

## The Offertory

TBA  
Guest Organist Karen Krenitsky

**\*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, you have raised Jesus Christ from the dead, bringing us the promise of new life. In gratitude, we offer you these gifts and our lives. Awaken us to new opportunities to serve you and empower us to be instruments of your grace and goodness. Amen.

## The Church Goes Forth to Serve

**\*The Closing Hymn** #261 "Christ Is Risen, Christ Is Living" *(Sing to the Lord)*

## \*The Benediction

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

**\*The Postlude** "Christ Is Arisen" J. Behnke, arranger  
Guest Organist: Karen Krenitsky

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



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# Saint Andrews United Presbyterian Church

April 9, 2023

Easter Sunday

10:30 AM

## The Church in Preparation

### The Prelude

"Christ Lag in Todesbaden"  
"The Bell Symphony"  
Guest Organist: Karen Krenitsky

J. S. Bach  
H. Purcell

## Welcome and Announcements

### The Introit

"Thine Is the Glory"  
Brass Ensemble  
Trumpets: Henry Hoffman and Andrew Ripper  
Trombone: Danielle Golden  
Baritone: Nate Grossman

### The Call to Worship

Lori Love-Franke

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen!  
**People: Christ is risen indeed!**  
Leader: Sing, O heaven; and be joyful, O earth!  
**People: Let us raise our voices with shouts of joy!**  
Leader: The tomb is empty;  
Death is vanquished!  
**People: Where, O death, is your victory?  
Where, O death, is your sting?**  
Leader: Let us worship God who gives us victory  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

Amazing God, you have raised Jesus Christ to be the first fruit of resurrection, the pledge of your victory over the power of sin and death. In Christ, you bring life out of death, joy out of sorrow, hope out of despair. Be with us as we worship you. Open our hearts and strengthen our voices so that we may join with all creation in praising Christ, the risen King. Amen.

**\*The Opening Hymn** #260 "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" *(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)*

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death and set before us the way of life. Yet we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We overlook the poor and the hungry, and pass by those who mourn. We are deaf to the cries of the weak and oppressed and abuse the earth you made. Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of abundant life, 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

Isaiah 25: 2 - 9

Matthew 28: 1 - 10

Leader: The word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

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### The Anthem

“Sing an Easter Alleluia”

Chancel Choir

Trumpet: Henry Hoffman

Piano: Melinda Ripper

### The Sermon

Rev. Merry Meloy

### \*The Hymn #258

“Christ Arose”

*(Sing to the Lord)*

### 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

Like those who first came to the empty tomb, we are called to be witnesses. We testify to Christ’s saving love through our words, our actions, and our choices—in how we spend our time, our talents, and our resources. 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, April 9, 2023**  
*Easter*  
10:30 AM – Worship

**Monday, April 10, 2023**

**Tuesday, April 11, 2023**  
6:30 PM – Deacons

**Wednesday, April 12, 2023**  
5:00 PM – Community Dinner – Hill  
6:30 PM – Admin Team

**Thursday, April 13, 2023**  
6:15 PM – Canticle Ringers  
7:30 PM – Chancel Choir

**Friday, April 14, 2023**  
6:00 PM – Game Night

**Saturday, April 15, 2023**

**Next Sunday, April 16, 2023**  
10:30 AM – Worship, Welcome Rev. Patrick Campbell!



**Worship Leaders**

**Ushers:** Dale Hutchison Ben Grossman Dawn Grossman Andrew Ripper  
**Next Week:** Jon McKay Natalie McKay Paul Perry Peggy Douthett  
**Liturgist:** Lori Love-Franke **Next Week:** Travis Grossman  
**Sound Tech:** Travis Grossman **Next Week:** Jon McKay  
**Micro Message:** None **Next Week:** Dawn Grossman  
**Flower Delivery:** All Deacons **Next Week:** Ashley Farrington  
**Open the Church:** Paul Perry **Next Week:** Paul Perry  
**Close the Church:** Karen Pressler **Next Week:** Dawn Grossman

**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.*

*The friends and former colleagues of Chuck Davey. Chuck died this past week. There will be a memorial service here, at Saint Andrews, at 11:00 am on Wednesday, April 26, 2023*



## Happy Birthday to

Kevin Golden

April 13

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### 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



### Pastor Merry Away

Next Sunday, April 16, Pastor Merry will be away for her former mother-in-law's memorial service. Rev. Patrick Campbell will be leading us in worship. Many of you know Patrick from his younger years. He and future wife, Laura Stevens, were both active members of Saint Andrews' youth group. An ordained UCC pastor, Patrick now works as Executive Director of The Group Against Smog and Pollution, an environmental nonprofit in Pittsburgh. He and Laura are the proud parents of very busy twins, Isla and Finley. Please welcome him!

## Game Night is Back!

This Friday

at 6:00 pm

Join us for an evening of board games and fun on Friday, April 14, 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

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### One Great Hour of Sharing Offering

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.

Today, 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.

## Adult Ed Survey

**The Nurture Team needs your help! We've been trying to find the best time to schedule adult education opportunities. Please share your input by filling out the survey below. Thank you!**

**Please tell us which times are best for you. Put a # 1 next to your first choice, #2 next to your second choice, #3 next to your third choice, etc.**

\_\_\_\_\_ Sunday morning 9:15 – 10:00

\_\_\_\_\_ Sunday morning after worship with a light lunch included (11:45 – 1:15)

\_\_\_\_\_ Wednesday evening (7:00 – 8:00)

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\_\_\_\_\_ Wednesday morning (11:00 – noon)

**Which schedule do you prefer (Please check one):**

\_\_\_\_\_ Meet every week

\_\_\_\_\_ Meet every other week

**If a 6-week study is offered at my preferred time, I will be able to attend :**

\_\_\_\_\_ Every week

\_\_\_\_\_ Most of the time

\_\_\_\_\_ Half of the time

\_\_\_\_\_ Rarely

\_\_\_\_\_ Never. I'm just not interested.

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**Please put a check next to any studies that interest you:**

\_\_\_\_\_ “Questions Jesus Asked” We often think of Jesus as offering us life’s answers. But Jesus also asked questions—lots and lots of questions! Why are you afraid? What do you live for? Who do you say that I am? Join us as we explore some of Jesus’ questions and what they teach us about ourselves and God.

\_\_\_\_\_ “The Gift and Challenge of Forgiveness“ Forgiveness is a foundational belief and practice for Christians. It’s also something we struggle with. We struggle to forgive people who have hurt us. We struggle to receive forgiveness from others, including God. Join us as we take a closer look at what forgiveness is and isn’t, and what Jesus’ life and words can teach us.

\_\_\_\_\_ “Unafraid: Living with Courage and Hope in Uncertain Times” Jesus tells us “Do not be afraid.” Yet fear and worry permeate our world. Fear can protect us from danger. It can also wreak havoc in our lives and our relationships. Using Adam Hamilton’s book as a resource, we’ll explore the nature of fear and how our faith and spiritual practices can help us embrace Christ’s call to courage.

\_\_\_\_\_ “How the Bible Came to Be” Join us as we explore some common questions about the Bible. How did the Bible grow and develop? Why are some Bibles different from others? Why are Bible translations so different? How is the Bible similar and different from everything else we read and why is it so important?

**Please complete the following:**

I would like to learn more about \_\_\_\_\_

I have questions about \_\_\_\_\_