

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)*

Gracious God, accept, we pray, this offering of your people. Remember in your love those who brought it and those for whom it is given; and so follow it with your blessing that it may promote peace and goodwill among all people and advance the realm of our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Church Goes Forth to Serve

***The Closing Hymn** #696 "I Love to Tell the Story" *(Sing to the Lord)*

*The Benediction

***The Benediction Response** "Let Your Servants Now Depart in Peace" Davey
Chancel Choir

*The Postlude

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



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Saint Andrews United Presbyterian Church

May 14, 2023

6th Sunday of Easter

10:30 AM

The Church in Preparation

The Prelude

Guest Musician Bryan Helsel

Welcome and Announcements

The Introit and Time of Centering #452 "Open the Eyes of My Heart"
Chancel Choir

The Call to Worship

Susan Moon

Leader: This is the good news of God's love:
In Christ, God has conquered sin and death.

People: In Christ, God offers us new and abundant life.

Leader: We come to give God thanks.

People: We come to seek Christ's presence.

Leader: We come to offer ourselves in service.

People: Let us worship God!

The Opening Prayer *(In Unison)*

Holy God, we thank you that you receive us, not according to our failing goodness, but according to your overflowing grace. In Christ, you welcome us as we are. You forgive what we have been. You show us who we can be. Fill us with your power, Lord. Sweep over us with your Spirit and change us by your love, that we may sing with joy before you and live to your glory always. Amen.

***The Opening Hymn** #276 "Rejoice, the Lord Is King" *(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)*

Gracious God, we confess that we have neglected the work you entrust to us. We have been half-hearted in our prayers, in our care for those who suffer, and in our witness to your love for us and for the world. Forgive us, Lord. Fill us with your Spirit and reignite our faith so that we may do your will and embody your love, 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

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| Acts 1: 6 - 14 | N.T. Page 118 |
| 1 Peter 4: 12 - 14; 5: 6 - 11 | N.T. Page 234 |
| John 17: 1 - 11 | N.T. Page 111 |

Leader: The word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

The Anthem

"Certain Women"
Vocalists: Heather Helsel and Deanna Golden
Pianist: Bryan Helsel

The Micro Message

Jon McKay

Musical Response

"I Want to Be as Close to You"
Vocalist: Deanna Golden
Pianist: Bryan Helsel

The Sermon

"Gazing to Heaven" Rev. Merry Meloy

*The Hymn #273

"Alleluia! Sing to Jesus" *(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

We give because God asks us to. We give because God calls us to share. 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, May 14, 2023
6th Sunday of Easter

10:30 AM – Worship

Monday, May 15, 2023

Tuesday, May 16, 2023

Wednesday, May 17, 2023

5:00 PM – Community Dinner – Allison Park Butler Campus
6:30 PM – Session

Thursday, May 18, 2023

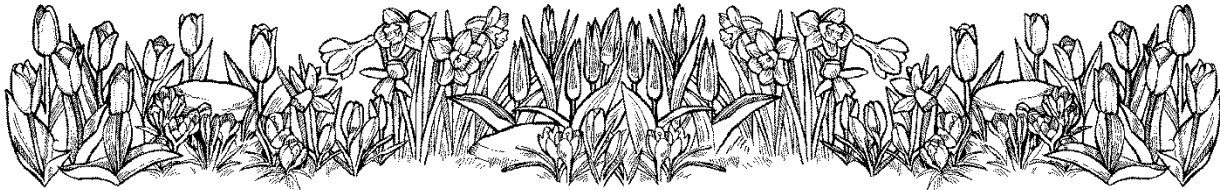
7:00 PM – Session Minutes Review at Friendship Church Community Center, Slippery Rock
7:30 PM – Chancel Choir

Friday, May 19, 2023

Saturday, May 20, 2023

Next Sunday, May 21, 2023
Graduation Sunday

10:30 AM – Worship
11:30 AM – Reception



Worship Leaders

Ushers: John Minich Michele Minich Karen Pressler Denny Rodgers
Next Week: Dale Hutchison Ben Grossman Dawn Grossman Andrew Ripper
Liturgist: Susan Moon **Next Week:** Dan Hawks
Sound Tech: Travis Grossman **Next Week:** TBA
Micro Message: Jon McKay **Next Week:** TBA
Flower Delivery: Anzie Kelley **Next Week:** Pastor Merry
Open the Church: Paul Perry **Next Week:** Paul Perry
Close the Church: Pastor Merry **Next Week:** Esther Radvinski

The Flowers today are given by Victoria Fogel in honor of all mothers.

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



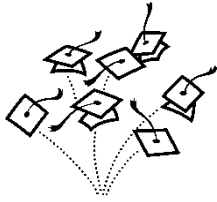
The sympathy and resurrection faith of the congregation go out to the family and friends of Thalia McGrady Payne. Thalia died at home on Monday, May 8, 2023.

Happy Birthday to

Becky Thomas

May 17





Graduation Sunday May 21st

We'll be recognizing our high school, college, and grad school graduates during worship next Sunday, May 21st. Please join us as we celebrate their gifts and accomplishments! There will be a simple reception with cake and punch in the Memorial Room after worship. Please come!

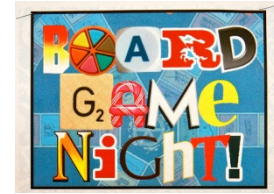
Communion on Pentecost Sunday, May 28th



We will be sharing the Lord's Supper during worship on Pentecost Sunday, May 28, 2023. Please remember to wear red in celebration of the gift of the Holy Spirit!

Congregational Meeting Sunday, May 28th

We will hold a brief Congregational Meeting to elect new officers immediately after worship on Sunday, May 28th. Ashley Farrington, Victoria Fogel, Anzie Kelley, and Donna O'Day are nominated to serve as Deacons. Bob Eamigh, Lori Love-Franke, and Jon McKay are nominated to serve as Elders. Please plan on staying so we have a quorum for the meeting.



Game Night Has Been Rescheduled Friday, June 9th at 6:00 pm

Join us for an evening of board games and fun on Friday, June 9, 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 so we know how many pizzas to order. Thanks!

May First Sunday Mission Offering



May's First Sunday Mission Offering will go to the local Soroptimists to help fund "A Place to Lay My Head." This mission provides beds, linens and pillows, and often much more, to needy families in the Butler area.

The project started out of concern for the homeless and the belief that everyone deserves their own bed and pillow. Over the years, that mission has expanded. The Butler Soroptimists have furnished a number of apartments for women and children who were transitioning from homelessness to their own apartments. The group works with other local organizations and agencies to identify recipients who are committed to improving their lives and the lives of their children.

Soroptimist is an international organization that helps women and girls. The local Butler chapter has a variety of special projects and programs. To help fund "A Place to Lay My Head," simply place your donation in a "First Sunday Mission Offering" envelope from the pew racks or write "A Place to Lay My Head" on the memo line of your check. Thank you!