The Offertory Invitation

God claims us, not for privilege, but for service. We are blessed so that we might share God's blessings with others. Let us share joyfully and generously, as God has shared with us. 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!

The Offertory Guest Pianist Hattie Ellison

***The Congregation Sings in Response** "Halle, Halle, Halleluja"
Hal-le, Hal-le, Hal-le-lu-ja! Hal-le, Hal-le, Hal-le-lu-ja!
Hal-le, Hal-le, Hal-le-lu-ja! Hal-le-lu-ja! Hal-le-lu-ja!
(Repeat)

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

Holy God, you sent your Son to show us the depth of your love. By your Spirit, may these gifts be used to express your mercy. By your Spirit, may our lives be used to show your grace and your love. Amen.

The Church Goes Forth to Serve

***The Hymn** #488 "I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry" *(Please See Insert)*

***The Benediction**

***The Benediction Response** "Amen " Chancel Choir

***The Postlude** Guest Pianist Hattie Ellison

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

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October 18, 2026 21st Sunday after Pentecost 10:30 AM

Baptism of Madelyn Elizabeth Farrington

The Church in Preparation

The Prelude Guest Pianist Hattie Ellison

Welcome and Announcements

The Introit and Time of Centering Hattie Ellison and Deanna Golden

The Call to Worship Kathy Eamigh

Leader: Clap your hands, all you peoples;
Shout to God with loud songs of joy.
People: For the Lord, the Most High, is awesome,
A great king over all the earth.
Leader: God's love redeems and renews us;
God's mercy is everlasting.
People: Let us rejoice and sing songs of gladness;
Let us worship God.

The Opening Prayer *(In Unison)*

Holy God,
your mysterious presence stretches to the furthest reaches of the universe,
yet you draw near to us in Christ Jesus.
In him, you walk beside us,
guiding us with wisdom,
loving us with boundless grace.
Your Spirit gives us the energy and insight we need to serve you.
Creator, Christ, and Spirit,
be with us in this time of worship.
Empower us to offer you our love and loyalty,
now and always. Amen.

***The Hymn** #51 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" *(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)*

Patient God, we confess we need your mercy.
We claim to be your people, but we fail to love as you do.
We claim to be your followers,
but we continue to pursue our own will and way.
Forgive us, Lord.
Amend who we are and direct who you would have us be
for the sake of Christ, our Saviour and Friend. Amen.

A Time of Silent Confession and 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 Sacrament of Baptism

Words of Introduction

Presentation of the Child

Questions for the Parents

Do you desire that Madelyn be baptized?
I do
Relying on God's grace, do you promise to live the Christian faith,
and to teach that faith to Madelyn?
I do

Question for the Congregation

Do you, as members of the church of Jesus Christ,
promise to guide and nurture Madelyn
by word and deed, with love and prayer,
encouraging her to know and follow Christ
and to be a faithful member of Christ's church?
We do

Profession of Faith

Questions for the Parents

Trusting in the gracious mercy of God,
do you turn from the ways of sin
and renounce evil and its power in the world?
I do
Who is your Lord and Savior?
Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior.
Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his word and showing his love?
I will, with God's help.

*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.

Prayer of Thanksgiving Over the Water
The Baptism
Prayer and Welcome

Musical Response "These Treasured Children" Chancel Choir
(Verses 1 – 3)

<u>The Church in Proclamation</u>

The Scripture Reading TBA
Leader: The word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God**

The Anthem "You Are Wonderfully Made" Chancel Choir

The Message to Young Christians Denise Hawks

Musical Response #487 "These Treasured Children" *(Please See Insert)*
(Verses 4 – 5)

The Sermon "Child of God" Rev. Merry Meloy

The Hymn #739 "Baptized in Water" *(Sing to the Lord)*

<u>The Church Responds</u>

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.

This Week at Saint Andrews United Presbyterian Church

Sunday, October 18, 2026
9:50 AM – Session Meeting
10:30 AM – Worship with Baptism of Madelyn Farrington

Monday, October 19, 2026

Tuesday, October 20, 2026
7:00 PM – Community String Orchestra

Wednesday, October 21, 2026
5:00 PM – Community Meal – Provided by Allison Park, Butler Campus
6:00 PM – 8:00 PM – Matrona Family Resource Center

Thursday, October 22, 2026
7:30 PM – Chancel Choir

Friday, September October 23, 2026

Saturday, October 24, 2026

Next Sunday, October 25, 2026
Scottish Sunday
9:30 AM – Canticleer Ringers
10:30 AM – Worship
11:45 AM – Congregational Luncheon

Worship Leaders

Ushers: Debby Ludwig	Kevin Moon	Maggie Mullen	Tim Mullen
Next Week: Rick Kelley	Anzie Kelley	Bonnie Martin	Dave Martin

Liturgist: Kathy Eamigh — **Next Week:** Dan Hawks
Sound Tech: Jon McKay — **Next Week:** Travis Grossman
Nursery Care: Denise Hawks — **Next Week:** Stephanie Arienzo
Children's Message: Denise Hawks — **Next Week:** Stephanie Arienzo
Flower Delivery: Barb Hutchison — **Next Week:** Pastor Merry
Open the Church: Paul Perry — **Next Week:** Paul Perry
Close the Church: Pastor Merry — **Next Week:** John Minich

The Flowers today are given by Kevin and Susan Moon in honor of Madelyn's baptism.

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.

Baptism This Morning

This morning, Brian and Ashley Farrington's daughter, Madelyn Elizabeth, will receive the Sacrament of Baptism. A special welcome to her extended family and friends who are here to help celebrate. We're delighted to have you with us!

Scottish Sunday
October 25, 2026

Join us as we celebrate our Presbyterian heritage on Scottish Sunday, October 25, 2026. The service will include special music by our faithful piper Lars Morrison. After worship, we'll gather for a luncheon in the Memorial Room. The meal will include Bill Douthett's fabulous Cock-a-Leekie Soup, prepared by our wonderful chef Joe Radvinski, breads and spreads, and more! Everyone is asked to bring a dessert to share. Recipes for a variety of Scottish goodies are in the Narthex. Invite some friends and come!

Indoor Yard Sale Thank You

A huge thank you to everyone who helped make our Fall Indoor Yard Sale such a success! Thank you to everyone who donated items, everyone who worked so hard over the summer sorting and pricing items, and everyone who worked the sale. We couldn't do it without all of you!

Steeples and Stacks Booklet

Last July, Saint Andrews participated in the Steeples and Stacks Heritage Weekend. The celebration included the publication of a booklet with brief histories of the faith communities in the Butler Cultural District, including Saint Andrews. The booklet is available on the table in the Narthex. Since copies are limited, we are asking everyone to take one per household. Enjoy!

October First Sunday Mission Offering

Saint Andrews' First Sunday Mission Offering in October goes to the McKee Memorial Fund to help support Mission Coworker Jim McGill. A geological engineer, Jim shares Christ's love as he helps communities in East Africa access clean water and sanitation.

Imagine the first sip of clean water touching your tongue. For families in East Africa, that simple moment can change everything. Clean water means health, dignity, hope, and the chance to break free from poverty. With enough water for drinking, sanitation, and hygiene, families and communities can thrive and build new opportunities in agriculture that once seemed out of reach.

Jim offers technical guidance, supports project implementation, and partners with churches and local leaders to create sustainable development and lasting WASH (Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene) solutions.

We can help! To support Jim's work, just write "McKee Memorial Fund" on the memo line of your check or use a First Sunday Mission Offering Envelope from the pew racks. Thank you!

Penne Pasta and Meatball Dinner for *Butler Meals on Wheels*

This Tuesday
3:00 pm – 6:00 pm
Dine-In or Drive-Thru
St. Peter's Anglican Church

Come for dinner at St Peter's Anglican Church (218 E. Jefferson Street) this Tuesday, October 20th! The meal includes penne pasta with meatballs (catered by The Monroe), salad, bread, and dessert. Tickets for the meal are $13. You can dine in (please use the Cliff Street entrance) or use the drive-thru. All proceeds benefit the Butler Meals on Wheels.