

The Offertory

Guest Musician: Bryan Helsel

***The Congregation Sings in Response** #6 "Praise God,..."
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him, all creatures here below. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

***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 healing power of your care. Amen.

The Church Goes Forth to Serve

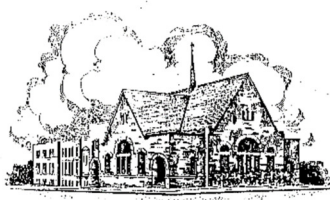
***The Closing Hymn** #387 "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" *(Presby Hymnal)*

***The Benediction**

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

***The Postlude**

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



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Saint Andrews United Presbyterian Church

April 30, 2023 4th Sunday of Easter 10:30 AM

The Church in Preparation

The Prelude

Guest Musician: Bryan Helsel

Welcome and Announcements

Minute for Mission

Bonnie Martin

The Introit and Time of Centering #151

"Crown Him with Many Crowns"
(Verses 1 & 4)

(Presby Hymnal)

The Call to Worship

Bonnie Martin

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

People: **Worship the Lord with gladness;
Come into God's presence with singing.**

Leader: Know that the Lord is God.
It is he that made us, and we are his;

People: **We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.**

Leader: Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
and his courts with praise.

People: **Give thanks to him,
bless his name.**

Leader: For the Lord is good;
his steadfast love endures forever,

People: **and his faithfulness to all generations.**

(Psalm 100)

The Opening Prayer *(In Unison)*

Shepherd God, you love all of your sheep—those who remain close and those who stray, those who are consistently faithful and those who have wandered away. In this time of worship, find us and remind us that we are your people. Draw us close and tune our hearts to the sound of your voice so we may follow where you lead, through the grace of Christ. Amen.

***The Opening Hymn #121** “That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright” *(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, we are the sheep of your pasture, but so often we reject your love and care. We don't really think we need a shepherd. We don't really want to be part of a flock. Like willful sheep, we insist on going our own way—even when it leads us right over a cliff. Forgive us, Lord. Keep seeking us when we are lost. Keep lifting us when we fall. Keep calling us back to your path so that we may live as your faithful flock, 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 Readings

Psalm 23

O.T. Page 501

Acts 2: 42 - 47

N. T. Page 120

John 10: 1 - 10

N. T. Page 103

Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Anthem

“Because He Lives”

Chancel Choir

Accompanist Bryan Helsel

The Sermon

“The Good Shepherd”

Rev. Merry Meloy

***The Hymn #172**

“My Shepherd Will Supply My Need”

(Presby Hymnal)

The Church Responds

***The Affirmation of Faith** - *(In Unison)*

**This is the good news which we have received,
in which we stand,
and by which we are saved,
if we hold it fast:
that Christ died for our sins
according to the scriptures,
that he was buried,
that he was raised on the third day,
and that he appeared
first to the women,
then to Peter, and to the Twelve,
and then to many faithful witnesses.
We believe that Jesus is the Christ,
the Son of the living God.
Jesus Christ is the first and the last,
the beginning and the end;
he is our Lord and our God. Amen.**

*(From PCUSA Book of Common Worship,
based on portions of 1 Cor. 15; Mark 16,
Matt. 16; Rev. 22; and John 20)*

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

In Christ, God leads us to green pastures and still waters. Christ leads us in paths of righteousness. Let us follow his call. Let us give of ourselves so that others may know Christ's tender love and care.

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, April 30, 2023
4th Sunday of Easter

10:30 AM – Worship
12:00 PM – Sunday Lunches (provided by Barb and Dale Hutchison)

Monday, May 1, 2023

Tuesday, May 2, 2023

6:30 PM – Deacons

Wednesday, May 3, 2023

5:00 PM – Community Dinner – Saint Andrews Lamb Team

Thursday, May 4, 2023

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

Friday, May 5, 2023

Saturday, May 6, 2023

Next Sunday, May 7, 2023
5th Sunday of Easter

10:30 AM – Worship
12:00 PM – Sunday Lunches (provided by Rich and Lori Love- Franke)



Worship Leaders

Ushers: Bob Eamigh	Kathy Eamigh	Nate Grossman	Travis Grossman
Next Week: Rick Kelley	Anzie Kelley	Bonnie Martin	Dave Martin
Liturgist: Bonnie Martin			Next Week: Susan Moon
Sound Tech: Travis Grossman			Next Week: TBA
Micro Message: Bonnie Martin			Next Week: Karen Pressler
Flower Delivery: Mary Ann Hazlett			Next Week: Kathy Eamigh
Open the Church: Paul Perry			Next Week: Paul Perry
Close the Church: Bonnie Martin			Next Week: Jon McKay

The Flowers today are given by the Eamighs in celebration of Mara's birthday.

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



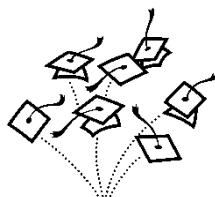
The sympathy and resurrection faith of the congregation go out to the Arienzo Family. Stephanie's grandmother, Charlene Stevenson, died on Sunday, April 9, 2023.



Happy Birthday to

Bud Weckerly

May 1



Calling All Graduates

Graduation Sunday is May 21, 2023. If you are graduating this year, we'd like to include your graduation bio in the bulletin that Sunday. Please email us a paragraph with your name, the school you're graduating from, the activities, clubs, organizations, or jobs you've been involved with during your time at school, what you've enjoyed the most, and your future plans. The deadline is Monday, May 8, 2023. Thank you!

Flower Calendar Openings

Would you like to donate the chancel flowers for one or more worship services? The Flower Calendar for 2023 is in the Narthex. Please sign up for a Sunday or two. Don't forget to tell us if the flowers are in honor or in memory of someone, or if they are to commemorate an important date. We still have openings on:



May 28
June 4
June 18
Many July Dates



The flowers you donate are yours to take home after the worship service, or you may leave them and a Deacon will take them to one of our homebound members. The cost is \$35. Thank you!

Volunteers Needed

Do you have a few extra hours to help feed some of our hungry neighbors? If so, please consider volunteering for the Sunday Lunch Program. Approximately one Sunday a month, two volunteers from Saint Andrews gather in the church kitchen at 9:30 to assemble bagged lunches. They then distribute the lunches at our Cliff Street entrance at noon. The entire process takes about an hour and a half. If you can help, please call the church office or see Pastor Merry. Thanks!

April First Sunday Mission Offering

Saint Andrews' First Sunday Mission Offering in April 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!

