goodness of our God. We give because God asks us to share. With joyful, generous hearts, 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!

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

**Sunday, October 23, 2022**

10:30 AM – Worship

**Monday, October 24, 2022**

**Tuesday, October 25, 2022**

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

**Wednesday, October 26, 2022**

11:30 AM – 4:00 PM – Clergy Boundary Training at Calvin  
5:00 PM – Community Dinner – Trinity

**Thursday, October 27, 2022**

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

**Friday, October 28, 2022**

**Saturday, October 29, 2022**

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

**Next Sunday, October 30, 2022**  
**Scottish Sunday**

10:30 AM – Worship  
12:00 PM – Sunday Lunches (Prepared by the Grossman Family)



**Worship Leaders**

**Ushers:** Dale Hutchison

Rick Kelley

Anzie Kelley

Andrew Ripper

**Next Week:** Jon McKay

Natalie McKay

Paul Perry

Peggy Douthett

**Liturgist:** Bonnie Martin

**Next Week:** Nate Grossman

**Sound Tech:** Kevin Moon

**Next Week:** Travis Grossman

**Flower Delivery:** Carol Dreyer

**Next Week:** Pastor Merry

**Open the Church:** Paul Perry

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**Close the Church:** Esther Radvinski

**Next Week:** John Minich

**The Flowers** today are given by:

Judy Gall in honor of Maddie and Bill's Wedding Anniversary.

Connie Steinberg in honor of Patty and Bill's 74<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary.

**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.

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*All in the Family*

*The sympathy and resurrection faith of the congregation go out to Marjory DiLullo's friends and loved ones. Marj died on Saturday, October 8, 2022.*

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**Scottish Sunday**  
**October 30, 2022**

Join us as we celebrate our Scottish Presbyterian Heritage  
on Scottish Sunday, October 30, 2022.



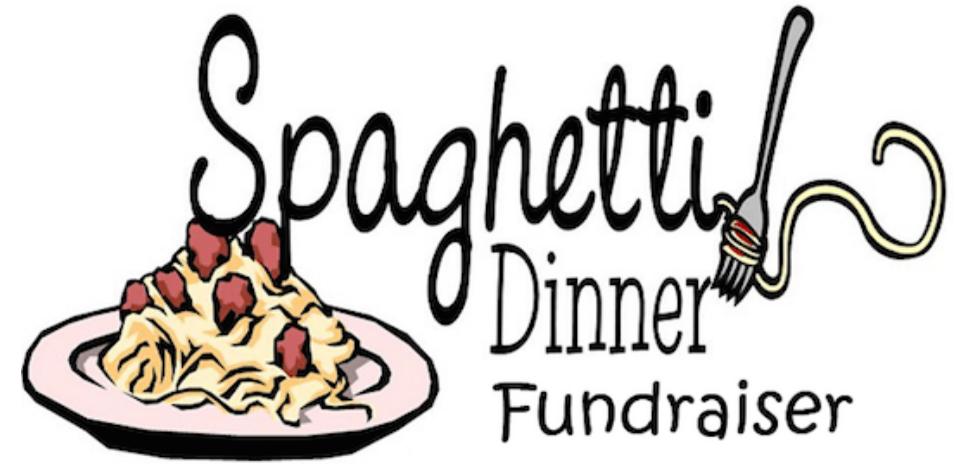
## October First Sunday Mission Offering

Saint Andrews' First Sunday Mission Offering in October will go to the McKee Memorial Fund to help support the work of PCUSA Mission Coworkers Jim and Jodi McGill. Like so many other ministries, the McGills' work in Africa was disrupted by the pandemic. After some time in the States, Jim has returned to Niger while Jodi remains in Decatur, Georgia so their sons, John and Joseph, can finish high school.

A geological engineer, Jim is currently working with the Evangelical Church in the Republic of Niger (EERN) to provide clean water and sanitation to communities in rural Niger. He helps local leaders design and develop affordable, repairable plumbing products for schools, clinics and villages. These include water filters, solar powered water pumps, and different types of latrines. Jim says they've developed a "pedestal toilet" that's made from recycled plastic and sand. These toilets can be produced more cheaply because there is so much "readily available plastic waste . . . found throughout the country"—making this a win for both people and the environment.

Niger is located south of Libya and west of Chad. It's one of the poorest countries in the world. Fewer than 50% of its children are enrolled in school and its annual per capita GDP is under \$600. Farming is limited by frequent draughts and the country's vast desert regions are growing due to lack of rain, excessive cultivation, overgrazing and deforestation. While most Nigerians are Muslim, the government is secular and there is an openness to the gospel.

To help support Jim's work, just write "McKee Memorial Fund" on the memo line of your check or use a First Sunday Mission Offering Envelope from the pew racks. Please continue to keep the entire McGill family in your prayers as they follow Christ's call on two different continents. Thank you!



**Sunday Nov. 6**

**5:30 - 7:00 PM**

**Covenant Presbyterian Church**

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Adults: \$10

Child (3-12): \$8