

***The Congregation Sings in Response #710** “We Lift Our Voices”

We lift our voices; we lift our hands;
we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering.
Lord, use our voices; Lord, use our hands;
Lord, use our lives; they are yours: we are an offering.
All that we have, all that we are,
all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.
We lift our voices; we lift our hands;
we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering; we are an offering.

The Prayer of Dedication *(In Unison)*

We witness to your love, O Lord, in what we say and what we do, in what we give and how we live. May these offerings be used to share your healing mercy. May our lives shine forth with the light of your redeeming grace. Amen.

Communion Hymn #745 “Here at Thy Table, Lord” *(Sing to the Lord)*

The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

The Invitation to the Lord’s Table
Communion Prayer
The Words of Institution
The Bread and Cup
*(Please wait until all have been served so that
we may share the bread and cup together)*
Prayer

The Church Goes to Serve

***The Closing Hymn #751** “Now Let Us from This Table Rise” *(Sing to the Lord)*

***The Benediction**

***The Postlude**

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

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September 10, 2023

Rally Day

10:30 AM

The Church in Preparation

The Prelude

Guest Organist Karen Krenitsky

Welcome and Announcements

The Introit and Time of Centering “There’s Something About That Name”
Chancel Choir

The Call to Worship

Natalie McKay

Leader 1: Jesus is
People: Wonderful Counsellor.
Leader 2: Jesus is
People: Mighty God.
Leader 1: Jesus is
People: The Prince of Peace.
Leader 2: Let us offer our praise and worship
All: To God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

The Opening Prayer *(In Unison)*

**Loving God,
you have made us so we cannot live by bread alone,
but by every word that proceeds from your mouth.
Give us a hunger for your Word,
and in that food,
satisfy our daily need;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

***The Opening Hymn #670** “Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken” *(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)*

Gracious God, you call us to be the body of Christ: to live in community, to use our different gifts, to care for one another. But instead of working to sustain community, we follow our own desires. Instead of following in your way, we seek to go it alone. Forgive our neglect of others and the best parts of ourselves. Help us to see and use the gifts you have given. Empower us to be your people, sharing your grace and embodying your love. 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 Matthew 16:13 – 20 N.T. p.18
Leader: The word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God

The Sermon Rev. Merry Meloy

***The Hymn #675** “The Kingdom of God Is Justice and Joy” *(Sing to the Lord)*

The Church Responds

***The Affirmation of Faith** – The Nicene Creed (Ecumenical)

All: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

All: We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

Organ Side: For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.

Pulpit Side: For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

Organ Side: On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated on the right hand of the Father.

Pulpit Side: He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

All: We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father (and the Son), who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. 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 has given us all that we have and all that we are. With deep gratitude, let us give back to God a portion of what God has so generously given to us. Let us bring before the Lord our gifts 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

This Week at Saint Andrews United Presbyterian Church

Sunday, September 10, 2023
Rally Day

9:15 AM – Rally Day Breakfast
10:30 AM – Worship with Communion



Monday, September 11, 2023

Tuesday, September 12, 2023

Wednesday, September 13, 2023

5:00 PM – Community Dinner – Hill United Presbyterian Church

Thursday, September 14, 2023

6:15 PM – Canticleer Ringers
7:30 PM – Chancel Choir

Friday, September 15, 2023

Saturday, September 16, 2023

Next Sunday, September 17, 2023

10:30 AM – Worship
11:45 AM – Nurture Team

Worship Leaders

Ushers: Bob Eamigh	Kathy Eamigh	Mary Ann Hazlett	<i>Volunteer Needed</i>
Next Week: Jon McKay	Natalie McKay	John Minich	Michele Minich
Liturgist: Natalie McKay			Next Week: Bob Eamigh
Sound Tech: Jon McKay			Next Week: Travis Grossman
Flower Delivery: Pastor Merry			Next Week: Carol Dreyer
Open the Church: Paul Perry			Next Week: Paul Perry
Close the Church: Bob Eamigh			Next Week: Jon McKay

The Flowers today are given by Pastor Merry in memory of loved ones.

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:



Mary Ann Hazlett	September 10
Shirley Hindman	September 11
Zoann Weckerly	September 13

New Worship Helper Schedules



Updated schedules for worship helpers are now available. If you volunteer as a liturgist or usher, please pick up your copy. They're on the table in the Narthex.

MUSIC NEWS



After a summer break, the Canticleer Ringers and Chancel Choir are back in action! If you've ever wanted to give music a try, this is the perfect opportunity. The handbell choir rehearses from 6:15 to 7:15. The vocal choir rehearses from 7:30 to 8:45. Anyone and everyone is welcome!



Praise and Thanksgiving Corner



A huge thank you to:

Everyone who worked so hard to clean and polish the handbells and Communion ware.
You made everything shine!

Mary Ann Hazlett who has worked all summer to nurture and tend the flowers at the entryways.
They're lovely and offer a touch of cheer to all who pass by.

Game Night

Friday, September 29, at 6:00 pm

Join us for an evening of board games and fun for all ages
on Friday, September 29, at 6:00 pm in the Memorial Room.

Pizza and beverages will be provided. Bring a snack or dessert to share.
Please sign up in the Narthex. Everyone's invited!

Sunday Morning Study

**“Unafraid: Living with Courage and Hope
in Uncertain Times”**



Jesus tells us “Do not be afraid.” Yet fear and worry permeate our world. Fear can protect us from danger. It can also wreak havoc in our lives and our relationships. Using Adam Hamilton’s book as a resource, we’ll explore the nature of fear and how our faith and spiritual practices can

help us embrace Christ’s call to courage. Our study begins Sunday, October 1, at 9:15 in the Church Library. Please join us!

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:



September 17
October 8, 15, and 22
November 5, 12, 19, and 26
December 3 and 10



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!



September First Sunday Mission Offering

Our First Sunday Mission Offering in September is used to support the mission of the Indo-American Home for Children. Bala, the child we have sponsored for the last few years, has graduated and is starting her first year of college. Her life has been reshaped by the care and education she received at the home—a quiet testimony to the impact your contributions have made.

We are waiting for information about our next sponsored child. Whoever it is, they will need our prayers and financial support. The home provides room, board, and schooling for the children. It costs \$360 a year to care for one child. To help, just mark your check “Sponsored Child” or use a First Sunday Mission Offering Envelope from the pew racks. Thank you!

