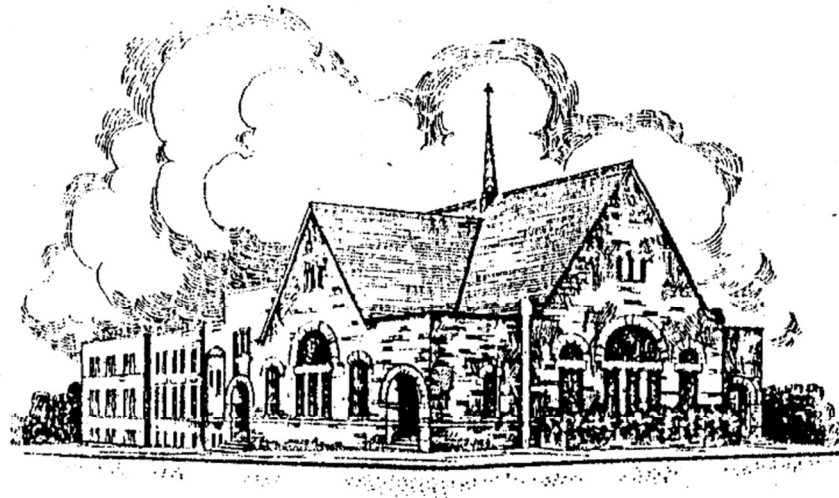


Welcome to Saint Andrews. We're glad you're here!



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August 6, 2023

10th 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

Susan Moon

Leader: This is the appointed time of memorial and celebration.
We gather in the festival of worship to honor God.

People: **We stretch out our hands to the living God;
Our souls thirst for God like a parched land.**

Leader: Nothing can separate us from the love of God.
In life and in death, in the heights and depths, God is with us.

People: **Our spirits faint within us; our courage fails.
Doubts overwhelm us, and hope is crushed.**

Leader: Hear once again the promise of God.
Out of nothing, God creates abundance for all our needs.

People: **Let your Spirit, O God, lead us on a level path.
We lift up our souls that you may teach us.**

The Opening Prayer *(In Unison)*

Hear our prayers, O God, and give ear to our supplications. When life seems full of enemies, and our spirits are crushed, it is hard to believe you are present. In the darkness of our despair, we know not where to find you. Let us hear once more of your steadfast love and feel once again the assurance of One we can trust. Stand with us against rulers and powers, to deliver us from our fears of things present and things to come, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

***The Opening Hymn #466** "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" *(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)*

Righteous God, we admit our preoccupation with small concerns and personal problems. The circle of our caring is too often bounded on all sides by ourselves. When our compassion reaches out to others, it is usually to those we know well. The embrace of our concern leaves out many we call enemies, and others unlike ourselves. We find ourselves demanding much and giving little in return. Yet there are also times when we do not value ourselves as we should. Do not condemn us, O God. Forgive our distorted ways of thinking and living, that we may be freed to live in true faith. 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

Genesis 32: 22 - 32
Leader: The word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God

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The Anthem

The Sermon

“Down By the River”

Rev. Lee Dreyer

***The Hymn #276**

“Great is Thy Faithfulness”

(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

Our spiritual ancestors followed specific instructions for their offerings. A tithe belonged to God, and sacrifices were expected. Perhaps it is our casual commitment that creates doubts and desperation within and among us. What would happen if all of us were to give in proportion to what we have received, with joy and deepest gratitude?

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)*

O God, we will continue to ask for your healing presence, for we are needy people. We will continue to request blessings from your hand, to call forth the resources you have given us. But we will also increase our thanksgiving and our grateful sharing. You have made us more than conquerors through Christ who loved us. Nothing will separate us from that love as we seek to live it every day. Amen.

The Church Goes Forth to Serve

***The Closing Hymn #298** “There is a Wideness in God's Mercy” *(Presby Hymnal)*

***The Benediction**

***The Postlude**

This Week at Saint Andrews United Presbyterian Church

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

Monday, August 7, 2023

Tuesday, August 8, 2023

Wednesday, August 9, 2023

5:00 PM – Community Dinner – Hill

Thursday, August 10, 2023

Friday, August 11, 2023

Saturday, August 12, 2023

Next Sunday, August 13, 2023

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

**“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!

Worship Leaders

Ushers: John Minich	Michele Minich	Karen Pressler	Dave Landis
Next Week: Dale Hutchison	Ben Grossman	Dawn Grossman	Andrew Ripper
Liturgist: Susan Moon		Next Week: Stephanie Arienzo	
Sound Tech: TBA			Next Week: TBA
Flower Delivery: Ashley Farrington			Next Week: Shari Manos
Open the Church: Paul Perry			Next Week: Paul Perry
Close the Church: Susan Moon			Next Week: John Minich

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

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



Happy Birthday to:

Russ Thomas	August 7
Suja Benjamin	August 7
Pauline Rodgers	August 7



Pastor Merry Away

Pastor Merry will be returning to Butler this Tuesday and back in the office on Wednesday. Until then, 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).

Rev. Lee Dreyer is our guest preacher this morning. 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
TODAY
6:00 pm



The Weckerly Corn Roast will be today, 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!

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!

