

The Offertory Invitation

God claims us, not for privilege, but for service. We are blessed so that we might share God's blessings with others. Let us share joyfully and generously, as God has shared with us. 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

Melanie Rodgers

*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)*

Holy God, you sent your Son to show us the depth of your love. By your Spirit, may these gifts be used to express your mercy. By your Spirit, may our lives be used to show your grace and your love. Amen.

The Church Goes Forth to Serve

*The Hymn #2051 "I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry" *(Please See Insert)*

*The Benediction

*The Postlude

Melanie Rodgers

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

Saint Andrews United Presbyterian Church

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August 13, 2023

Baptism Sunday

10:30 AM

The Church in Preparation

The Prelude

Guest Musician Melanie Rodgers

Welcome and Announcements

The Introit and Time of Centering

Melanie Rodgers

The Call to Worship

Leader: Clap your hands, all you peoples;
Shout to God with loud songs of joy.

People: **For the Lord, the Most High, is awesome,
A great king over all the earth.**

Leader: God's love redeems and renews us;
God's mercy is everlasting.

People: **Let us rejoice and sing songs of gladness;
Let us worship God.**

The Opening Prayer *(In Unison)*

Eternal God, in the power of the storm, you show your glory. In the silence of prayer, you whisper your presence. In the gift of Jesus, you declare your love. That love never ceases to startle and amaze us. In Christ, you speak through the noise of our sin and sorrow. In Christ, you name us and claim us as your very own. Our hearts overflow with gratitude, Lord. Join us in this time of worship. Open our ears so that we may hear your voice anew. Strengthen our voices so that we may sing our praise to you, through the grace of Christ. Amen.

*The Opening Hymn #51 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" *(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)*

Merciful God, in the waters of baptism, you cleanse us, and claim us and welcome us into the body of Christ. Yet we continue to live to ourselves. We cling to destructive habits. We hold grudges. We resist showing others the grace you have shown us. Forgive us, Lord. Help us to live into the promise of our baptisms. Empower us to walk in the way of Jesus and to live our lives for you. 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 Sacrament of Baptism

Words of Introduction

Presentation of the Child

Questions for the Parents

Do you desire Millie to be baptized?

I do

Relying on God’s grace, do you promise to live the Christian faith,
and to teach that faith to Millie?

I do

Question for the Congregation

Do you, as members of the church of Jesus Christ,
promise to guide and nurture Millie
by word and deed, with love and prayer,
encouraging her to know and follow Christ
and to be a faithful member of Christ’s church?

We do

Profession of Faith

Questions for the Parents

Trusting in the gracious mercy of God,
do you turn from the ways of sin
and renounce evil and its power in the world?

I do

Who is your Lord and Savior?

Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior.

Will you be Christ’s faithful disciple, obeying his word and showing his love?

I will, with God’s help.

*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.

Prayer of Thanksgiving Over the Water

The Baptism

Prayer and Welcome

The Hymn #739

“Baptized in Water”

(Sing to the Lord)

The Church in Proclamation

The Scripture Reading

TBA

Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

The Sermon

Rev. Merry Meloy

***The Hymn #487**

“These Treasured Children”

(Please See Insert)

The Church Responds

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.

This Week at Saint Andrews United Presbyterian Church

Sunday, August 13, 2023

9:50 AM – Session Meeting
10:30 AM – Worship and Baptism of Millie Phillips

Monday, August 14, 2023

Tuesday, August 15, 2023

Wednesday, August 16, 2023

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

Thursday, August 17, 2023

Friday, August 18, 2023

Saturday, August 19, 2023

Next Sunday, August 20, 2023

10:30 AM – Worship

Worship Leaders

Ushers: Dale Hutchison

Ben Grossman

Dawn Grossman

Andrew Ripper

Next Week: Jon McKay

Natalie McKay

Paul Perry

Peggy Douthett

Liturgist: TBA

Next Week: Dale Hutchison

Sound Tech: TBA

Next Week: TBA

Flower Delivery: Shari Manos

Next Week: Mary Ann Hazlett

Open the Church: Paul Perry

Next Week: Paul Perry

Close the Church: John Minich

Next Week: Bonnie Martin

The Flowers today are given by Russ and Barbara Thomas in celebration of Emilia Catherine's baptism.

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.

Happy Birthday to:



Dennis Rodgers

August 17

Don Eyth

August 18

Travis Grossman

August 18

Baptism This Morning



This morning, Anthony and Amber Phillip's daughter, Millie, will receive the Sacrament of Baptism. A special welcome to their family and friends who are here to help celebrate. We're delighted to have you with us!

Thanks to Our Bakers

Dear Friends,

I would like to thank all the bakers who provided desserts for Meals on Wheels. We had a nice assortment for their clients. Thank you for your sweetness!

With Appreciation,
Barb Hutchison



Corn Roast Thank You

A huge thank you to the Weckerly Family for hosting the Corn Roast last weekend. The setting was perfect, the fellowship was great, and the food was delicious, especially the corn! Thanks for providing such a wonderful evening!!

“Worship Without Walls”

Sunday, August 27, at 10:30 am

On Sunday, August 27, we'll be gathering with our fellow Butler-Area Presbyterians for a casual outdoor service at Alameda Park. Worship begins at 10:30 am at the Masonic Shelter (the large shelter beside the big purple playground).

Everyone's invited to stay for a giant church picnic afterwards. Hill will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, drinks, and paper products. Please bring a side dish to share. Don't forget to label your dish with a list of ingredients to help those with food allergies. Since the shelter has a limited number of electrical outlets and no refrigeration, organizers are asking us to bring dishes that don't need to be kept hot or cold. Thanks! See you there!

August First Sunday Mission Offering

This August, Saint Andrews' First Sunday Mission Offering goes to Catholic Charities here in Butler. The office on New Castle Street is the first point of contact for homeless assistance in Butler County. Catholic Charities also provides assistance with food, clothing, utilities, and life-skills training to help clients learn how to manage a household and prepare for employment. The Executive Director writes,

If we could instantly fix the pain and debilitating problems our clients face, we would do it in a heartbeat. Instead, we celebrate the day-in, day-out miracle of the mundane, the small wins that culminate in breakthrough—the long walks through the desert where strength is born.

Our goal is to reframe every need brought to us as an invitation to work toward long-term stability. It takes greater investment of time and resources, but the alternative is a series of quick fixes that don't lead to security. That means:

We offer clients the opportunity to learn financial literacy and how to set budgets, instead of relying on repeated assistance.

The young mom receiving necessary baby supplies will also have the chance to understand healthy discipline and normal development milestones.

The person seeking safe shelter can also find professional counseling.

Our gifts can help individuals and families get back on their feet and lead fuller, healthier lives. To make a donation, simply use one of the “First Sunday Mission” envelopes in the pew racks or put “Catholic Charities” on the memo line of your check. Thank you!

