

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

Use our gifts, Holy God, to sound your word of hope. Help us to see you in the faces of the children among us. Help us to teach our children to know you and love you. And help us to share your love with all those we meet, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

**The Church Goes Forth to Serve**

**\*The Hymn #29**

“Go, Tell It on the Mountain”

(Presby Hymnal)

**\*The Benediction**

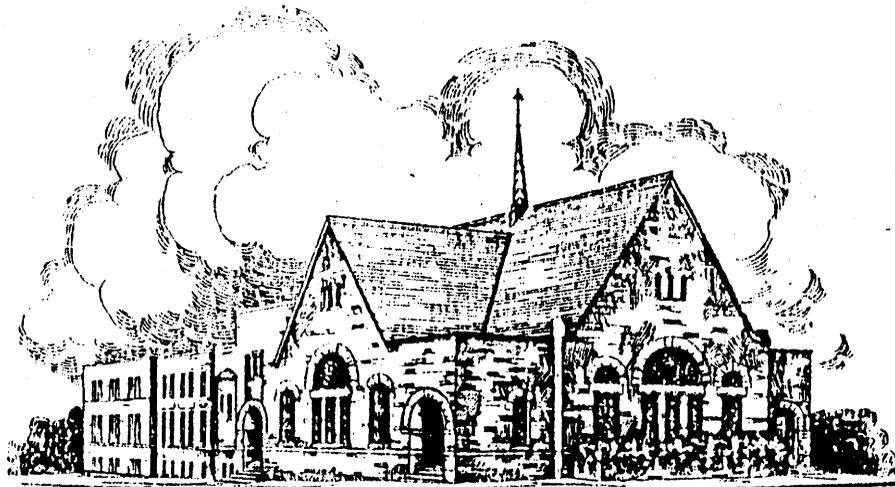
**\*The Benediction Response**

“Amen”

Chancel Choir

**\*The Postlude**

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# Saint Andrews United Presbyterian Church

December 31, 2017

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday After Christmas

10:30 AM

**The Prelude**

The Lighting of the Candles  
Announcements  
Exchange of Greetings

Andrew Ripper

**Introit #40**

“Joy to the World!”  
*(Verses 1 & 4)*

*(Presby Hymnal)*

**The Call to Worship**

Leader: Let us sing with gladness,  
**People: For the love of God has come to dwell on earth.**  
Leader: Let us shout with joy,  
**People: For the grace of God is at work in our lives.**  
Leader: Let us praise God, the giver of all blessings,  
**People: For the very heart of God is given to us.**  
**All: Let us worship God!**

**The Opening Prayer** *(In Unison)*

We praise you, O God, for the comfort you offer and the hope you bring. Where you reign, there is peace. In your Word, there is power. Grant us wisdom and insight that we might know your will for our lives. Open our eyes that we might recognize your presence in our midst. Open our hearts to the gift of salvation in your Son, Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

**\*The Opening Hymn #22** “Angels, from the Realms of Glory” *(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 our Savior, we confess that we fail to live in your light. You reveal your saving love, but we hide your love from others. You claim us as your children, but we do not claim you as our God. Forgive us, God of grace. Let your will be done in our lives so that we may live in peace according to your word; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**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 Reading**

Isaiah 61: 10 – 62:3  
Luke 2:22 - 40  
Leader: The word of the Lord.  
**People: Thanks be to God**

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**The Anthem**

“What Child Is This”

Vocalist: Dan Mulneix

**The Micro Message**

Carol Landis

**The Congregation Sings in Response #24** “Away in a Manger” verse 3

Be near me, Lord Je-sus; I ask Thee to stay  
Close by me for-ev-er, and love me, I pray.  
Bless all the dear chil-dren in Thy ten-der care,  
And fit us for heav-en, to live with Thee there.

**The Sermon**

Rev. Merry Meloy

**The Hymn #603**

“Song of Simeon”

(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 respond to the gift of God’s Son by sharing our gifts and our lives with God. May our stewardship demonstrate God’s tenacious generosity. May our lives express God’s boundless mercy, unswerving patience, and unshakable love. 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. Thank you!

**The Offertory**

“Organ Offertory”

Chuck Davey

**\*The Congregation Sings in Response #36** “In the Bleak Midwinter”

In the bleak midwinter, Frosty wind made moan,  
Earth stood hard as iron, Water like a stone;  
Snow had fallen snow on snow, Snow on snow,  
In the bleak midwinter, Long ago.

What can I give Him, Poor as I am?  
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;  
If I were a wise man, I would do my part;  
Yet what I can I give Him: Give my heart.

**This Week at Saint Andrews United Presbyterian Church**

**Sunday, December 31, 2017**  
**New Year's Eve**

No Sunday School  
10:30 AM – Worship  
12:00 PM – Sunday Lunches (Provided by Janice King and Dale Hutchison)  
2:00 PM – Narcotics Anonymous New Year's Gathering and Speaker Jam  
3:00 PM – Festival of Lessons and Music at Covenant

**Monday, January 1, 2017**  
**New Year's Day**  
**Office Closed**

11:00 AM – Narcotics Anonymous

**Tuesday, January 2, 2017**

11:00 AM – Narcotics Anonymous  
6:30 PM – Deacons

**Wednesday, January 3, 2017**

11:00 AM – Narcotics Anonymous  
5:00 PM – Community Dinner – Saint Andrews Youth  
8:00 PM – Narcotics Anonymous

**Thursday, January 4, 2017**

11:00 AM – Narcotics Anonymous  
6:15 PM – Canticle Ringers  
6:30 PM – Chancel Choir

**Friday, January 5, 2017**

11:00 AM – Narcotics Anonymous

**Saturday, January 6, 2017**

**Next Sunday, January 7, 2017**

No Sunday School  
10:30 AM – Worship with Communion  
12:00 PM – Sunday Lunches (Provided by Lori and Rich Love-Franke)



Worship Attendance for December 24, 2017:

AM: 56

PM: 151

**Worship Leadership**

**Ushers:** Rick Kelley      Anzie Kelley      Susan Race      Don Eyth  
**Acolyte:** Andrew Ripper      **Next Week:** Danielle Golden  
**Liturgist:** Nicholas Ripper      **Next Week:** Susan Moon  
**Micro Message:** Carol Landis      **Next Week:** TBA  
**Flower Delivery:** Carol Israel      **Next Week:** Stephanie Arienzo  
**Open the Church:** Paul Perry      **Next Week:** Paul Perry  
**Close the Church:** Janice King      **Next Week:** Susan Moon

**The Flowers** today are given by Don Roberts in memory of C. E. Roberts, Jr.

**Prayer Requests** can be made by using the 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. From the rear of the sanctuary, turn left and go downstairs. The restrooms are at the end of the hallway.

**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.

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*Happy Birthday*

*December 31 Dave Landis      January 2 Mary Cotton*

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**Office Holiday Schedule**

The church office will be closed tomorrow, January 1<sup>st</sup>, for the New Year holiday. Our regular office hours will resume on Tuesday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>.

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**Communion Next Sunday, January 7<sup>th</sup>**

We'll start the New Year by celebrating the Lord's Supper together next Sunday, January 7<sup>th</sup>. Please join us!



## Christmastide Festival of Lessons, Carols and Music This Afternoon at 3:00 pm



Join us for a Festival of Lessons, Carols and Christmas Music this afternoon at 3:00 pm at Covenant Presbyterian Church. The program will feature readers and musicians from local Presbyterian churches. There will also be a joint vocal choir, a joint handbell choir, and lots of congregational singing!

Covenant is located at 230 E. Jefferson Street. Feel free to use the parking lot on Jefferson Street across from the church. If you have mobility issues, please park in the alley behind the church and use the ramp entrance. There's an elevator to take you to the sanctuary on the second floor. See you there!

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## Congregational Luncheon Sunday, January 14, 2018

The Nurture Team is hosting a "Reach Out to Hold a Hand and Warm a Heart" luncheon after worship on Sunday, January 14, in the Memorial Room. We hope you'll stay and enjoy a lunch of soup, finger foods, drinks and desserts to symbolize and celebrate our church's goal of increasing our outreach. We'll take care of everything – just bring a friend and come!

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## New Flower Calendar for 2018



Would you like to donate the chancel flowers for one or more worship services? The Flower Calendar for 2018 is in the narthex. Please sign up for a Sunday or two. 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 \$40. Thank you!

## January 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Mission Offering

Saint Andrews' First Sunday Mission Offering in January goes to the McKee Memorial Fund to help support the work of Jim and Jodi McGill. After serving in Malawi for more than twenty years, the McGills recently moved to Niger where they will continue their work in water/sanitation and health. A geological engineer, Jim is working with the Evangelical Church in the Republic of Niger (EERN) and the Presbyterian Church of South Sudan to provide clean water and sanitation to communities in rural Niger and South Sudan. Jim's wife Jodi is a nurse and public health educator. She is helping the EERN develop church-run health clinics and train students in its new nursing school.

Located south of Libya and west of Chad, Niger is one of the poorest countries in Africa. Fewer than 50% of its children are enrolled in school and its annual per capita GDP is around \$800. Farming is limited by frequent draughts and the country's vast desert regions are growing due to lack of rain, excessive cultivation, overgrazing and deforestation. While most Nigerians are Muslim, the government is secular and there is an openness to the gospel.

The circumstances in South Sudan are even more challenging. Though the region has abundant natural resources, decades of civil war have left the country's infrastructure in ruins and its people traumatized. In 2015, a fragile peace was established. A year later, new waves of violence erupted. The conflict has caused widespread famine and displaced more than 3 million people. The Presbyterian Church (USA) has been involved in Sudan for more than 100 years and has longstanding relationships with several partner churches there.

To help support the McGill's work, simply use the envelope marked "McKee Missions Offering" in the January section of the Saint Andrews giving envelope booklet, use a "First Sunday Mission Offering" envelope from the pew racks, or write "McKee Missions Offering" on the memo line of your check. Thank you!

