***The Congregation Sings in Response** #7 "Praise God,…"

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

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

Gracious God, we give our best to you, not out of guilt or fear, but with gratitude and faith. You are our support in times of need. You are the fount of all goodness, the source of life itself. With praise and thanksgiving for your many blessings, we dedicate these offerings and our lives to your service. Amen.

The Church Goes Forth to Serve

***The Hymn** #354 "Guide My Feet" *(Presby Hymnal)*

***The Benediction**

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

***Postlude**

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

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November 1, 2026 23rd Sunday after Pentecost 10:30 AM

The Church in Preparation

Prelude Guest Musician Allen Kitchen

Welcome and Announcements

The Introit and Time of Centering Guest Musician Allen Kitchen

The Call to Worship Bob Eamigh

Leader: Come, all who are thirsty.
Come, all whose troubles seem overwhelming.
People: Our Creator welcomes us.
God hears our cries and offers us hope.
Leader: Come, all who are full of faith.
Come, all who seek God's will and way.
People: The Messiah has more to teach us.
Jesus calls us to listen and to learn.
Leader: Draw near and hear the word of God.
People: Draw close to be filled with God's loving, living Spirit.

The Opening Prayer *(In Unison)*

Great and good God,
give us pure hearts that we may see you,
humble hearts that we may hear you,
hearts of love that we may serve you,
hearts of faith that we may live in you,
reverent hearts that we may worship you,
here and in the world out there,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Dag Hammarskjold (1905 – 1961)

***The Hymn** #478 "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven" *(Presby Hymnal)*

(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)*

God of love and tenderness, you call us from our hectic lives, as we are, with our hopes and fears and preoccupations with worldly things. Embrace each of us now as we confess our sins. We know that we have missed opportunities to grow in faith and to share your love. We have squandered our gifts. We have wasted our time. We have failed to do the things that really matter. Remind us again of your love and your mercy. Where we have fallen short of furthering your will, forgive us. Where we have neglected others, forgive us. For the messes we make of our lives and our world, forgive us. Guide us onto better paths and guard us with your loving grace. 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 Lesson Micah 3: 5 - 12 O.T. p. 863
Matthew 23: 1 – 12 N.T. p. 25
Leader: The word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God

The Anthem "Come to the Water" Chancel Choir

The Message to Young Christians Susan Moon

Musical Response #487 "These Treasured Children"

Come, Holy Spirit, help us be
a nurturing community;
empower us to realize
God's kingdom through our children's eyes.

Then, tender God, each child embrace;
God give them blessings, grant them grace.
Surprise them, God, with wonders still,
and gently guide them to your will.

The Sermon "Best in Show" Rev. Merry Meloy

The Hymn #426 "Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak" *(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

We have been enriched and strengthened in so many ways by the gifts of God. Now we have the privilege of sharing those gifts with the world. Our offerings enable our church's witness within and beyond our community. Let us give as we have been blessed.

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

This Week at Saint Andrews United Presbyterian Church

Sunday, November 1, 2026
10:30 AM – Worship
12:00 PM – Sunday Lunches (Prepared and Distributed by Cindy Hays and Carol Holochuk)

Monday, November 2, 2026
6:30 PM – *Be the Bridge* Book Study at Hill

Tuesday, November 3, 2026
6:30 PM – Deacons
7:00 PM – Community Orchestra
7:30 PM – Community Orchestra Concert, Bethany Room

Wednesday, November 4, 2026
5:00 PM – Community Meal – Saint Andrews
6:00 PM – 8:00 PM – Matrona Family Resource Center

Thursday, November 5, 2026
6:15 PM – Canticleer Ringers
7:30 PM – Chancel Choir

Friday, November 6, 2026

Saturday, November 7, 2026

Next Sunday, November 8, 2026
10:30 AM – Worship, Welcome Rev. Carl Baughman

Worship Leaders

Ushers: John Minich	Michele Minich	Karen Pressler	Denny Rodgers
Next Week: Dale Hutchison	Natalie McKay	Paul Perry	Peggy Douthett

Liturgist: Bob Eamigh — **Next Week:** Bonnie Martin
Sound Tech: Jon McKay — **Next Week:** Jon McKay
Children's Message: Susan Moon — **Next Week:** Denise Hawks
Nursery Care: Anzie Kelley — **Next Week:** Denise Hawks
Flower Delivery: Michele Minich — **Next Week:** Carol Dreyer
Open the Church: Paul Perry — **Next Week:** Paul Perry
Close the Church: Denny Rodgers — **Next Week:** Susan Moon

The Flowers today are given by Esther Radvinski in memory of Betty Hackwelder.

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.

Thank You

Thank you to the Nurture Team and everyone who helped with this year's Scottish Sunday Luncheon. It was wonderful!

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!

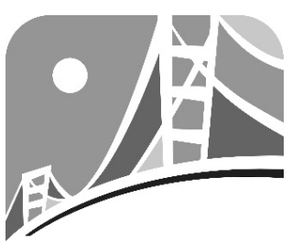
Pastor Merry Away

Pastor Merry will be using some of her vacation time starting this Thursday. Next Sunday, November 8, Rev. Carl Baughman will be our guest preacher. Please welcome him!

Instrumental Concerts

Everyone's invited to an informal concert by the Community Orchestra this Tuesday evening, November 3, at 7:30 pm downstairs in the Bethany Room. Please use the Cliff Street entrance. The following Tuesday, November 10, the Community Band will be performing from 7:30 to 8:00 pm. Hope to see you there!

Be the Bridge Book Study
Tomorrow 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. 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 next gathering is tomorrow evening, November 2, at 6:30 at Hill United Presbyterian Church (501 Second Street). Our discussion will focus on Chapters 4, 5, and 6 (pages 58 – 123) and will be facilitated by Rev. C.F. Hoffman. Please join us.

"Dinner with Friends"
Friday, November 13, at 6:00 pm

Let's do dinner! Join us for a night out at the Hardwood Café on Friday, November 13, at 6:00 pm. The Hardwood is located at 646 Pittsburgh Rd (on Route 8 just south of Hunter Truck). Their menu includes everything from burgers and sandwiches to pasta, steak, seafood, and gourmet pizza. Please sign up in the Narthex if you plan to come. Also, please let us know if you'd like a ride. Thanks!

November First Sunday Mission Offering

Our First Sunday Mission Offering in November goes to the Samaritan Counseling Center of Western Pennsylvania. The Center is a faith-based, non-profit organization that helps individuals and families find spiritual, emotional and physical healing through professional counseling and educational programs. Samaritan Counselors seek to provide more than a relief from symptoms; they strive to help clients discover and address those factors that are keeping them from becoming the people God intends them to be.

The Center offers a variety of services, including one-on-one counseling for adults, children, adolescents, couples and families, spiritual direction, grief support services, and group seminars. Fees are adjusted according to a client's ability to pay. The Center is funded, in part, by contributions from churches, organizations, individuals, and foundations. Samaritan Counseling has locations in Allegheny, Beaver and Butler Counties.

To help fund this quiet but vital ministry, simply use a "First Sunday Mission Offering" envelope found in the pew racks or mark "First Sunday Mission" in the memo portion of your check. Thank you!