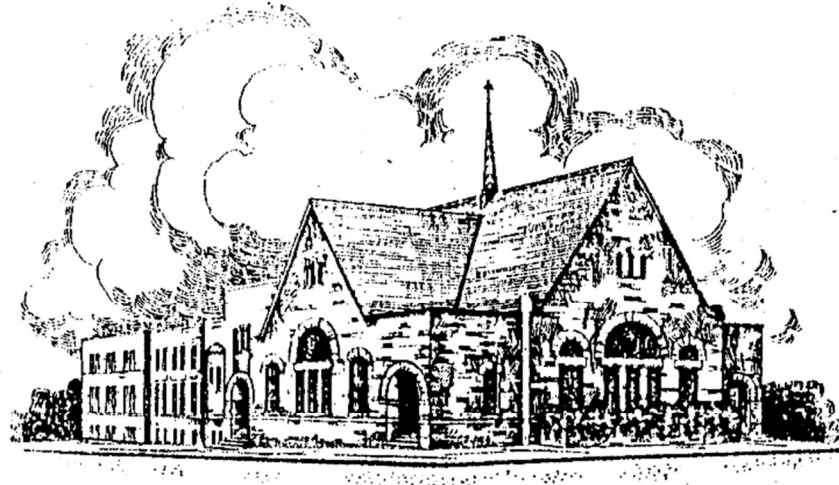


Saint Andrews United Presbyterian Church
August 20, 2023 **12th Sunday after Pentecost** **10:30 AM**

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



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The Church in Preparation

The Prelude

Guest Musician Allen Kitchen

Welcome and Announcements

The Introit and Time of Centering

Allen Kitchen

The Call to Worship

Dale Hutchison

Leader 1: O give thanks to the Lord,
Call on God's name,
Make known God's deeds among the peoples.

Leader 2: Sing to the Lord,
Sing praises to God;
Tell of all God's wonderful works.

**People: For the Lord guides us when we are lost,
Lifts us when we fall,
Loves us when we are unlovable.**

**All: Let us worship the Lord
Who seeks and who saves.**

The Opening Prayer *(In Unison)*

Loving God, to turn away from you is to fall, to turn toward you is to rise, and to stand before you is to abide forever. In this time of worship, turn our minds and hearts to you. Grant us, dear God, in all our work your help; in all our uncertainties your guidance; in all our dangers your protection; and in all our sorrows your peace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Augustine of Hippo (354 – 430), adapted

***The Opening Hymn #4**

"Glorify Thy Name"

(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, you are generous to all who call on you. You love without condition or distinction, inviting everyone to know you. Yet we respond with grudging hearts and petty spirits. We pick favorites, harbor jealousies, and nurse resentments. We lash out and tear each other down, rather than showing each other your grace and mercy. Forgive us, Lord. Open our hearts and enlarge our compassion, that in word and deed we may share your saving love, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 Reading

Genesis 37:1 – 4, 12 - 28
Matthew 14:22 - 33

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Leader: The word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God

The Anthem

“How Can I Keep from Singing”

Allen Kitchen

The Sermon

“Brother Troubles”

Rev. Merry Meloy

***The Hymn #102**

“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”

(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

Christ calls us to love our neighbor. Christ teaches us to help those in need. Let us show Christ’s love and mercy with the words of our mouths, the work of our hands, and the commitment of our lives. 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

Allen Kitchen

***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, you have called us to be partners in your ministry of grace. Help us to know the joy of sharing from the abundance you provide. Empower us to give and live to your glory, through the grace of Christ. Amen.

The Church Goes Forth to Serve

***The Hymn #96**

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

(Sing to the Lord)

***The Benediction**

***The Postlude**

Allen Kitchen

This Week at Saint Andrews United Presbyterian Church

10:30 AM – Worship
Sunday, August 20, 2023

Monday, August 21, 2023

Tuesday, August 22, 2023

5:00 PM – Community Dinner – Trinity
Wednesday, August 23, 2023

6:00 PM – Pizza and Polishing Party in Memorial Room
Thursday, August 24, 2023

Friday, August 25, 2023

Saturday, August 26, 2023

10:30 AM – “Worship Without Walls” Joint Worship and Summer Picnic at Alameda Park
Next Sunday, August 27, 2023

Worship Leaders

Ushers: Anzie Kelley	Rick Kelley	Paul Perry	Peggy Douthett
Next Week:			None*
Liturgist: Dale Hutchison			Next Week: None*
Sound Tech: Kevin Moon			Next Week: None*
Flower Delivery: Mary Ann Hazlett			Next Week: None*
Open the Church: Paul Perry			Next Week: None*
Close the Church: Bonnie Martin			Next Week: None*

* Next Sunday, we'll be at Alameda Park for “Worship without Walls”. The service begins at 10:30 am. See you there!

The Flowers today are given by Dan and Kendra in celebration of Liv'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.



Happy Birthday to:

John Ripper	August 22
Liv Mulneix	August 24

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

Pizza and Polishing Party

You're invited! This Thursday, August 24, we'll be polishing handbells, Communionware, and anything else that needs a little extra shine. Join us for dinner and fellowship as we clean and buff together. We'll gather at 6:00 pm in the Memorial Room. Please call the church office (724-287-4777) or let Susan Moon or Pastor Merry know if you're planning to come so we know how much pizza to order. Thanks!

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” Next Sunday at 10:30 am

Come give thanks to the Lord in the beauty of God's creation!

Next 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 summer 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!

The service begins at 10:30 am.
Bring your friends and neighbors and come!



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!

