***The Prayer of Dedication** *(In Unison)*

Loving Lord, you have summoned us to labor in your vineyard. You have called us to use our time, talents, and treasure in service to your kingdom. Receive this offering as a sign of our intention to live empowered by your Spirit, sustained by your grace, and generous to your world. Send us forth to serve you with willing hands and open hearts. Amen.

The Church Goes Forth to Serve

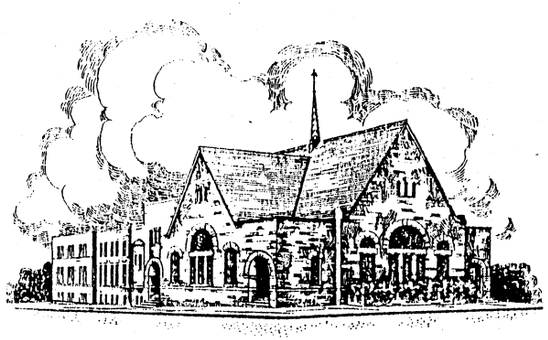
***The Hymn** #422 "God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending" *(Presby Hymnal)*

***The Benediction Response** "Amen " Church Choir

***The Benediction**

***The Postlude**

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



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September 27, 2026 18th Sunday after Pentecost 10:30 AM

The Church in Preparation

The Prelude Guest Musician Allen Kitchen

Welcome and Announcements

The Introit and Time of Centering Guest Musician Allen Kitchen

The Call to Worship Susan Moon

Leader: The Lord is gracious and merciful,
Slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
People: God is good to all,
And God's compassion is over all that God has made.
Leader: Let us make known to all people God's wonderful deeds.
People: Let us share with all people God's abundant love.
Leader: Let us worship God!

The Opening Prayer *(In Unison)*

Generous God, you come to us again and again, no matter how late it is in the day or in our lives. Gathering us in, you give us good work to do and daily bread to eat. You continue to surprise us with your boundless grace and love. Be with us in this time of worship. Align us with your generous ways so that we may live and work side by side with compassion and joy, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

***The Opening Hymn** #467 "How Great Thou Art" *(Presby Hymnal)*

(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)*

Most loving God, we can barely comprehend the depth of your grace or the scope of your mercy. So we try to reduce you to a scale we can more fully understand. We impose our human limits on your limitless heart. We build walls to contain your boundless Spirit. Forgive us, Lord. Open our hearts and minds to your surprising ways. Empower us to show others your extravagant love, through the grace of Christ. 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 Jonah 3: 10 - 4:11 O.T. p. 861
Matthew 20: 1 - 16 N.T. p. 21

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

The Anthem Guest Musician Allen Kitchen

The Message to Young Christians Stephanie Arienzo

The Congregation Sings in Response #304 "Jesus Loves Me!"

Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so;
Little ones to him belong; they are weak but he is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

The Sermon "God's Baffling Bounty" Rev. Merry Meloy

***The Hymn** #415 "Come, Labor On" *(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

Christ has abundantly blessed us. Christ calls us to be a community that blesses others through the sharing of our love, our talents, and our material possessions. Let us share joyfully. Let us give generously so that others may know Christ's grace and love.

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!

The Offertory Guest Musician Allen Kitchen

***The Congregation Sings in Response** #2081 "Thank You, Jesus"

Thank you, Jesus, amen!
Thank you, Jesus, amen!
Thank you, Jesus, amen!
Alleluia! Amen!

This Week at Saint Andrews United Presbyterian Church

Sunday, September 27, 2026
10:30 AM – Worship

Monday, September 28, 2026

Tuesday, September 29, 2026
6:30 PM – Session
7:00 PM – Community Band

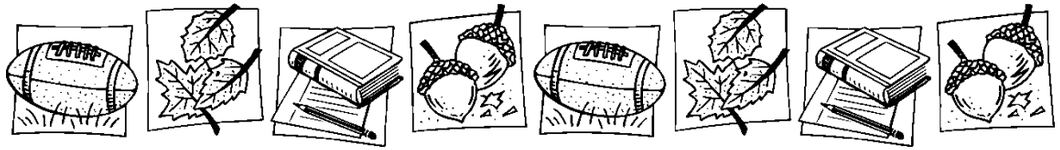
Wednesday, September 30, 2026
5:00 PM – Community Meal – Provided by North and East Butler Presbyterian Churches
6:00 PM – 8:00 PM – Matrona Family Resource Center

Thursday, October 1, 2026
4:00 PM – 7:00 PM – "Friends and Family" Indoor Yard Sale

Friday, September October 2, 2026
9:00 AM – 2:00 PM – Indoor Yard Sale

Saturday, October 3, 2026
9:00 AM – 2:00 PM – Indoor Yard Sale
2:00 PM – Indoor Yard Sale Clean-Up

Next Sunday, October 4, 2026
World Communion Sunday
10:30 AM – Worship with Communion
12:00 PM – Sunday Lunches (Dawn and Travis Grossman)



Worship Leaders

Ushers: Dale Hutchison	Natalie McKay	Paul Perry	Peggy Douthett
Next Week: Mary Ann Hazlett	Scott Hazlett	Sharon Johnson	Scott/Donna O'Day

Liturgist: Susan Moon — **Next Week:** Jon McKay
Sound Tech: Jon McKay — **Next Week:** Travis Grossman
Nursery Care: Stephanie Arienzo — **Next Week:** Anzie Kelley
Flower Delivery: Kathy Eamigh — **Next Week:** Sharon Johnson
Open the Church: Paul Perry — **Next Week:** Paul Perry
Close the Church: Denny Rodgers — **Next Week:** Scott Hazlett

The Flowers today are given by Sharon Johnson in thanksgiving for her great-nephew Andrew (AJ).

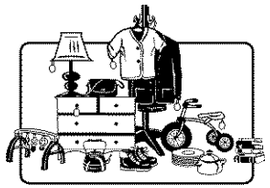
Prayer Requests can be made by using the pink/purple prayer request cards found in the pew racks. Pass your requests to the center aisle during the Opening Hymn. They will be distributed to our Prayer Team to be included in this week's prayers.

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.

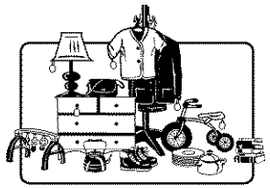
Child Care: The Church Nursery is available for children through kindergarten age. To find the nursery, please go to the left front entrance of the sanctuary and follow the hallway to the right. The nursery is on the left. If your child would like to be rocked during worship, a rocking chair is available 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. 2nd and Saturday, Oct. 3rd
9:00 am – 2:00 pm

The Fall Indoor Yard Sale is this week! We will have a "Friends and Family" Sale this Thursday, Oct. 1, from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Tickets are needed for admission. 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 morning starting at 9:00 am, Thursday afternoon (4:00 pm – 7:00 pm), Friday (8:45 am – 2:00 pm), Saturday morning (8:45 am – 2:00 pm) and Saturday afternoon starting at 1:45 pm. Please sign up on the schedule in the Narthex. Thanks! We just can't do it without you!

World Communion Sunday

We will be celebrating the Lord's Supper during worship next Sunday, October 4th. Please join us!

New Liturgists Schedules

Updated Liturgists Schedules are now available. If you serve as a liturgist, please pick up your copy. They're on the table in the Narthex.

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.)
Discussion will focus on Chapters 1, 2, and 3 (pages 1 – 55)

Monday, Nov. 2. at 6:30 at Hill (501 Second St.)
Discussion will focus on Chapters 4, 5, and 6 (pages 58 – 123)

Monday, Dec. 7, at 6:30 at Covenant (107 Staley Ave.)
Discussion will focus on Chapters 7, 8, 9, and 10 (pages 124 – 216)

Discussion will be facilitated by Rev. C.F. Hoffman. To sign out a book or sign up for the study, please fill out a registration form on the table in the Narthex, and then give the form to Pastor Merry or place it in the offering plate. Participant Guides for our first gathering are on the table. Please take one if you plan to attend. Thanks!

New Officers

Our Deacons and Elders in the Class of 2029 have been installed.
Leaders who are currently serving on the Board of Deacons and Session are listed below:

Board of Deacons:

Class of 2027	**Class of 2028**	**Class of 2029**
Dan Hawks	Carol Dreyer	JoAnn Lytle
Barb Hutchison	Kathy Eamigh	Michele Minich
Sharon Johnson		Maggie Mullen

Moderator: Carol Dreyer
Secretary: Michele Minich
Treasurer: Kathy Eamigh

Session:

Class of 2027	**Class of 2028**	**Class of 2029**
Dawn Grossman	John Minich	Lori Love-Franke
Scott Hazlett	Dennis Rodgers	Esther Radvinski
Susan Moon		
Karen Pressler		

Clerk of Session: Jon McKay
Treasurer: Bob Eamigh
Assistant Treasurer: Scott Hazlett

Rally Day Breakfast Thank You

A huge thank you to the Nurture Team and everyone who helped with this year's Rally Day Breakfast. It was wonderful!

Save the Date!

Our next "Dinner with Friends" will be on Friday, October 9, at 6:00 pm. Location to be determined. Please watch your email and this space for updates. Thanks!

"Grab and Go" Soup Sale
Saturday, October 17th
11:00 am – 2:00 pm
Proceeds Benefit the Community Meal Ministries

The Community Meal Ministries "Grab and Go" Soup Sale is back by popular demand. On Saturday, October 17, five delicious homemade soups will on sale from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm at Butler Global Church, 200 East North Street (just a block from Saint Andrews). Choices include:

Chili, Stuffed Pepper Soup, Vegetable Beef Soup,
Vegetarian Cuban Black Bean Soup, and Wedding Soup

The cost is $10 per quart (cash, check, or credit card). All of the soups can be frozen. For more information, please see Mary Ann Hazlett or Pastor Merry. Proceeds benefit the Community Meal Ministries. Thank you for your faithful support!

Chancel Flowers

Would you like to donate the chancel flowers for a Sunday morning worship service? The Flower Calendar is in the Narthex. We have just two openings left for this year: Nov. 22 and Dec. 6. When you sign up, 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. 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.