

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

Loving God, we give thanks that you enable us to give as well as receive. May what we offer here communicate your love and grace to many. May what we offer to our families, friends, and co-workers throughout the coming week be an act of worship and an expression of our love for you. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

**The Church Goes Forth to Serve**

**\*The Closing Hymn #368** "I've Got Peace Like a River" *(Presby Hymnal)*

**\*The Benediction**

**\*The Benediction Response** "Amen" Chancel Choir

**\*The Postlude** Pianist Melinda Ripper

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



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# Saint Andrews United Presbyterian Church

March 12, 2023

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent

10:30 AM

## The Church in Preparation

**The Prelude**

Pianist Melinda Ripper

**Welcome and Announcements**

**The Introit and Time of Centering** "Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God"

"Create in me a clean heart, O God, *(Sing 3 times)* . . .

and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from your presence, *(Sing 3 times)* . . .

and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

Restore to me the joy of your salvation, *(Sing 3 times)* . . .

and uphold me with your free Spirit."

**The Call to Worship**

Nate Grossman

Leader: Come, let us sing to the Lord;

Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

**People: Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving;**

**Let us make a joyful noise with songs of praise!**

Leader: For the Lord is a great God,  
and a great King above all gods.

**People: In God's hand are the depths of the earth  
and the heights of the mountains.**

Leader: The sea is the Lord's, for he made it,  
and the dry land, which his hands have formed.

**People: Come, let us worship and bow down,  
Let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!**

(Based on Psalm 95:1 – 6)

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

Lord Jesus, you meet us in the ordinary tasks of our daily lives—when we are doing laundry or cooking dinner or walking the dog. You meet us here in the words and music and silences of worship. Grant us the vision to recognize your presence. Help us to hear when you speak. Help us to answer when you call. Help us to follow where you lead. Amen.

**\*The Opening Hymn #446** “Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken” (*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*)

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, and our hearts can no longer bear. Set us free from a past that we cannot change. Open us to a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image, 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**

Exodus 17:1 - 7

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Leader: The word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**The Anthem**

“Lamb of God, What Wondrous Love”

Chancel Choir

Accompanist: Melinda Ripper

**The Sermon**

Rev. Merry Meloy

**\*The Hymn #182**

“I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say”

(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**

God uses us to answer the prayers of others. God calls us to give so that those with greater needs may receive. Let us bring before the Lord our gifts 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**

"Abide with Me"

Vocalist: Deanna Golden

Pianist: Melinda Ripper

**\*The Congregation Sings in Response #652** “A Grateful Heart”

A grateful heart is what I bring, a song of praise, my offering.

Among the saints I lift my voice: in you, O God, I will rejoice.

With saving love you set us free, and still you dwell in mystery  
with wisdom none can comprehend. Your praise, O God, will never end.

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

**Sunday, March 12, 2023**  
*3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent*

10:30 AM – Worship  
12:00 PM – 3:00 PM Free Art Show and Basket Raffle at St. Michael's



**Monday, March 13, 2023**

**Tuesday, March 14, 2023**

**Wednesday, March 15, 2023**

4:30 PM – Free Foot Clinic, Bethany Room  
5:00 PM – Community Dinner – Allison Park Butler Campus  
7:00 PM – Midweek Lenten Service at St Peter's Anglican Church

**Thursday, March 16, 2023**

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

**Friday, March 17, 2023**

**Saturday, March 18, 2023**

**Next Sunday, March 19, 2023**  
*4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent*

10:30 AM – Worship  
2:00 PM – Leadership Event, Cranberry Community United Presbyterian Church



**Worship Leaders**

<b>Ushers:</b> Mary Ann Hazlett	Scott Hazlett	Dave Landis	Scott/Donna O'Day
<b>Next Week:</b> Bob Eamigh	Kathy Eamigh	Nate Grossman	Travis Grossman
<b>Liturgist:</b> Nate Grossman			<b>Next Week:</b> Ashley Farrington
<b>Sound Tech:</b> TBA			<b>Next Week:</b> TBA
<b>Flower Delivery:</b> Anzie Kelley			<b>Next Week:</b> Pastor Merry
<b>Open the Church:</b> Paul Perry			<b>Next Week:</b> Paul Perry
<b>Close the Church:</b> Dennis Rodgers			<b>Next Week:</b> Esther Radvinski

**The Flowers** today are given by Dave Landis in memory of Carol Landis.

**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**

Susan Ragan	March 14
Susan Moon	March 14
Jim Judson	March 16

**Leadership Event**  
**Next Sunday March 19th**

Beaver-Butler Presbytery's annual Leadership Event will be next Sunday, March 19, 2023 from 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm at Cranberry Community United Presbyterian Church. A variety of great workshops will be offered for all church leaders—Elders, Deacons, Clerks, Treasurers, Pastors and Youth Leaders. Brochures are available on the table in the Narthex. If you would like to carpool, please see Pastor Merry.

## “Encounters with Jesus” Midweek Lenten Services

This Lent, Saint Andrews is joining with a number of downtown churches for a series of midweek worship services. Each Wednesday, at 7:00 pm, we will worship at a different church. The theme for the series is “Encounters with Jesus.” A schedule of worship locations is below. Bring some friends and come!

- Wednesday, March 15** 7:00 pm at St. Peter’s Anglican Church  
218 East Jefferson St.  
Preaching: Pastor David Janz
- Wednesday, March 22** 7:00 pm at First United Methodist Church  
200 East North St.  
Preaching: Father David Hicks
- Wednesday, March 29** 7:00 pm at Saint Andrews United Presbyterian  
Preaching: Pastor David Phillips

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### First Sunday Mission Offering

Our First Sunday Mission Offering in March will benefit the Butler County Relief Initiative. BERI’s mission is to complement existing agencies in meeting the essential needs of Butler County residents whose lives have been affected by a significant emergency. BERI works with the United Way and the Center for Community Resources to address the heating and utility needs of low-income residents. Together, these agencies help clients become more self-sufficient and financially stable.

To help support BERI, simply place your donation in a “First Sunday Mission Offering” envelope from the pew racks or write “BERI” on the memo line of your check. Thank you!



## Free Art Show and Sale Basket Raffle



**Today**  
**Noon – 3:00 pm**  
Basket Drawing at 2:30 pm

St. Michael’s Roman Catholic Church Community Hall  
432 Center Ave.

Proceeds Benefit the Community Dinner Programs  
at  
First English Lutheran, St. Paul Roman Catholic,  
Saint Andrews, St Mark’s Lutheran, and  
First United Methodist Churches

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### Game Board Night is Back! Friday, March 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm

Join us for an evening of board games and fun on Friday,  
March 24, at 6:00 pm in the Memorial Room. All ages are welcome.  
Pizza and beverages will be provided. Bring a snack or dessert to share  
Please sign up in the Narthex



