The Offertory Guest Musician Lars Morrison

***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)*

Lord Jesus Christ, you have put your life into our hands; now we put our lives into yours. Take us, renew and remake us. What we have been is past; what we shall be, through you, still awaits us. Lead us on. Take us with you. Amen.

(from *A Wee Worship Book*, Scotland)

The Church Goes Forth to Serve

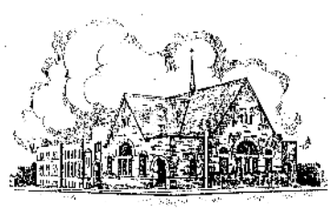
***The Hymn** #726 "Will You Come and Follow Me" *(Please See Insert)*

***The Benediction**

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

***Bagpipe Postlude**

~ Haste ye back! ~



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October 25, 2026 ***Scottish Sunday*** ***10:30 AM***

The Church in Preparation

Bagpipe Prelude Guest Musician Lars Morrison

Ceud Mile Failte (100,000 Welcomes)

To all who mourn and need comfort;
To all who are weary and need rest;
To all who despair and need hope;
To all who sin and need a Savior;
We open our doors, make for you a place,
And in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, say "Welcome!"

Announcements

The Introit and Time of Centering Guest Musician Lars Morrison

The Call to Worship Dan Hawks

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.
People: Worship the Lord with gladness;
Come into God's presence with singing.
Leader: Know that the Lord is God.
It is he that made us, and we are his;
People: We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.
Leader: Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
and his courts with praise.
People: Give thanks to him, bless his name.
Leader: For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever,
People: And his faithfulness to all generations.

(Psalm 100)

The Opening Prayer *(In Unison)*

You are the joy of each living creature, O God. You are the warmth of the rising sun; you are the whiteness of the moon at night. You are the life of the growing earth; you are the strength of the waves of the sea. Speak to us this day, O God. Speak to us your truth. Dwell with us this day, O God. Dwell with us in love. Amen.

(from *Celtic Prayers from Iona*, adapted)

***The Hymn** #657 "Sing to God, with Joy and Gladness" *(Please See Insert)*

(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)*

Lord Jesus Christ, you are the way of peace. Come into the brokenness of our lives and our land with your healing love. Help us to be willing to bow before you in true repentance, and to bow to one another in real forgiveness. By the fire of your Holy Spirit, melt our hard hearts and consume the pride and prejudice which separate us. Fill us, O Lord, with your perfect love, which casts out our fear. Bind us together in that unity which you share with the Father and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

(Cecil Kerr, Northern Ireland, 20th Century)

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 Psalm 119: 1 - 8 O.T. p. 566

Leader: For the Word of God in scripture
For the Word of God among us
For the Word of God within us
People: Thanks be to God

The Anthem "Skye Boat Song"

Canticleer Ringers with Pianist Melinda Ripper

The Message to Young Christians Stephanie Arienzo

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 "The Good Book" Rev. Merry Meloy

The Hymn #327 "O Word of God Incarnate" *(Presby Hymnal)*

The Church Responds

***The Affirmation of Faith** – From *The Scots Confession* *(In Unison)*

We confess and acknowledge one God alone, to whom alone we must cleave, whom alone we must serve, whom alone we must worship, and in whom alone we put our trust. Who is eternal, infinite, immeasurable, incomprehensible, omnipotent, invisible, one in substance and yet distinct in three persons. By whom we confess and believe all things in heaven and earth, visible and invisible, to have been created, to be retained in their being, and to be ruled and guided by God's inscrutable providence for such end as God's eternal wisdom, goodness, and justice have appointed and to the manifestation of God's own glory.

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 and the "Kirking of the Tartans"

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, October 25, 2026
Scottish Sunday

9:30 AM – Canticleer Ringers
10:30 AM – Worship
11:45 AM – Congregational Luncheon

Monday, October 26, 2026

Tuesday, October 27, 2026

6:30 PM – Session
7:00 PM – Community Band

Wednesday, October 28, 2026

3:00 PM – Personnel Committee
5:00 PM – Community Meal – Provided by Trinity Presbyterian Church
6:00 PM – 8:00 PM – Matrona Family Resource Center

Thursday, October 29, 2026

6:15 PM – Canticleer Ringers
7:30 PM – Chancel Choir

Friday, September October 30, 2026

Saturday, October 31, 2026

Next Sunday, November 1, 2026

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

Worship Leaders

Ushers: Rick Kelley, Anzie Kelley, Bonnie Martin, Dave Martin
Next Week: John Minich, Michele Minich, Karen Pressler, Denny Rodgers
Liturgist: Dan Hawks — **Next Week:** Bob Eamigh
Sound Tech: Travis Grossman — **Next Week:** Jon McKay
Nursery Care: Stephanie Arienzo — **Next Week:** Anzie Kelley
Children's Message: Stephanie Arienzo — **Next Week:** Susan Moon
Flower Delivery: Pastor Merry — **Next Week:** Michele Minich
Open the Church: Paul Perry — **Next Week:** Paul Perry
Close the Church: John Minich — **Next Week:** TBA

The Flowers today are given by Pastor Merry in thanksgiving for all the unnamed saints whose quiet courage and steady faith have blessed Christ's church.

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.

Congregational Luncheon Today

Everyone's invited to stay for lunch in the Memorial Room after worship. The meal will include Bill Douthett's fabulous Cock-a-Leekie Soup, prepared by our wonderful chef Joe Radvinski, breads and spreads, and more! Please join us!

Be the Bridge Book Study
Monday, November 2nd
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 next gathering will be on Monday 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. Hope to see you there!

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!

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!

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!