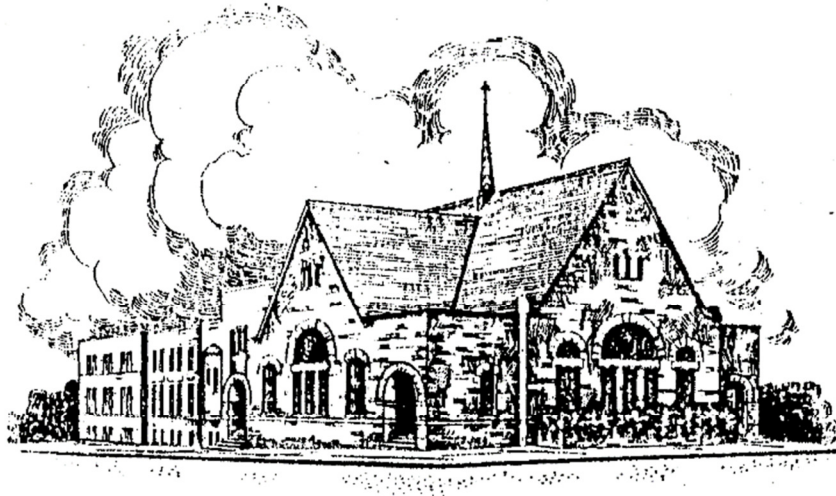


Welcome to Saint Andrews. We're glad you're here!



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July 30, 2023

9th Sunday after Pentecost

10:30 AM

The Church in Preparation

The Prelude

Pianist Melinda Ripper

Welcome and Announcements

The Introit and Time of Centering

The Call to Worship

Natalie McKay

Leader: O give thanks to God; call on God's name.
Make known God's deeds among the nations.

People: **Sing to God, sing praises to God;
Tell of all God's wonderful works.**

Leader: Glory in God's holy name;
Let the hearts of those who seek God rejoice!

People: **Seek God and the strength God provides;
Seek God's presence continually.**

Leader: Remember the wonderful works that God has done,
The miracles, and the judgments God uttered.

People: **God made a covenant with our ancestors;
God keeps covenant with us forever.**

The Opening Prayer *(In Unison)*

We give you thanks, Holy God, for promises kept and blessings bestowed. Your saving acts introduce us to the realm of heaven we only dimly perceive. Your Spirit reaches out to us with strength and power beyond our understanding. Your glory surrounds us with love too deep for words. Your words embrace us on every hand. In these moments, we would remember who you are and remind ourselves that we are nothing apart from you. You have made us for life in your realm. Teach us now how to live as you intend. Amen.

***The Opening Hymn #476** "O Worship the King"

(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)*

We do not know how to pray, loving God. We have doubted you in the face of affliction and ignored you when things go well for us. We have not pursued your realm as the only truth worth claiming. We have feared to trust your assurance and guidance or to lead the search for your saving purposes. We ask your forgiveness and seek renewal of our covenant with you and with one another. 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

Romans 8: 26-39

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Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

The Anthem

The Sermon

“Holy Fragrance”

Rev. Lee Dreyer

***The Hymn #470**

“O Day of Radiant Gladness”

(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

Jesus invites us to put the claims of God's realm before all else in our lives, to sacrifice all we have in order to obtain it. God's rule is not only a future promise; it is a present reality, waiting to be accepted by individuals and shared in community. Our offerings and the work we do together are meant to announce and demonstrate the realm of heaven.

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 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)*

Thanks be to you, O God, for drawing us into covenant and providing for us day by day. Our abilities, and life itself, are gifts from your hand. Because you have promised to work for good with those who love you, we dedicate our offerings to your service. Reveal to us the work of your realm that you intend for us to do. Amen.

The Church Goes Forth to Serve

***The Closing Hymn #261**

“God of Compassion”

(Presby Hymnal)

***The Benediction**

***The Postlude**

This Week at Saint Andrews United Presbyterian Church

Sunday, July 30, 2023

10:30 AM – Worship, Welcome Rev. Lee Dreyer
12:00 PM – Sunday Lunches (provided by Dave and Bonnie Martin)

Monday, July 31, 2023

Tuesday, August 1, 2023

Wednesday, August 2, 2023

5:00 PM – Community Dinner – Saint Andrews Milk and Honey Team

Thursday, August 3, 2023

Friday, August 4, 2023

Saturday, August 5, 2023

Next Sunday, August 6, 2023

10:30 AM – Worship, Welcome Rev. Lee Dreyer
12:00 PM – Sunday Lunches (provided by Karen Pressler and Tori Fogel)
6:00 PM – Weckerly Corn Roast

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!

Worship Leaders

Ushers: Rick Kelley	Anzie Kelley	Bonnie Martin	Dave Martin
Next Week: John Minich	Michele Minich	Karen Pressler	Dave Landis
Liturgist: Natalie McKay			Next Week: Kevin Moon
Sound Tech: TBA			Next Week: TBA
Flower Delivery: Barb Hutchison			Next Week: Ashley Farrington
Open the Church: Paul Perry			Next Week: Paul Perry
Close the Church: Esther Radvinski			Next Week: Susan Moon

The Flowers today are given by Bob and Kathy Eamigh in honor of their son Rob's birthday.

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.

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:



Rob Eamigh III	July 30
Dale Sherman	July 31
Kathy Ditch	August 1
Paul Perry	August 3



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 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!



Weckerly Corn Roast
Next Sunday
6:00 pm



The Weckerly Corn Roast will be next 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!

“Worship Without Walls” Sunday, August 27, at 10:30 am

On Sunday, August 27, we'll be gathering with other local Presbyterian Churches for a joint worship service at Alameda Park. The service begins at 10:30 am at the Masonic Shelter (the large shelter beside the big purple playground). Please join us!

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!

