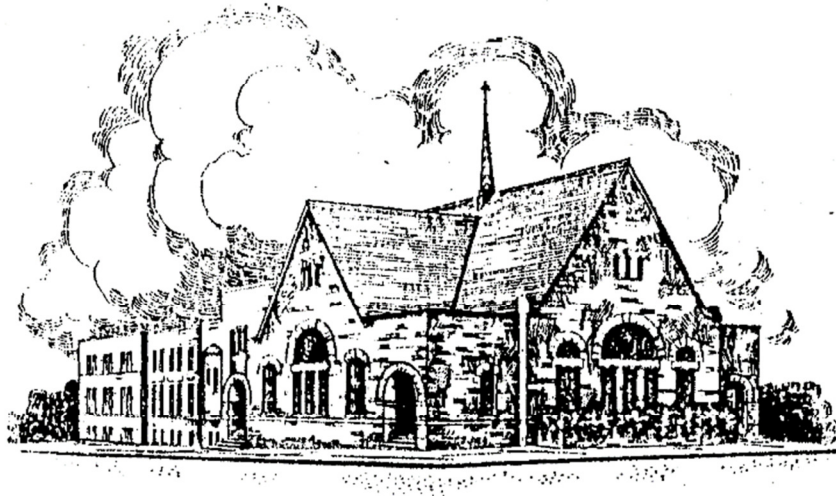


Welcome to Saint Andrews. We're glad you're here!



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July 23, 2023

8th Sunday after Pentecost

10:30 AM

The Church in Preparation

The Prelude

Guest Organist Karen Krenitsky

Welcome and Announcements

The Introit and Time of Centering

The Call to Worship

Dawn Grossman

Leader: God's steadfast love extends beyond the farthest star,
Yet that love is also present among us.

**People: Bless the Lord, O my soul,
And all that is within me, bless God's holy name.**

Leader: God's saving acts were experienced by our ancestors,
And God continues to act in our own day.

**People: Bless the Lord, O my soul,
And do not forget all God's benefits.**

Leader: God's concern is for all creation, for all worlds,
Yet that care draws us close in these moments.

**People: The whole creation is filled with eager longing;
Bless the Lord, all who live in hope.**

The Opening Prayer *(In Unison)*

God of awesome moments and fearful challenges, grant us eyes to see and ears to hear your revelation in our midst today. We have turned away from our daily routines to encounter your mystery. We have dared to step out of our safe places to hear the cries of your people and observe their affliction. We tremble at the thought of what you may require of us, yet we are eager for your presence and open to your call. Amen.

*The Opening Hymn #473 "For Beauty of the Earth"

(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)*

O God, we have pursued futile plans, without seeking your guidance. We have resisted the way you would have us go. We demand proof before we will believe, yet close our eyes to your wonders on every hand. We do not seek the heaven of your word and Spirit to expand our lives and make them attractive and useful. O Holy One, we need a new vision and the self-discipline to embrace your realm here and now. Help us, we pray. 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 49: 13-18

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Psalms 139: 1-12, 23-24

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Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

The Anthem

The Sermon

“Memory”

Rev. Lee Dreyer

***The Hymn #275**

“God of Our Life”

(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

Who will lead God's children to their promised land? Surely it will be those who have begun to live in the realm of God, who know God's mercy and remember God's benefits. To the extent that our offerings are generous, the church can be the yeast of God in a needy world.

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 Karen Krenitsky

***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)*

We bless you, O God, and remember your steadfast love and mercy. We have heard your challenge to us on behalf of our sisters and brothers who are oppressed. With these resources, we would minister to people who suffer in cruel surroundings. With our personal efforts, we would make a way for your glorious reign among us. Bless our offerings of self and substance to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

The Church Goes Forth to Serve

***The Closing Hymn #397** “O for a Closer Walk with God”

(Presby Hymnal)

***The Benediction**

***The Postlude**

This Week at Saint Andrews United Presbyterian Church

Sunday, July 23, 2023

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

Monday, July 24, 2023

Tuesday, July 25, 2023

Wednesday, July 26, 2023

5:00 PM – Community Dinner – Trinity

Thursday, July 27, 2023

Friday, July 28, 2023

Saturday, July 29, 2023

Next Sunday, July 30, 2023

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



Worship Leaders

Ushers: Bob Eamigh Kathy Eamigh Nate Grossman Travis Grossman
Next Week: Rick Kelley Anzie Kelley Bonnie Martin Dave Martin
Liturgist: Dawn Grossman **Next Week:** Natalie McKay
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:** Esther Radvinski

The Flowers today are given by Shirley MacKay, Shari Manos, and family in memory of Joel MacKay.

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.

A Note of Thanks

Dear Friends,
Thank you for your cards, notes and calls following the death of Dan's mother, Doris. We deeply appreciate your prayers and support!
With Gratitude,
The Mulneix Family



Happy Birthday to:

Larry Hindman	July 27
Bill Douthett	July 28
Joe Ragan	July 28



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. Lee retired from White Oak Springs Presbyterian Church after serving as pastor there for more than 29 years. When he is not guest preaching, he's involved here at Saint Andrews, where his wife Carol and daughter Colleen are active members.

We are blessed to have him leading us in worship!

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!



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:

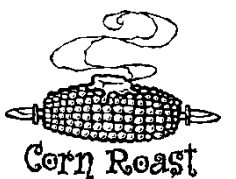
Cookies—No Nuts or Icing
Brownies—No Nuts or Icing
Cupcakes—No Icing
Sugar Free desserts
Breads—banana, pumpkin, etc

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

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!

