

St. Andrews Presbyterian Church



Woman Wisdom

“Wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.”

Matthew 11:19

July 9, 2023

Holy One, we confess to you and to each other that we are tired and weighed down by the mistakes we have made, even in our closest relationships with our friends, our spouses, our partners, and our children. We are weighed down by the systemic pain in which we all participate. We seek your forgiveness. We give this burden to you. We trust you to hear our cries and to help us right our ways, through Christ, we pray. Amen.

Silent Confession

KYRIE

**Lord, have mercy,
Christ, have mercy,
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

Your sins are forgiven; be at peace, for all things work together for good for those who love God. **In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Amen.**

THE WORD

TIME WITH OUR YOUNGEST DISCIPLES

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Traditional)

(Page 35, *Glory to God Hymnal*)

SINGING WITH THE CHILDREN: "Jesus Loves Me"

(Hymn 188)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE HEBREW TESTAMENT READING: Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

THE READING FROM THE EPISTLES: Romans 7:15-25a

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I who do it but sin that dwells within me. For I know that the good does not dwell within me, that is, in my flesh. For the desire to do the good lies close at hand, but not the ability. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it but sin that dwells within me.

So I find it to be a law that, when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched person that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

These words are trustworthy and true.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

"Communion"

Douglas E. Wagner

THE GOSPEL READING: Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

"The Mystery of God's Way"

THE RESPONSE

*HYMN 183

"Come to Me, O Weary Traveler"

AUSTIN

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: The Nicene Creed

(Page 34 at the front of the hymnal)

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

"Sicilienne"

GABRIEL FAURÉ

Hannah Griffioen - Cello

*DOXOLOGY/Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow (Hymn 607)

*PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

The Eucharist

The Invitation to the Table

The Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

(Responsive, Congregation please read **bold** print.)

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is truly right and our greatest joy...who forever sing to the glory of your name:

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.

Blessed in Jesus Christ, our Savior...Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us...God of glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Sharing of the Meal

(To receive communion when you come forward, please open your hands and a portion of bread will be given to you to partake.

Then pick up a small cup from the tray and partake. As you return to

*your seat, there will be a basket in which you can place your cup.
If you would like a server to come to you, please raise your hand.)*

Communion Hymn: 530 "One Bread, One Body" ONE BREAD, ONE BODY

The Prayer After Communion (Unison)

Holy God, we thank you for this feast of grace and life. As we have been served, help us to serve our neighbors. As we have been fed, help us to feed all who are hungry. As we have been loved, help us to love the world – because in Christ Jesus you have first loved us. Amen.

THE SENDING

*HYMN 321 "The Church's One Foundation" AURELIA

*COVENANT OF THE CONGREGATION (Unison)

Let us go forth into the world in peace, have courage, hold on to what is good, return to no person evil for evil, strengthen the fainthearted, support the weak, help the suffering, honor all persons, love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Hornpipe" GEORGE FREDERICK HANDEL

*Those who are able, please stand.

This week at St. Andrews:

<p>Today 9:00 Bible Study 10:30 Worship 11:30 Coffee Hour 4:00 A.A./Al-Anon Serenity Group</p> <p>Monday, July 10 2:00 BACN Exec. Mtg 7:00 BASO Exec. Mtg</p> <p>Tuesday, July 11 2:00 Memorial Service for Rev. Bob McQuilkin 5:00 Building & Grounds Mtg</p>	<p>Wednesday, July 12 1:00 Centering Prayer Group 3:30 Fellowship Mtg 4:30 Choir Rehearsal 5:15 Women's Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>Thursday, July 13 9:30 PEO Mtg</p> <p>Friday, July 14 9:00 Men's Breakfast</p> <p>Sunday, July 16 9:00 Bible Study 10:30 Worship– Kirking of the Tartans 11:30 Coffee Hour 4:00 A.A./Al-Anon Serenity Group</p>
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