

\*The Hymn #621

**The Church Goes Forth to Serve**

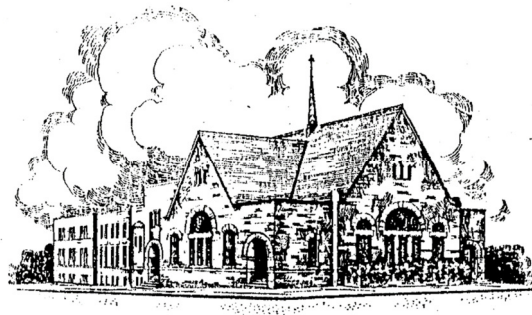
“Near to the Heart of God”

*(Sing to the Lord)*

\*The Benediction

\*The Postlude

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



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**Saint Andrews United Presbyterian Church**

**July 9, 2023**

**6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

**10:30 AM**

**The Church in Preparation**

**The Prelude**

Guest Accompanist Karen Krenitsky

**Welcome and Announcements**

**The Introit and Time of Centering**

**The Call to Worship**

Karen Pressler

Leader: God is gracious and merciful,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

**People: God is good to all;  
God's compassion is poured out over all creation.**

Leader: Let God's people praise God's name.

**People: Let us speak of God's glory and tell of God's power.**

Leader: For the Lord is faithful in all his words  
and gracious in all his deeds.

**People: God lifts all who are falling;  
God raises up all who are bowed down.**

**All: Let us worship God.**

*(Based on Psalm 145:8 – 14, adapted)*

**The Opening Prayer (In Unison)**

**Gracious God, for the gift of this day, we thank you. For the beauty of creation and the bounty of your blessings, we praise you. Be with us now as we worship you. Open us to the soothing balm of your healing love. Renew us with the power of your life-giving Spirit, so that we may live and love to your glory. Amen.**

**\*The Opening Hymn #337 “Softly and Tenderly”**

*(Sing to the Lord)*

(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 Grace, we confess that at times, we are unsure of your love. Weighed down by pain and worry, we struggle to believe you are with us. We struggle to trust in your care. Forgive us, Lord. Fill us with your Spirit so that we may go forth with fresh strength and renewed faith in Jesus Christ our Lord. 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**

<b>The Scripture Readings</b>	Genesis 24: 34 – 38, 42 – 49, 58 - 67	O.T. Page 20
	Romans 7: 15 - 25a	N.T. Page 157
	Matthew 11: 16 – 19, 25 – 30	N.T. Page 11
	Leader: The word of the Lord.	
	<b>People: Thanks be to God</b>	

### **The Anthem**

### **The Sermon**

Rev. Merry Meloy

### **\*The Hymn #474**

"O Love That Will Not Let Me Go"

*(Sing to the Lord)*

### **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**

God calls us into community. God calls us to share our resources so that others may know Christ's grace and love. May our offerings honor the one who gives us all that we have and all that we are.

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 Karen Krenitsky

### **\*The Congregation Sings in Response #7**

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

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, all that we have comes as a gift from you. With thanksgiving for your bountiful goodness, we dedicate ourselves and our resources to the work of your kingdom. Teach us to serve one another. Empower us to proclaim the gospel in word and deed, so that all may be strengthened by your love and grace. Amen.

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

**Sunday, July 9, 2023**

10:30 AM – Worship  
11:45 AM – Session

**Monday, July 10, 2023**

**Tuesday, July 11, 2023**

**Wednesday, July 12, 2023**

10:00 AM – Property Team  
5:00 PM – Community Dinner – Hill

**Thursday, July 13, 2023**

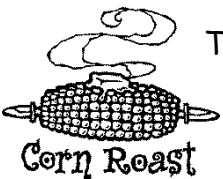
**Friday, July 14, 2023**

**Saturday, July 15, 2023**

**Next Sunday, July 16, 2023**

10:30 AM – Worship

**Save the Date!**



This year's Corn Roast will be on Sunday evening, August 6,  
at the beautiful Weckerly Farm. See you there!

**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:** Karen Pressler      **Next Week:** Lori Love-Franke  
**Sound Tech:** TBA      **Next Week:** TBA  
**Flower Delivery:** Anzie Kelley      **Next Week:** Pastor Merry  
**Open the Church:** Paul Perry      **Next Week:** Paul Perry  
**Close the Church:** Bob Eamigh      **Next Week:** Jon McKay

**The Flowers** today are given by Russ and Barbara Thomas in memory of Mark Thomas.

**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 Mulneix Family. Dan's mother, Doris Mulneix, died on June 15, 2023.*

*Paul Perry and his family. Paul's mother, Irma Perry, died on Friday, June 30, 2023.*

**Happy Birthday to**



Peggy Douthett      July 9  
Dennis Ditch      July 11  
Alyssa Ripper      July 13



## 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!

## New Officers

Last Sunday, 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 July 23, August 6, most Sundays in September, and 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. Like so many other ministries, the McGills' work in Africa was disrupted by the pandemic. After some time in the States, Jim has returned to Niger while Jodi remains in Decatur, Georgia so their sons, John and Joseph, can finish high school. 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. He helps local leaders design and develop affordable, repairable plumbing products for schools, clinics and villages.

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 entire McGill family in your prayers as they follow Christ's call on two different continents. Thank you!