

Saint Andrews United Presbyterian Church

March 26, 2023

5th Sunday in Lent

10:30 AM

The Church Goes Forth to Serve

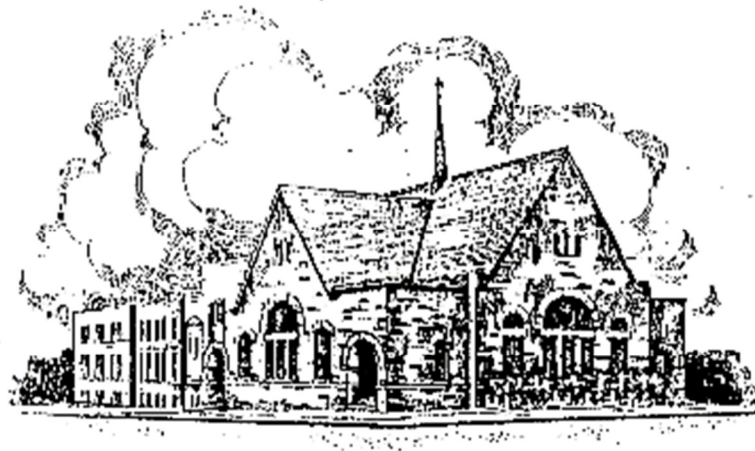
*The Closing Hymn #466 "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" (Presby Hymnal)

*The Benediction

*The Benediction Response "Amen" Chancel Choir

*The Postlude

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



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The Church in Preparation

The Prelude

Guest Musician Bryan Helsel

Welcome and Announcements

The Introit and Time of Centering "There Is a Longing in Our Hearts"
Chancel Choir

The Call to Worship

Ashley Farrington

Leader: Out of the depths we cry to the Lord.

People: **In the valley of death, we await God's Word.**

Leader: Jesus says: I am the resurrection and the life.

People: **Let us turn to him in faith, and live.
Let us worship God!**

The Opening Prayer (In Unison)

God of grace and glory, you are resurrection and life. As we worship you this day, show us who we are: bearers of good news, messengers of resurrection, heralds of your healing love, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*The Opening Hymn #485 "To God Be the Glory" (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)

God of great mercy, we confess we have sinned against you. We speak as though all hope is lost, even while you are still speaking. We act as though death is the end, even while you are still acting. Forgive us, Lord. Create a clean heart within us, teach us your holy way, and restore to us the hope of faith and the joy of salvation; 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

Ezekiel 37: 1 - 14

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Portions of John 11

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Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Anthem

“He Leadeth Me”

Vocal Trio: Heather Helsel, Deanna Golden, and Bryan Helsel

Micro Message

Susan Moon

Musical Response

“In Deepest Night”

Vocalist Deanna Golden

Accompanist Bryan Helsel

The Sermon

Rev. Merry Meloy

*The Hymn #383

“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

(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

The most lavish gifts we can bring are never enough to thank God for all we have received. Yet the tiniest offerings we present do not escape God’s notice when presented with full commitment and devotion. 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

Guest Musician Bryan Helsel

*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.

*The Prayer of Dedication *(In Unison)*

Loving God, we offer these resources and our lives in service to you. Accompany these gifts with your grace so that others may know your mercy and truth. Fill our lives with your Spirit so that others may know your love and presence. In Jesus’ name we pray, Amen.

This Week at Saint Andrews United Presbyterian Church

Sunday, March 26, 2023
5th Sunday in Lent

10:30 AM – Worship
11:30 AM – Worship & Outreach Meeting



Monday, March 27, 2023

Tuesday, March 28, 2023

5:30 PM – Beaver-Butler Presbytery Meeting

Wednesday, March 29, 2023

5:00 PM – Community Dinner – East Butler Presbyterian Church
7:00 PM – Midweek Lenten Service at Saint Andrews

Thursday, March 30, 2023

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

Friday, March 31, 2023

Saturday, April 1, 2023

2:30 PM – 7:00 PM “Downtown Sounds” Music Recitals at Saint Andrews

Next Sunday, April 2, 2023
Palm / Passion Sunday

10:30 AM – Worship
12:00 PM – Sunday Lunches (Prepared by Karen Pressler and Joanna Sickels)



Happy Birthday to



Scott Hazlett	March 26
Jeanette Nestor	March 28
Esther Radvinski	March 30

Worship Leaders

Ushers: Rick Kelley	Anzie Kelley	Bonnie Martin	Dave Martin
Next Week: John Minich	Michele Minich	Karen Pressler	Denny Rodgers
Liturgist: Dale Hutchison			Next Week: Bob Eamigh
Sound Tech: Jon McKay			Next Week: Travis Grossman
Micro Message: Susan Moon			Next Week: Esther Radvinski
Flower Delivery: Carol Dreyer			Next Week: Barb Hutchison
Open the Church: Paul Perry			Next Week: Paul Perry
Close the Church: Susan Moon			Next Week: John Minich

The Flowers today are given by Victoria Fogel in celebration of Keith and Melany Fogel's 29th 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.

All in the Family



The sympathy and resurrection faith of the congregation go out to Shari Manos and her family. Shari's father, Joel MacKay, died on March 16, 2023.

A Note of Thanks

We would like to thank our church family and friends for your prayers, support, food, cards, transportation and visits during both of our hospitalizations and recuperation time. Where would we be without you?

With Gratitude and Love,
Dale and Barb

“Encounters with Jesus” Midweek Lenten Services

Our last Community Lenten Service will be this Wednesday, March 29, at 7:00 pm here at Saint Andrews. Bring some friends and come!

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!

One Great Hour of Sharing Offering Easter Sunday, April 9th

The One Great Hour of Sharing Offering helps care for people in need here at home and around the world. Some have been hurt by sudden catastrophe—war, flood, fire—while others have grown so familiar with need they can’t imagine a world of plenty. The ministries of One Great Hour of Sharing respond to the most immediate and urgent needs while working to address the underlying causes of chronic problems.

Through your gifts, you will help Presbyterian Disaster Assistance restore communities that have been affected by disaster. You will help the Presbyterian Hunger Program alleviate hunger and its causes here in the U.S. and around the world. And you will help Self-Development of People empower those who are economically poor and oppressed.

On Easter Sunday, April 9, we will receive the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering during worship. Please give generously. Your gifts witness to the love of God in Jesus Christ in very tangible ways.

Join Us for Worship During Holy Week

Palm / Passion Sunday Service



Join us next Sunday, April 2, as we reflect on Jesus’ entry into Jerusalem and some of the people and events of the week that followed. Worship is at 10:30 am.

Maundy Thursday Service



We will be joining some of our sister Presbyterian churches for a community Maundy Thursday service on April 6 at Trinity Presbyterian Church. Worship is at 7:00 pm and will include Communion. Please join us as we remember Jesus’ Last Supper and the final evening of his earthly life.

Good Friday Service



Our Community Good Friday Service will be at 12:00 pm on April 7 at Saint Andrews. Worship leadership and special music will be provided by Covenant, Faith, Hill, North and East Butler, Saint Andrews and Trinity Presbyterian Churches. If you’d like to worship with us via the radio, just tune in to WBUT 1050 AM at noon for the live broadcast.

Easter Sunday Service



Come celebrate Jesus’ resurrection and the gift of new life! Worship on Easter, April 9, is at 10:30 am. The service will include lots of special music, including the Chancel Choir, and a Youth Brass Ensemble. Invite your friends and come!