

The Prayer of Confession *(In Unison)*

Merciful God, in the waters of baptism, you cleanse us, and claim us, and welcome us into the body of Christ. Yet we continue to live to ourselves. We cling to destructive habits. We hold grudges. We resist showing others the grace and mercy you have shown us. Forgive us, Lord. Help us to live into the promise of our baptisms. Empower us to walk in the way of Jesus and to live our lives for you. 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 Readings

TBA

Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Sermon

The Hymn #2051 “I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry” *(Please See Insert)*

The Church Responds

***The Affirmation of Faith** – The Nicene Creed (Ecumenical)

All: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

All: We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

Organ Side: For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.

Pulpit Side: For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

Organ Side: On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated on the right hand of the Father.

Pulpit Side: He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

All: We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father (and the Son), who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. 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

God claims us, not for privilege, but for service. We are blessed so that we might share God’s blessings with others. Let us share joyfully and generously, as God has shared with us. Let us bring before the Lord our tithes and offerings.

Please sign and pass the friendship registers found at the end of your pews.

Thank you!

The Offertory

“Birthday of a King”

Pianist: Melinda Ripper

***The Congregation Sings in Response #6** “Praise God,…”

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

Praise Him, all creatures here below. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise Him above, ye heav’nly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

This Week at Saint Andrews United Presbyterian Church

Sunday, Sunday, January 7, 2018

9:15 AM – Youth Sunday School
10:30 AM – Worship with Communion
12:00 PM – Sunday Lunches (Provided by Lori and Rich Love-Franke)

Monday, January 8, 2018

11:00 AM – Narcotics Anonymous

Tuesday, January 9, 2018

11:00 AM – Narcotics Anonymous
6:30 PM – Worship & Outreach

Wednesday, January 10, 2018

11:00 AM – Narcotics Anonymous
5:00 PM – Community Dinner – Hill
8:00 PM – Narcotics Anonymous

Thursday, January 11, 2018

11:00 AM – Narcotics Anonymous
6:15 PM – Canticle Ringers
7:30 PM – Chancel Choir

Friday, January 12, 2018

11:00 AM – Narcotics Anonymous

Saturday, January 13, 2018

9:00 AM – Deacons' Memorial Room Clean-Up

Next Sunday, January 14, 2018

9:15 AM – Youth Sunday School
10:30 AM – Worship
11:30 AM – Congregational Luncheon

Worship Attendance for December 31, 2017: 32

Worship Leadership

Ushers: Susan Race	Don Eyth	Kristen Mowery	Shari Manos
Acolyte: TBA			Next Week: TBA
Liturgist: Susan Moon			Next Week: Kevin Golden
Micro Message: None			Next Week: TBA
Flower Delivery: Stephanie Arienzo			Next Week: Donna O' Day
Open the Church: Paul Perry			Next Week: Paul Perry
Close the Church : Susan Moon			Next Week: Dawn Grossman

The Flowers today are given by Dan and Kendra Mulneix in memory of Edith's Weckerly's birthday.

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.

Congregational Luncheon

Next Sunday, January 14, 2018

The Nurture Team is hosting a "Reach Out to Hold a Hand and Warm a Heart" luncheon after worship next 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!



Happy Birthday

January 8 *Laura Campbell*

Annual Report Deadline is Tomorrow, January 8, 2018

All teams and committees must have their Annual Reports to the church office by Monday, January 8, so they can be printed by Sunday, January 21, 2018. Thank you in advance for keeping this deadline.

Memorial Room Clean-Up This Saturday at 9:00 am

The Deacons will “red up” the Memorial Room this Saturday, January 13, 2018. They’d love to have your help. The fun starts at 9:00 am. Bring your bucket and come!

Remembrance Sunday



Our annual Service of Remembrance will be held during worship on Sunday, January 21, 2018. If you would like to have a rose placed in memory of a loved one who died in 2017, please contact the church office by Tuesday, January 16, so we can include their name in the bulletin. Thanks!

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!

11th Annual Chili Cook-Off



Join us for a Mid-Winter Warm Up
in the Bethany Room



**Saturday, January 27, 2018
5 pm —7 pm**

*Vote for your favorite chili made by
various local restaurants and chefs*

**Tickets are Now Available
\$6 Presale or \$10 At the Door
Please note: Tickets must be paid for when purchased**



Basket Auction



Great Fellowship



Bake Sale

*Benefits: Saint Andrews United Presbyterian Church
and Operation Spay Neuter of Butler County*

January 1st 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!

