

Saint Andrews United Presbyterian Church

May 28, 2023

Pentecost Sunday

10:30 AM

The Church in Preparation

The Prelude

Guest Organist Steven Yealy

Welcome and Announcements

The Introit and Time of Centering #322 "Spirit of the Living God"
Chancel Choir

The Call to Worship

Jon McKay

Leader: The Holy Spirit descends like a dove,
bringing peace to unite the world.

People: **The Spirit comes like a breath,
bringing life to renew the people of God.**

Leader: The Spirit energizes like fire,
Empowering all who bear witness to the love of God.

All: **Let us sing and give thanks for God's presence.
Let us celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit.**

The Opening Prayer *(In Unison)*

Almighty God, at the feast of Pentecost you sent your Holy Spirit to the disciples, filling them with joy and courage to share the good news of the gospel. Empower us with that same Spirit to witness to your redeeming love. May the boldness of your Spirit transform us. May the gentleness of your Spirit lead us. And may the gifts of your Spirit be our goal and our strength, now and always. Amen.

*The Opening Hymn #128 "On Pentecost They Gathered" *(Presby Hymnal)*

(Ushers will collect prayer requests. Please pass them to the center aisle.)

**The people will rise in body or spirit*

Leader: Holy Spirit, Power,
You came as fire to Jesus' disciples;
You gave them voice before the rulers of this world.
You gave them courage to live as Christ's own.

People: **Come, Holy Spirit!**

Leader: Holy Spirit, Comforter,
You guide and sustain the church you create;
You speak to us and nurture us through
the rhythms of worship,
the words of Scripture,
the silences of prayer,
the fellowship of your people,
and the gift of the sacraments.

People: **Come, Holy Spirit!**

Leader: Holy Spirit, Nurturer,
Be upon your gathered people and
upon this bread and cup
that our spirits may be fed and our faith strengthened.
May the fire of your grace, unite us with the living Christ,
forge us into one church,
and set our hearts aflame.

People: **Come, Holy Spirit!**

**Work in us and through us
that our lives may burn bright
with the light of Christ's grace, truth, and love,
now and always.
Amen.**

The Words of Institution

The Bread and The Cup *(Please wait until all have been served
so that we may share the bread and cup together)*

Prayer

The Church Goes Forth to Serve

*The Closing Hymn #130 "Let Every Christian Pray" *(Presby Hymnal)*

*The Benediction

*The Benediction Response "Amen" Chancel Choir

*The Postlude

The Prayer of Confession *(In Unison)*

Almighty God, as we celebrate the gift of your Spirit, we are aware of the many ways we impede your work among us. You send your Spirit to teach and to guide, but our minds are set on defending what we know rather than learning something new. You send your Spirit to comfort and encourage but we find it easier to listen to our fear than trust in your care. You send your Spirit to empower our ministry together but we would rather focus on pursuing our own priorities than following your will. Forgive us, Lord. Open our minds and our hearts. Help us to welcome your Spirit. Help us to follow where you lead. 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 Reading

Acts 2:1 - 21

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1 Corinthians 12:3b – 13

N.T. Page 174

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

The Sermon

“God’s Gift to Us”

Rev. Merry Meloy

***The Hymn #131**

“Wind Who Makes All Winds That Blow”

(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

Christ calls us to share the good news of God’s love. Strengthened by the power of the Holy Spirit, let us offer ourselves in service to Christ. 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

“The Flame”

Chancel Choir

***The Congregation Sings in Response #455** “Now Thank We All Our God”

All praise and thanks to God, who reigns in highest heaven,
to Father and to Son and Spirit now be given.

The one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore,
the God who was, and is, and shall be evermore.

***The Prayer of Dedication** *(In Unison)*

God of wind, word, and fire, we give you thanks for all your gifts. Ignite our hearts with the fire of your love and strengthen our lives for service in your kingdom. In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.

***Communion Hymn #126** “Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove”

(Presby Hymnal)

The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

The Invitation to the Lord’s Table

Communion Prayer

Leader: Holy Spirit, Giver of Life,
in the beginning you moved over the waters.
From your breath all creation draws life.

People: Come, Holy Spirit!

Leader: Holy Spirit, Counselor,
by your inspiration, the prophets proclaimed God’s word
of challenge and hope.
By your power, they spoke God’s truth.

People: Come, Holy Spirit!

This Week at Saint Andrews United Presbyterian Church

Sunday, May 28, 2023
Pentecost Sunday

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

Monday, May 29, 2023
Office Closed for Memorial Day

Tuesday, May 30, 2023
Office Closed

Wednesday, May 31, 2023
5:00 PM – Community Dinner – East Butler
6:30 PM – Third Floor Sorting Team

Thursday, June 1, 2023

Friday, June 2, 2023

Saturday, June 3, 2023

Next Sunday, June 4, 2023
9:50 AM – Session Meeting
10:30 AM – Worship and Baptism of Courtney Arienzo
11:30 AM – Private Family Luncheon in Memorial Room
11:30 AM – Sunday Lunches (provided by the Grossman Family)

Worship Leaders

Ushers: Jon McKay Natalie McKay Paul Perry Peggy Douthett
Next Week: Mary Ann Hazlett Scott Hazlett Dave Landis Scott/Donna O' Day
Liturgist: Jon McKay **Next Week:** Esther Radvinski
Sound Tech: TBA **Next Week:** TBA
Flower Delivery: Carol Dreyer **Next Week:** Barb Hutchison
Open the Church: Paul Perry **Next Week:** Paul Perry
Close the Church: Denny Rodgers **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 the family and friends of Thalia McGrady Payne. Thalia died at home on Monday, May 8, 2023.

Happy Birthday to



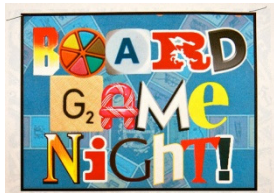
Andrea Judson May 30
Betty Judson May 31
Judy Gall June 1

Congregational Meeting Today

We will hold a brief Congregational Meeting to elect new officers immediately after worship this morning. 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 Next Sunday, June 4th

Courtney Arienzo, daughter of Jared and Stephanie Arienzo and Natalie's little sister, 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.

Many of the recipients have been victims of domestic violence, are dealing with mental health issues, or are recovering from drug and alcohol addiction. When the Soroptimists receive notice that an apartment or housing unit is being provided, they quickly recruit volunteers to gather items from their storage units and set up living space, often in a very short (two to five day) turn-around time. When the women move to their own housing, they are encouraged to take many of the items that have been provided to help facilitate the transition. As a result, there is a constant need for additional linens, pillows, blankets, and kitchen items.

Soroptimist are also exploring ways to support women victims of sex trafficking which is a growing problem in our area. The local Butler chapter has a variety of special projects and programs and continues to learn and adapt to the changing needs of women within our county.

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!