Leader: It is our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, O God. You are the creator and sustainer of all life. You planted the first fields—wheat, barley, rice, maize. You created us in your image to care for all creation. When human greed trampled the poor and the powerless, you spoke through the prophets, calling us to paths of justice and peace. In the fullness of time, you sent your Son Jesus, the living bread, to free the oppressed, to lift up the lowly, and to fill the hungry with good things. Therefore, we praise you with the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

People: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest

Leader: Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. Though he was rich, yet for our sake he became poor. He taught us to share the abundance of your love, feeding the multitude, eating with sinners and strangers, offering his own body to save us, and pouring out his life for the world. When the risen Christ appeared to his disciples, he made himself known to them in the breaking of the bread. Even now, he sets the table for us, inviting us all to taste and see that you are good. Today, his family throughout the world joins together at his holy table, and proclaims the mystery of faith:

People: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Leader: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here and upon these gifts of grain and vine, O Lord. Strengthen your Church in every nation and among every people to witness faithfully in your name. By your Spirit, make us one with Christ, one with all who share this meal, and one in ministry to all the world. Amen.

The Words of Institution

The Distribution of Elements *(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** #538 "Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises" *(Please See Insert)*
(from South Africa)

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

***The Benediction**

***The Postlude**

Saint Andrews United Presbyterian Church

October 4, 2026 ***World Communion Sunday*** ***10:30 AM***

The Church in Preparation

The Prelude Pianist Melinda Ripper

Welcome and Announcements

The Introit and Time of Centering
"We Are One in Christ Jesus"
(Latin American Folk Tune)
Vocalist Deanna Golden
Pianist Melinda Ripper

The Call to Worship Jon McKay

Leader: Today, with Christians near and far,
we celebrate the Lord's Supper.
People: We gather to share the bread
and drink the cup of Christ's abundant grace.
Leader: Christ prepares the table with room enough for everyone.
People: Christ invites us all.
Leader: Come, let us worship the living, loving God.

***The Hymn** #439 "In Christ There Is No East or West" *(Presby Hymnal)*
(from England and the U.S.)

(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)*

Merciful God, we confess that we do not always trust your goodness. When we are afraid, we cling tightly to what we have. When others are in need, we look away. We have not always welcomed others as you have welcomed us. We have allowed harshness, pride and tiredness to shape our words and actions. Forgive us. Renew us. Teach us again the way of kindness, justice, and generous love, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

(Church of Scotland)

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 Church in Proclamation

The Scripture Readings Matthew 22: 1 - 14 N.T. p. 24

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

The Message to Young Christians Susan Moon

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.
(from U.S.)

The Sermon "You're Invited!" Rev. Merry Meloy

***The Hymn** #517 "We Come as Guests Invited" *(Presby Hymnal)*
(Text from England, Tune from Germany)

The Church Responds

***The Affirmation of Faith** – *(In Unison)*

We are not alone; we live in God's world.
We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit.
We trust in God.
We are called to be the church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.
In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.
We are not alone.
Thanks be to God. Amen.

(A Statement of Faith of the United Church of Canada)

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

Through the faithful use of our time, talents, and treasure, we offer a foretaste of God's bountiful banquet to our hungry, hurting world. Let us give of ourselves with open hearts. Let us share what we have with open hands.

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** "Halle, Halle, Halleluja"
(Traditional Caribbean)

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)*

We bring these our gifts for your service, dear Savior. Receive them and bless them, for your kingdom's sake. Amen.

(from Japan)

***Communion Hymn** #508 "Come to the Table" *(Please See Insert)*
(from Korea)

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

The Invitation to the Lord's Table
The Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Leader: Lift up your hearts.
People: We lift them up to the Lord.
Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

This Week at Saint Andrews United Presbyterian Church

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

Monday, October 5, 2026
6:30 PM – BAP *Be the Bridge* Book Study, Memorial Room

Tuesday, October 6, 2026
6:30 PM – Deacons
7:00 PM – Community Orchestra

Wednesday, October 7, 2026
5:00 PM – Community Meal – Provided by Saint Andrews
6:00 PM – 8:00 PM – Matrona Family Resource Center

Thursday, October 8, 2026
7:30 PM – Chancel Choir

Friday, September October 9, 2026
6:00 PM – "Dinner with Friends" at Compadres Restaurant

Saturday, October 10, 2026

Next Sunday, October 11, 2026
10:30 AM – Worship
11:45 AM – Nurture Team

Worship Leaders

Ushers: Mary Ann Hazlett Scott Hazlett Sharon Johnson Scott/Donna O'Day
Next Week: Bob Eamigh Kathy Eamigh Dan Hawks Denise Hawks
Liturgist: Jon McKay **Next Week:** Dawn Grossman
Sound Tech: Travis Grossman **Next Week:** Travis Grossman
Nursery Care: Anzie Kelley **Next Week:** Mary Ann Hazlett
Children's Message: Susan Moon **Next Week:** Dawn Grossman
Flower Delivery: Sharon Johnson **Next Week:** JoAnn Lytle
Open the Church: Paul Perry **Next Week:** Paul Perry
Close the Church: Scott Hazlett **Next Week:** Dawn Grossman

The Flowers today are given by Dave and Bonnie Martin in celebration of our church family.

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!

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New Liturgists Schedules

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

"Dinner with Friends"
This Friday, October 9th
at 6:00 pm

Let's do dinner! Join us for a night out at Compadres Mexican Restaurant at the Clearview Mall on Friday, October 9, at 6:00 pm. Please sign up in the Narthex or call Esther Radvinski by Tuesday, October 7, if you plan to come. Also, please let us know if you'd like a ride. 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!

Be the Bridge Book Study
Monday, October 5, at 6:30 pm

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. Our first gathering will be tomorrow evening, October 5, at 6:30 in the Memorial Room here at Saint Andrews Our discussion will focus on Chapters 1, 2, and 3 (pages 1 – 55) and will be facilitated by Rev. C.F. Hoffman. Participant Guides are on the table in the Narthex. Please take one if you plan to attend. Thanks!

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

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.

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

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

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!

Ways to Access Worship

We are delighted you're worshiping with us in person! When you can't make it to church, there are several ways to join us:

- We continue to broadcast our service on WBUT Radio 1050 at 11:00 am on Sunday mornings.

- Worship is also streamed live on YouTube each Sunday. To watch, just go to YouTube, search Saint Andrews United Presbyterian Church – Butler and click on the “Live” tab under our profile picture. Want to go back and watch a service from the past? No problem! Services from previous Sundays are available.

If you know anyone who has a hard time getting out to church, please let them know how to access our services. Thanks!