The Offertory "You Are Welcome Here" Chancel Choir

***The Congregation Sings in Response** #2081 "Thank You, Jesus"
Thank you, Jesus, amen! Thank you, Jesus, amen!
Thank you, Jesus, amen! Alleluia! Amen!

***The Prayer of Dedication** *(In Unison)*
Salt and light,
flavoring and illuminating,
changing the ordinary into the incredible,
you call us to make a difference, Lord.
Use these gifts and our lives to season our world
with the power of your love.
Shape our words and deeds
so that we may shine
with the light of your grace. Amen.

Communion Hymn #747 "I Come with Joy" *(Sing to the Lord)*
Verses 1 & 2

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 Forth to Serve

***The Closing Hymn** #747 "I Come with Joy" *(Sing to the Lord)*
Verses 3 - 5

***The Benediction**

***The Postlude**

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

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Saint Andrews United Presbyterian Church

September 13, 2026 ***Rally Day*** ***10:30 AM***

The Church in Preparation

The Prelude Pianist Melinda Ripper

Welcome and Announcements

The Introit and Time of Centering Chancel Choir

The Call to Worship
Leader: Jesus said, "You are the salt of the earth."
People: May our identity in Christ continue to season the world.
Leader: Jesus said, "You are the light of the world."
People: May we shine boldly and brightly with the light of Christ's love.
Leader: Let us lift up our hearts and voices in praise.
People: Let us worship Christ, the light of the world.

The Opening Prayer *(In Unison)*
Amazing God, there are no words large enough to praise you. You are our strength and our salvation; your grace touches our lives in ways we do not even recognize. Be with us now as we worship you. Gather us in your warm embrace, that our faith may be renewed and our work empowered to the honor and glory of your holy name. Amen.

***The Opening Hymn** #401 "Here in This Place" *(Please See Insert)*
Verses 1, 2, & 4

(Ushers will collect prayer requests. Please pass them to the side aisles.)

*The people will rise in body or spirit

The Prayer of Confession *(In Unison)*

Gracious God, you sent Jesus to be the light of the world. You call us to be lights ourselves, but we do not always shine. We allow other priorities to weaken our commitment. We allow our own interests and desires to hinder your will. Like flickering candles in a drafty room, we waver and wobble and struggle to shine. Forgive us, Lord. Deliver us from distractions and complacency. Fill us with your Spirit so that our lives may glow with your grace. Empower us to clearly and consistently reflect your steadfast 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 Commissioning of Sunday School Teachers:

Stephanie Arienzo, Dawn Grossman, Denise Hawks,
Mary Ann Hazlett, Anzie Kelly, Susan Moon, and Esther Radvinski

The Hymn #209 "Tell Me the Stories of Jesus" *(Sing to the Lord)*
Verses 1 & 2

The Church in Proclamation

The Scripture Readings Matthew 5: 13 - 20 N. T. Page 4
Leader: The word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God

The Sermon "Let Your Light Shine" Rev. Merry Meloy

***The Hymn** #314 "Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness" *(Please See Insert)*
Verses 1, 2 & 5

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

In thanks for all God's gifts, and in response to the needs of so many of God's children, we now gather all that we have brought to share, praying that these resources will accomplish much good in Jesus' name. 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 blue card in the pew rack in front of you. Thank you!

This Week at Saint Andrews United Presbyterian Church

Sunday, September 13, 2026
9:15 AM – Rally Day Breakfast
10:30 AM – Worship with Commissioning of Sunday School Teachers and Communion
11:45 AM – Worship & Outreach Team

Monday, September 14, 2026

Tuesday, September 15, 2026
7:00 PM – Community Band

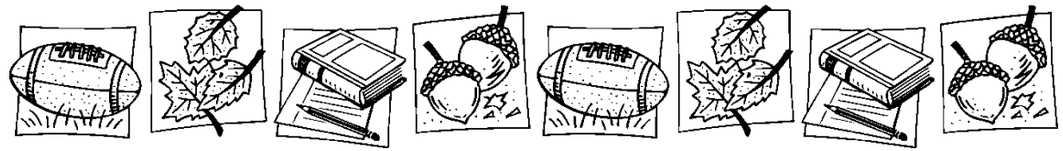
Wednesday, September 16, 2026
5:00 PM – Community Meal – Provided by Allison Park, Butler Campus
6:00 PM – 8:00 PM – Matrona Family Resource Center
6:30 PM – Admin Team

Thursday, September 17, 2026
6:15 PM – Canticleer Ringers
7:30 PM – Chancel Choir

Friday, September 18, 2026

Saturday, September 19, 2026

Next Sunday, September 20, 2026
10:30 AM – Worship and Installation of Elders



Worship Leaders

Ushers: Rick Kelley, Anzie Kelley, Bonnie Martin, Dave Martin
Next Week: John Minich, Michele Minich, Karen Pressler, Denny Rodgers
Liturgist: Denise Hawks — **Next Week:** Susan Moon
Sound Tech: Travis Grossman — **Next Week:** Jon McKay
Nursery Care: Mary Ann Hazlett — **Next Week:** Denise Hawks
Flower Delivery: Dan Hawks — **Next Week:** Carol Dreyer
Open the Church: Paul Perry — **Next Week:** Paul Perry
Close the Church: Pastor Merry — **Next Week:** Susan Moon

The Flowers today are given by John and Michele Minich in celebration of their grandchildren.

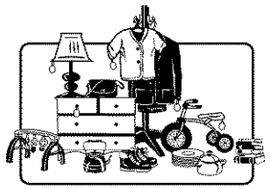
Prayer Requests can be made by using the pink/purple prayer request cards found in the pew racks. Pass your requests to the center aisle during the Opening Hymn. They will be distributed to our Prayer Team to be included in this week's prayers.

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.

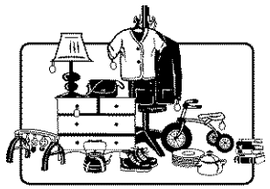
Child Care: The Church Nursery is available for children through kindergarten age. To find the nursery, please go to the left front entrance of the sanctuary and follow the hallway to the right. The nursery is on the left. If your child would like to be rocked during worship, a rocking chair is available on the left side of the sanctuary.

New Members Class

We will be offering a New Members Class later this fall. If you are interested in joining the church, or would just like to learn more about Saint Andrews, please see Pastor Merry or Jon McKay. Thank you!



Fall Indoor Yard Sale



"Friends & Family Sale"
Thursday, Oct. 1st
4:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Public Sale
Friday, Oct. 3rd and Saturday, Oct. 4th
9:00 am – 2:00 pm

The Fall Indoor Yard Sale is just a few weeks away! We will have a "Friends and Family" Sale on Thursday, Oct. 1, from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Tickets are needed for admission and are available through Anzie. The public sale is scheduled for Friday, Oct. 2, and Saturday, Oct. 3, from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm.

To make the sale a success, we need your help! Volunteers are needed on Thursday (3:30 pm – 7:00 pm), Friday (8:30 am – 2:30 pm), and Saturday (8:30 am – 3:00 pm). Please sign up on the schedule in the Narthex. Thanks! We just can't do it without you!

Banned Book Study
Monday, Sept. 21, at 6:00 pm

Our next Banned Book Study will focus on George Orwell's *1984.* First published more than 75 years ago, Orwell's novel envisions a future where privacy is lost, independent thought is a crime, and human beings are under the complete control of a totalitarian government. The story raises questions about truth versus propaganda, the use of language, and the power and worth of individuals living under the thumb of an all-powerful state. In today's world where technology becomes ever more intrusive and the most basic facts are subject to debate, these questions remain both relevant and controversial.

We'll be discussing Orwell's classic on Monday, September 21, at 6:00 pm in the Memorial Room. Please sign up in the Narthex so we know how much pizza to order. Thanks!

Be the Bridge
Butler Area Presbyterians
Invite You to a
Joint Book Study This Fall

As Christians, we are called to Christ's path of reconciliation and peace. But when we turn to issues of race, many of us don't know where or how to begin. The issues are so complex; the divisions are so deep. Fearful of saying or doing the wrong thing, we often stay silent. Yet open conversation is crucial for reconciliation. How can we be instruments of Christ's transforming grace if we are afraid to speak?

Latasha Morrison's *Be the Bridge* gives us a starting point. Morrison applies biblical principles such as lamentation, confession, and forgiveness to help guide us to constructive conversation and restoration. Her book offers a compelling vision of what it means for every follower of Jesus to become a bridge builder—committed to pursuing justice and unity in light of the Gospel.

Butler Area Presbyterians invite you to join us this fall as we explore Morrison's award-winning book together. We'll be gathering on:

Monday, Oct. 5, at 6:30 at Saint Andrews (201 E. Jefferson St.)
Monday, Nov. 2. at 6:30 at Hill (501 Second St.)
Monday, Dec. 7, at 6:30 at Covenant (107 Staley Ave.)

Discussion will be facilitated by Rev. C.F. Hoffman. To sign out a book or sign up for the study, please add your name to the registration form on the table in the Narthex. For more information, please see Pastor Merry.

A Note of Thanks

Dear Saint Andrews Family,

We can't thank you enough for the generous gift to our youth group. The kids are already brainstorming what mission they would like to start/support. Your seed money will no doubt grow into something meaningful for them and the lives they will impact. Some lasting memories were made within the walls of Saint Andrews; thanks for one more.

With gratitude,
Dave and Amy White

MUSIC NEWS

Saint Andrews' Choirs

The Canticleer Ringers and Chancel Choir have started up! On Thursdays, the handbell choir rehearses from 6:15 to 7:15 pm. The Chancel Choir rehearses from 7:30 to 8:45 pm. If you've ever wanted to give music a try, this is the perfect opportunity. Anyone and everyone is welcome!

Community Band and Orchestra

Did you once play an instrument? Were you part of your high school band or orchestra and miss making music with other instrumentalists? If so, this opportunity is just for you! After a summer break, the Community Band and Community Orchestra are resuming rehearsals on Tuesday evenings in the Bethany Room. All musicians who are 18 years old or older are welcome. The first rehearsal for the Community Orchestra is this Tuesday, September 8, from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm. To register or for more information, please contact Katie Korff (korffkm@gmail.com).

Questions for Commissioning of Teachers

For the Teachers:
Leader: Who is your Lord and Savior?

Teachers: Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior.

Leader: Will you be Christ's faithful disciple,
obeying his Word and showing his love?

Teachers: I will, with God's help.

Leader: Do you welcome the responsibility of this service
because you are determined to follow the Lord Jesus, to love our neighbors,
and to work for the reconciling of the world?

Teachers: I do.

Leader: Will you serve the children and adults of our community
with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love,
relying on God's mercy and rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit?

Teachers: I will, with God's help.

For the Congregation:

Leader: Do you, the members of Saint Andrews United Presbyterian Church, confirm the call of God to Anzie, Dawn, Denise, Esther, Mary Ann, Stephanie, and Susan as teachers in the service of Jesus Christ?

All: We do.

Leader: Will you support and encourage them in this ministry?

All: We will.