

The Offertory Invitation

God asks us to share the resources God has given us. Our offerings help pay for Bibles and bell music and building repairs. But the act of sharing does something for us as well. Our giving keeps us humble. It helps us remember that it's not all ours. It all comes from God. Let us give as generously as God has given to us.

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 Organist Kathy Kemerer

*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)

We offer these gifts and our lives to your service, Lord. Open our hearts and minds to your will. Help us to serve you wherever we are, in all that we do, through the grace of Christ. Amen.

The Church Goes Forth to Serve

*The Closing Hymn #547 "Go, My Children, with My Blessing" (Please See Insert)

*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

May 21, 2023

Graduation Sunday

10:30 AM

The Church in Preparation

The Prelude

Guest Organist Kathy Kemerer

Welcome and Announcements

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

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord. Open the eyes of my heart;

I want to see you; I want to see you;

(Repeat)

to see you high and lifted up, shining in the light of your glory.

Pour out your power and love as we sing "Holy, holy, holy."

Holy, holy, holy. Holy, holy, holy.

Holy, holy, holy, I want to see you.

The Call to Worship

Dan Hawks

Leader 1: Hallelujah! Praise God in his holy house of worship,

Praise him under the open skies;

Leader 2: Praise God for his acts of power,

Praise him for his magnificent greatness;

People: Praise God with a blast on the trumpet,

Praise him by strumming soft strings;

Leader 1: Praise God with castanets and dance,

Praise him with banjo and flute;

Leader 2: Praise God with cymbals and a big bass drum,

Praise him with fiddles and mandolin.

People: Let every living, breathing creature praise the Lord!

(Based on Psalm 150 from *The Message*)

The Opening Prayer *(In Unison)*

Loving God, you shower our lives with so many blessings. Thank you for families who love us, for friends who are there for us, for siblings who make us laugh. Thank you for the opportunities we've been given—to learn, to grow, to discover new gifts. Thank you for the little things, for those small acts of kindness that make the world a gentler place. Thank you for the bad days, because they make us grateful for the good ones. Thank you for reminding us that even on the worst day, there's always something good. Most of all, we thank you that every day, good or bad, you are with us. Amen.

***The Opening Hymn #401** "Here in This Place" *(Please See Insert)*
(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 confess that we don't live as you ask or love as you command. We don't always listen. We don't always share. Sometimes, we get cranky and sarcastic. Sometimes, our words cut and hurt, rather than heal or help. And we worry, Lord. About everything. About grades and jobs and friends and the future. Forgive us, Lord. Remind us that our lives are in your loving hands. Help us to hear you clearly. Help us to trust you fully. Help us to live more faithfully, 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.

Recognition and Blessing of Graduates

The Hymn #766 "Now Thank We All Our God" *(Sing to the Lord)*
(Verses 1 & 2)

The Church in Proclamation

The Scripture Reading

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

The Anthem

"May Christ Dwell in You" Chancel Choir

The Message

"Wisdom for the Journey"
Jon McKay and Deanna Golden

***The Hymn #455** "Take My Life, and Let It Be Consecrated" *(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.

This Week at Saint Andrews United Presbyterian Church

Sunday, May 21, 2023
Graduation Sunday

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



Monday, May 22, 2023

6:30 PM – Third Floor Sorting Team

Tuesday, May 23, 2023

2:30 PM – Montessori Meeting
6:00 PM – Beaver-Butler Presbytery at First Presbyterian Church in Beaver Falls

Wednesday, May 24, 2023

5:00 PM – Community Dinner – Trinity

Thursday, May 25, 2023

Friday, May 26, 2023

Saturday, May 27, 2023

2:00 PM – Wedding of Danielle Smith and Brandon Henzes at St Ferdinand's in Cranberry

Next Sunday, May 28, 2023
Pentecost

10:30 AM – Worship with Communion
11:30 AM – Congregational Meeting

Worship Leaders

Ushers: Ben Grossman	Dawn Grossman	Dale Hutchison	Andrew Ripper
Next Week: Jon McKay	Natalie McKay	Paul Perry	Peggy Douthett
Liturgist: Dan Hawks			Next Week: Jon McKay
Sound Tech: TBA			Next Week: TBA
Flower Delivery: Pastor Merry			Next Week: Carol Dreyer
Open the Church: Paul Perry			Next Week: Paul Perry
Close the Church: Esther Radvinski			Next Week: Denny Rodgers

The Flowers today are given to the glory of God and in celebration of our graduates Nate Grossman, Andrew Ripper, and Nicholas Ripper.

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.

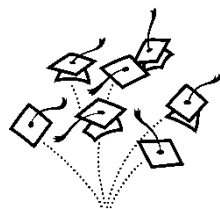
Happy Birthday to



Leslie Hazlett Barlek

May 25





Reception Today

You're invited to a simple reception in the Memorial Room after worship. Join us for cake, punch, and the opportunity to personally congratulate our graduates!

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 Next Sunday

We will hold a brief Congregational Meeting to elect new officers immediately after worship next 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.

Baptism on Sunday, June 4th

Courtney Arienzo, daughter of Jared and Stephanie Arienzo and sister of Natalie Arienzo, will receive the sacrament of baptism on Sunday, June 4th. Please join us for this special day!



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 at the home of Joe and Esther Radvinski. 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!



Congratulations Class of 2023!

We are honoring our graduates during worship today. Here's a brief glimpse of just a few of their accomplishments and their plans for the future

Nate Grossman

Nate is the son of Travis and Dawn Grossman and will be graduating from Butler High School in June. Over the past four years, he has been very active in the music program. He participated in the Golden Tornado Marching Band, the Tornado Big Band, and Symphonic Band. Through PMEA festivals, he attended Honors, District, and Regional Band, and played the euphonium in the All-State Wind Ensemble Band. He also played the trombone in District and Regional Orchestra. This past year, he was chosen as lead trombone in the District Jazz Band. During the summer, he is part of the Musicians' Concert Band. He also played on the boys' volleyball team.

This fall, Nate will attend Slippery Rock University where he will major in Music Education. Eventually, he would like to earn a master's degree and work as a high school music teacher.

Nate would like to everyone at Saint Andrews who has supported him over the years. He writes, "the people I have met here have had an influence on my life and who I am as a person today. I want to thank our music directors who supported us and gave all of us access to music at a young age. I can confidently say I would not be the musician that I am without the early start and support from both Mrs. Moon and Mrs. Golden."

Andrew Ripper

Andrew is the youngest son of John and Melinda Ripper and will graduate from Knoch High School in a few weeks. At Knoch, he was drum major for the marching band, played guitar in the jazz ensemble and pit orchestra, and played trumpet in the concert band. He was also a member of the tennis team, Youth and Government delegation, German Club, History Club, National Honor Society, and Speech and Debate Team. He will attend the Honors College at Duquesne University, where he will major in Music Technology (Sound Recording) with an emphasis in jazz guitar.

Nicholas Ripper

Nicholas Ripper is the oldest son of John and Melinda Ripper. Earlier this month, he graduated from Emory University with a Master of Science in Public Health (Global Epidemiology). While in school, he worked for the U.S. National Authority for the Containment of Poliovirus at the CDC and the Emory-Einstein Tuberculosis Group. He served as Public Affairs Officer for Emory Students for One Health and was inducted into Delta Omega, a public health honor fraternity. He also completed a summer internship for the Emory-Einstein Tuberculosis Group in Durban, South Africa. Nick has accepted a position in the Kentucky Department for Public Health, where he will be working on various infectious disease projects as part of a two-year fellowship awarded by the Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists.

