

Saint Andrews United Presbyterian Church
March 12, 2017 **2nd Sunday of Lent** **10:30 AM**

The Church Goes Forth to Serve

*The Closing Hymn #377 "Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore" (*Presby Hymnal*)

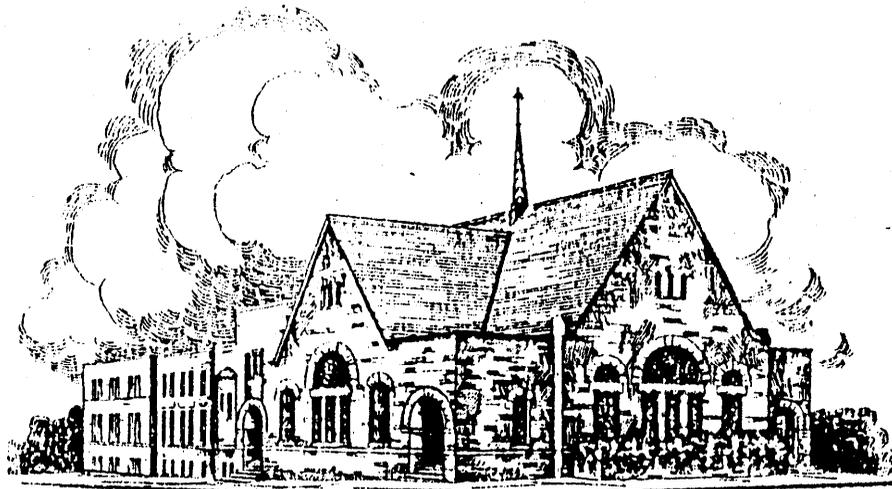
*The Benediction

*The Benediction Response "Amen" Chancel Choir

*The Postlude

~Welcome to Saint Andrews~

The Church Nursery is available for children through kindergarten age



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The Church in Preparation

The Prelude

The Lighting of the Candles Lily Hawks
Announcements
Exchange of Greetings

Introit

"Come Just As You Are" Chancel Choir

The Call to Worship

Bonnie Martin

Leader: I lift up my eyes to the hills;
From where will my help come?
**People: Our help comes from the Lord,
Who made heaven and earth.**
Leader: The Lord will not let your foot be moved;
The One who keeps you will not slumber.
People: The One who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.
Leader: The Lord is your keeper;
The Lord is your shade at your right hand.
People: The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.
Leader: The Lord will keep you from all evil;
The Lord will keep your life.
**People: The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in,
From this time on and forevermore.**

(Psalm 121)

The Opening Prayer (*In Unison*)

Almighty God, your strength is greater than the mountains; your love is deeper than the seas. You look to our needs and watch over us day and night. Teach us to hold confidently to your grace that in times of uncertainty, we may know you are near and depend on you, our sure deliverer. Amen.

*The Opening Hymn #488 "The God of Abraham Praise" (*Presby Hymnal*)

(Ushers will collect prayer requests. Please pass them to the side aisles.)

*The people will rise in body or spirit

The Prayer of Confession *(In Unison)*

Almighty, all merciful God, when we pause to examine our lives, there is so much we would rather not see. We know we are not the disciples you ask us to be. You call us to give but we are more focused on getting. You call us to serve but we are more focused on being served. At times, we act as if you were created to meet our needs. Forgive us, Lord. Cleanse us of our arrogance and restore in us a spirit of humility, gratitude, and service, for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ. 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 Reading

Genesis 12:1 - 4

O.T. Page 10

John 3: 1 - 17

N.T. Page 93

Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

The Anthem

"Hallelujah"

Canticleer and Joy Ringers

Micro Message

Pastor Merry

The Congregation Sings in Response "Be Thou My Vision"

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

The Sermon

"The Journey Begins"

Rev. Merry Meloy

The Hymn #275

"God of Our Life"

(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

Christ calls us to paths of generosity, compassion, and mercy. Through our offerings, we seek to bring Christ's healing to those who hurt, hope to those who despair, and help to those in need. Let us bring before the Lord our tithes and offerings.

Please sign and pass the Friendship Registers located near the center aisle.
Thank you!

The Offertory

"Organ Offertory"

Chuck Davey

***The Congregation Sings in Response** #2081 "Thank You, Jesus"

Thank you, Jesus, amen! Thank you, Jesus, amen!
Thank you, Jesus, amen! Alleluia! Amen!
(Repeat)

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

Gracious God, we offer ourselves and our resources in service to your kingdom. May these gifts and our lives bring honor and glory to you, our Lord and our Savior. Amen.

This Week at Saint Andrews United Presbyterian Church

Sunday, March 12, 2017
2nd Sunday in Lent

9:15 AM – Sunday School
10:30 AM – Worship
11:45 AM – Nurture Team



Monday, March 13, 2017

11:00 AM – Narcotics Anonymous

Tuesday, March 14, 2017

11:00 AM – Narcotics Anonymous

Wednesday, March 15, 2017

11:00 AM – Narcotics Anonymous
5:00 PM – Community Dinner – Meridian
5:00 PM – Table Talk
5:15 PM – KICK
6:00 PM – Joy Ringers
7:00 PM – Community Lenten Service at Saint Mark's Lutheran Church
8:00 PM – Narcotics Anonymous

Thursday, March 16, 2017

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

Friday, March 17, 2017

11:00 AM – Narcotics Anonymous

Saturday, March 18, 2017

Next Sunday, March 19, 2017
3rd Sunday in Lent

9:15 AM – Sunday School
10:30 AM – Worship



Worship Attendance for February 26, 2017: 55

Worship Leadership

Ushers: Mary Lindenberg Pat Bopp Dale Hutchison Scott O' Day
Acolyte: Lily Hawks
Liturgist: Bonnie Martin
Micro Message: Pastor Merry
Children's Church: Allison Martin
Flower Delivery: Kathy Eamigh
Open the Church: Susan Moon
Close the Church : Susan Moon

Next Week: Andrew Ripper
Next Week: Dale Hutchison
Next Week: Dawn Grossman
Next Week: Allison Martin
Next Week: Nicholas Ripper
Next Week: Lori Love-Franke
Next Week: Dale Hutchison

The Flowers today are given to the Glory of God.

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.

Children's Church is usually offered on the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Sundays of the month for everyone through 4th grade. It begins after the children's message and runs through the end of worship. On the 1st Sunday of the month and on special Sundays, children are invited to remain in worship with their families or go to the nursery, which is open to anyone through 2nd grade on those Sundays.



Happy Birthday to:

March 14 Susan Moon
March 14 Susan Ragan
March 15 Dr. Nallathambi

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Nicholas Ripper! He's part of the Knoch High School team that's competing on the television program "Hometown High Q". Nicholas and his team will appear on KDKA, Channel 2, on Saturday, March 25, at 11:00 am. Don't miss it!

Thank You!



A huge thank you to everyone who helped make Wednesday evening so special. The reception following the service was wonderful. Thank you to our Property Team for helping to set-up and clean-up, our bakers for the bounty of delicious cookies, our Deacons for being such gifted, gracious hosts, and to everyone who participated!

Lost and Found

Are you missing a baking dish? Did you bring a dessert for the Community Dinner and forget to retrieve your cake pan? If so, please check out the dishes on the table in the Memorial Room. One of them may be yours. Any dishes that are not claimed by the end of March will be donated to the Indoor Yard Sale.

"Science and Theology Shake Hands"

Adult Ed Series

Through the centuries, science and religion have lived in tension. Some people cite scientific theories and fundamentals as proof that religion is simply hogwash. Others cite certain religious beliefs as proof that science is completely wrong. But many scientists and theologians have found common ground in their shared quest to understand God's universe.

Join us this Lent as we explore the relationship between science and theology. Rev. Jim Campbell is leading our discussions. A retired Presbyterian pastor, Jim taught science for 13 years before entering seminary. The series will run through the month of March. We meet at 9:15 in the church library. Grab a cup of coffee and come!

First Sunday Mission Offering

Our First Sunday Mission Offering in March will benefit the Butler County Relief Initiative. BERI's mission is to compliment existing agencies in meeting the essential needs of Butler County residents whose lives have been affected by a significant emergency.

BERI works with the United Way and the Center for Community Resources to address the heating and utility needs of low-income residents. Together, these agencies help clients become more self-sufficient and financially stable. This commitment is vital to the client's long-term success.

BERI is our mission recipient for March. Please designate your mission offering by writing BERI on your envelope or on your check. Thank you.

Saint Andrew's Indoor Yard Sale Friday, April 28 and Saturday, April 29 9:00 am to 2:00 pm

As you start your early spring cleaning, please set aside your gently used or never used items for our Indoor Yard Sale this April. You can bring your items to the church Monday through Thursday from 9:30 am to 1:30 pm. Please make sure all donated items work and are in good condition. Please **do not** donate computers, printers, televisions or large appliances. They just don't sell.

If you have questions about donations or would like to help organize the Bake Sale, please see Anzie Kelley. Thanks!

Easter Lilies Order Form

Easter Sunday, April 16, 2017

These flowers will be placed in the sanctuary for the celebration of Easter and may be removed from the church by the donor following the worship service.

Number of Lilies _____
X \$8.50 each

Total payment included _____

I will take my flower (s) with me after the service - YES or NO (please circle one)

For the bulletin insert on Easter Sunday, April 16, 2017.

Given:

In memory of _____

In honor of _____

In celebration of..., in thanksgiving for..., in appreciation of..., or whatever you wish:

Given by: _____

Please complete this order form and place it, with your payment, in the offering plate or mail it to the Church Office, 201 E. Jefferson Street, Butler PA 16001 no later than **Monday, March 27, 2017**, so that we can include your information in the bulletin on Easter Sunday. Make checks payable to Saint Andrews U.P. Church with "Lilies" on the memo line. Thank you for your cooperation.

Midweek Lenten Services

This Lent, Saint Andrews is joining with a number of downtown churches for a series of midweek worship services. Each Wednesday, at 7:00 pm, we will worship at a different church. After the service, we'll share refreshments and a time of fellowship. A schedule of worship locations and worship leaders is below. Bring some friends and come!

Wednesday, March 15

7:00 pm at St. Mark's Lutheran Church
Presiding: Rev. Dr. Al Towberman
Preaching: Pastor Eric Park

Wednesday, March 22

7:00 pm at St. Peter's Anglican Church
Presiding: Father Andrew DeFusco
Preaching: Rev. Jim Swanson &
Rev. Merry Meloy

Wednesday, March 29

7:00 pm at First United Methodist Church
Presiding: Pastor Eric Park
Preaching: Father Andrew DeFusco

Wednesday, April 5

7:00 pm at St. Paul Roman Catholic Church
Presiding: Father Anthoy Sciarappa &
Father Harry Bielewicz
Preaching: Rev. Dr. Al Towberman

