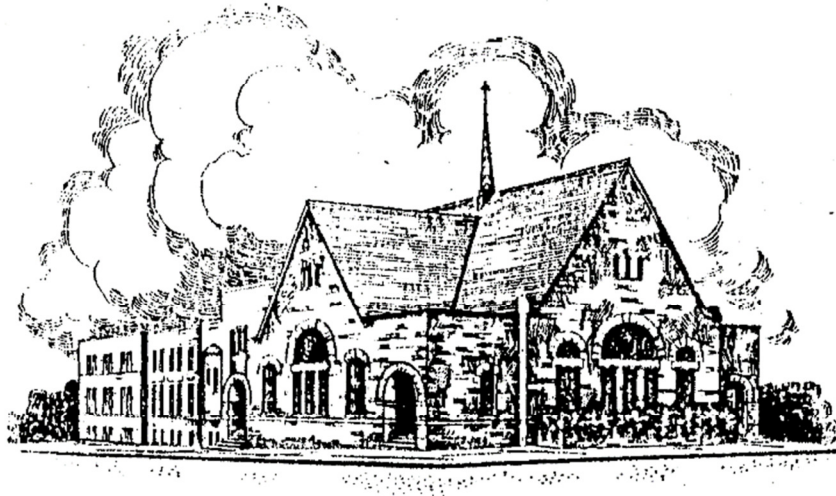


Welcome to Saint Andrews. We're glad you're here!



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# Saint Andrews United Presbyterian Church

July 16, 2023

7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

10:30 AM

## The Church in Preparation

**The Prelude**

Guest Accompanist Huck Beard

**Welcome and Announcements**

**The Introit and Time of Centering**

**The Call to Worship**

Leader: The Gospel is the seed of God's good word.

**People: We scatter the seed on all types of soil.**

Leader: The condition of the ground determines germination.

**People: We pray for an abundant harvest—**

**Thirty, sixty, one hundred times what was planted.**

Leader: May the Holy Spirit take root in the soil of our souls.

**People: May Christ's grace bear much fruit in our lives.**

**All: Let us worship God!**

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

Gracious God, be with us in this hour of worship. Give us hearts to see the things our eyes overlook. Open our hearts to feel the things our hands cannot touch. Tune our hearts to hear the still, small voice our ears ignore. Teach us to seek your will and to sense your presence, through the grace of Christ. Amen.

**\*The Opening Hymn #487** "When Morning Gilds the Skies"

(*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)*

God of birth, God of joy, God of life, we come to you as a people hungry for good news. We have been so dead to miracles that we have missed the world's rebirth. We are preoccupied with pleasures and have overlooked the joy you offer us. We have been so concerned with making a living that we have missed the life you set before us. Forgive us, gracious God. Open our eyes and our hearts to receive your gifts; open our lips and hands to share them with all humanity in the name of our Savior, Jesus 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 119: 105 - 112

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Matthew 13: 1 – 9, 18 – 23

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Leader: The word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God**

### **The Anthem**

### **The Sermon**

"Soil Toil"

Elder Kerry Dowdy

### **\*The Hymn #171**

"A Sower Came from Ancient Hills"

*(Please See Insert)*

### **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 has been so generous with us—even to the point of laying down his life for us on the cross. In response, we are called to be generous too. Let us give a part of what we have to God's work in the world. 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!

### **The Offertory**

Guest Accompanist Huck Beard

#### **\*The Congregation Sings in Response #7** "Praise God . . ."

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

Praise Him, all creatures here below.

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host.

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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

Gracious God, thank you for the gifts given this day and for the many gifts of our lives. May they be used ever and always to glorify you. Amen.

### **The Church Goes Forth to Serve**

#### **\*The Closing Hymn #714** "God of the Fertile Fields"

*(Please See Insert)*

#### **\*The Benediction**

#### **\*The Postlude**

**This Week at Saint Andrews United Presbyterian Church**

**Sunday, July 16, 2023**

10:30 AM – Worship, Welcome Kerry Dowdy

**Monday, July 17, 2023**

**Tuesday, July 18, 2023**

**Wednesday, July 19, 2023**

5:00 PM – Community Dinner – Allison Park, Butler Campus

**Thursday, July 20, 2023**

**Friday, July 21, 2023**

**Saturday, July 22, 2023**

**Next Sunday, July 23, 2023**

10:30 AM – Worship, Welcome Rev. Lee Dreyer

**Worship Leaders**

**Ushers:** Mary Ann Hazlett

Scott Hazlett

Dave Landis

Scott/Donna O'Day

**Next Week:** Bob Eamigh

Kathy Eamigh

Nate Grossman

Travis Grossman

**Liturgist:** TBA

**Next Week:** Dawn Grossman

**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:** Bob Eamigh

**Next Week:** Denny Rodgers

**The Flowers** today are given by Dan and Kendra Mulneix in memory of Doris Mulneix.

**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 Paul Perry and his family. Paul's mother, Irma Perry, died earlier this month.*

**Ushers Needed**

The Worship and Outreach Team is looking for several new ushers to assist with worship. Can you help? On Sunday mornings, ushers arrive early (around 10:00 a.m.) to greet worshippers and distribute bulletins. They gather prayer requests during the opening hymn and collect the offering later in the service. Ushers usually serve on teams of four. Each team ushers once every six weeks. If you can lend a hand, please let Pastor Merry, Jon McKay, or Susan Moon know. Thanks so much!



## Welcome to Our Worship Leaders

A warm Saint Andrews welcome to our guest worship leaders!

Our guest accompanist is Huck Beard. Huck hails from the North Hills and works as the Creative Director of Pittsburgh Magazine. A gifted photographer, writer, and musician, he has written travel articles, published several books documenting Pittsburgh's abandoned buildings, and is currently working on his third novel. Huck sings with several choral groups, including the Mendelsohn Choir with Deanna.

Our guest preacher is Kerry Dowdy. Kerry recently received her M.Div. from Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. She works full-time as an Administrative Assistant for the City of Butler. An ordained elder, she is also active in her home church, East Butler Presbyterian Church. This fall, Kerry will continue her education at Pittsburgh Seminary where she will be completing a Graduate Certificate in Missional Leadership. She and her husband Brian have three children and five grandchildren. They're also the proud parents of two dogs, five cats, one chinchilla, and two very productive chickens! Kerry is a recipient of the Johnson-Greenough Seminary Scholarship here at Saint Andrews.



### Pastor Merry Away

Over the next few weeks, Pastor Merry will be out of town to spend some time with her family. While she's away, Rev. Leigh Benish from Hill will be available in case of emergencies. If you have a pastoral care need or concern, please call Danielle at the church office Monday - Thursday, 9:30 am - 2:00 pm (724-287-4777) or Rev. Benish on her cell phone (319-929-6997). On July 23, July 30, and August 6, Rev. Lee Dreyer will be our guest preacher. We are blessed to have him leading us in worship!



## Got Dessert?

Saint Andrews needs a few good bakers. We are supplying desserts for Meals on Wheels for the month of July. Ideas for baked goods include:

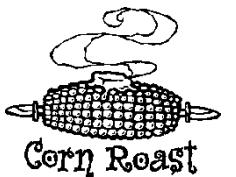
Cookies—No Nuts or Icing  
Brownies—No Nuts or Icing  
Cupcakes—No Icing  
Sugar Free desserts  
Breads—banana, pumpkin, etc

Bundt Cakes—No Icing  
Gingerbread  
Pies—All Kinds Except Cream  
Angel Food Cakes

Please have the items packed for the freezer. Baked goods can be delivered to St. Peter's Anglican Church, at the corner of Jefferson & Cliff Streets, Monday through Friday, from 7 am to 1 pm. Please contact Barb Hutchison if you have any questions or plan on baking in July. Thank you so much for helping!



**Weckerly Corn Roast**  
**Sunday August 6**  
**6:00 pm**



The Weckerly Corn Roast will be on Sunday, August 6, at the Weckerly Farm. Dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m. Hot dogs, buns and beverages as well as Bud's "world famous" roasted corn will be provided. Those attending are asked to bring a dessert to share and chairs. See you there!

## New Officers

On Sunday, July 2, we ordained and installed Elders and Deacons.

Our Board of Deacons now includes:

Class of 2024  
Kathy Eamigh  
Barb Hutchison  
Shari Manos

Class of 2025  
Carol Dreyer  
Victoria Fogel  
Mary Ann Hazlett

Class of 2026  
Ashley Farrington  
Anzie Kelley  
Donna O'Day

Our Session now includes:

Class of 2024  
Susan Moon  
Dave Pisani  
Karen Pressler  
Denny Rodgers

Class of 2025  
Bonnie Martin  
John Minich  
Esther Radvinski

Class of 2026  
Bob Eamigh  
Lori Love-Franke  
Jon McKay

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## 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:



August 6  
Most Sundays in September  
Most Sundays in October.



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!

## July First Sunday Mission Offering

Saint Andrews' First Sunday Mission Offering in July will go to the McKee Memorial Fund to help support the work of PCUSA Mission Coworkers Jim and Jodi McGill. 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.

In a recent letter, Jim describes the impact of just one new well. It was drilled in the village of Gangara. He writes,

*Many villagers are now coming to the taps at the church to collect safe water. The small, irrigated garden, started in January, is now producing onions, tomatoes, groundnuts, peppers, moringa, and pumpkins! The fruit and nitrogen-fixing trees both in the nursery and planted within the garden are doing very well. Cattle, sheep, and goats, as well as three geese belonging to the village, are being given water from the well. And, most importantly, people passing by have been amazed by the garden and are stopping to chat with M. Souleymane Labo, the Gangara church elder who is the gardener.*

In Gangara, the church is sharing clean water and the Gospel with all who are thirsty.

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 McGill family in your prayers. Thank you!

