

The Church Goes Forth to Serve

***The Closing Hymn #779** "We Are Called to Be God's People" (Sing to the Lord)

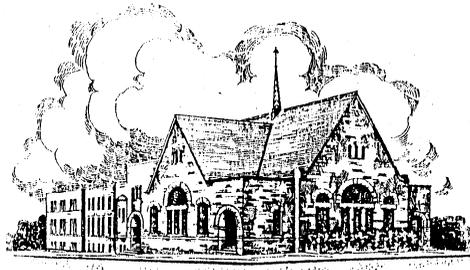
***The Benediction**

***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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Saint Andrews United Presbyterian Church

May 14, 2017

5th Sunday of Easter

10:30 AM

The Church in Preparation

The Prelude

The Lighting of the Candles Kevin Golden
Announcements
Exchange of Greetings

Introit

"To God Be the Glory" Chancel Choir

The Call to Worship

Dan Mulneix

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
People: God's steadfast love endures forever!
Leader: In Christ, God has answered our prayers and become our salvation.
People: The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.
Leader: This is the Lord's doing;
It is marvelous in our eyes.
All: Let us worship God!

(Based on Psalm 118)

The Opening Prayer (In Unison)

We, your people, bow before you O Lord, openly searching for your truth and light and grace. Enter our lives, renewing our commitment to you and to one another. Bridge the distance we've placed between ourselves and your almighty love. Help us to be fed by your grace, comforted by your care, and empowered by your hope. For Jesus' sake. Amen.

***The Opening Hymn #668** "The Church's One Foundation" (Sing to the Lord)

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

*The people will rise in body or spirit

The Prayer of Confession

Loving God, we confess that we have lost our way. We have not followed in your footsteps; we have not helped our brothers and sisters find your path. Forgive us our distractions, Lord. Set our feet on your path once again. Empower us to follow where you lead, walking in your truth and bringing to light your life, through the grace of 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

Acts 7:54 - 60

N.T. Page 126

1 Peter 2:2 - 10

N.T. Page 233

John 14: 1 - 14

N.T. Page 108

Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

The Anthem

“Simple Gifts”

Canticleer Ringers

Micro Message

Susan Race

The Congregation Sings in Response

“As the Deer”

As the deer pants for water, so my soul longs after you.
You along are my heart's desire, and I long to worship you.
You alone are my strength, my shield;
To you alone may my spirit yield.
You along are my heart's desire, and I long to worship you.

The Sermon

“Living Stones”

Rev. Merry Meloy

The Hymn #436

“The Solid Rock”

(Sing to the Lord)

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

God has given us all that we have and all that we are. In gratitude for God's grace and goodness, 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

“It is Well With My Soul”

Chancel Choir

*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!

*The Prayer of Dedication *(In Unison)*

Gracious God, as we hear your word, lead us to share the truth of the gospel. As we offer our praise, place on our lips the good news of your love. As we carry our gifts to you, empower our hands to lift others to Christ. Accept these offerings and our lives in service to Christ. Amen.

This Week at Saint Andrews United Presbyterian Church

Sunday, May 14, 2017

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

Monday, May 15, 2017

11:00 AM – Narcotics Anonymous

Tuesday, May 16, 2017

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

Wednesday, May 17, 2017

11:00 AM – Narcotics Anonymous
5:00 PM – Community Dinner – Meridian
5:00 PM – Table Talk
8:00 PM – Narcotics Anonymous

Thursday, May 18, 2017

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

Friday, May 19, 2017

11:00 AM – Narcotics Anonymous

Saturday, May 20, 2017

Next Sunday, May 21, 2017

9:15 AM – Sunday School
10:30 AM – Worship
11:30 AM – Congregational Meeting
7:00 PM – “A Celebration of Music” at Trinity Presbyterian Church

Worship Attendance for May 7, 2017: 44

Worship Leadership

Ushers: Jon McKay Natalie McKay Kristen Mowery Susan Race
Acolyte: Kevin Golden
Liturgist: Dan Mulneix
Micro Message: Susan Race
Children’s Church: Allison Martin
Flower Delivery: Shari Manos
Open the Church: Thalia McGrady
Close the Church : Thalia McGrady

Next Week: Ben Grossman
Next Week: Jon McKay
Next Week: Dawn Grossman
Next Week: Allison Martin
Next Week: Suja Benjamin
Next Week: Lori Love-Franke
Next Week: Jon McKay

The Flowers today are given by the Dave and Carol Landis in honor of Max and Luke’s birthdays.

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.

Congregational Meeting Next Sunday

We will hold a brief Congregational Meeting to elect new officers next Sunday, May 21, immediately after worship. Please plan on attending.



Happy Birthday to Becky Thomas (May 17)

Thank You

"Well done good and faithful servant"

To all those who contributed to the success of our indoor yard, I would like to express my sincere thanks and appreciation. Your gifts of time, effort, hard work and prayers were truly a blessing. Together, we were able to raise over \$3,000 for our church. Thank you for the fun and fellowship we shared during this labor of love!

God Bless,
Anzie

Calling All Grads!!

If you are a high school or college student who is graduating this year, we would like to honor you and your accomplishments. All you need to do is turn in your graduation biography. This should include your name, the school from which you are graduating, activities, clubs, organizations, things you are involved with, and, of course, your future plans. It is important that you get this information to the office by **MAY 22nd** so it can be included in the June newsletter.



May First Sunday Mission

May's First Sunday Mission Offering will benefit the Butler County Community Health Clinic, located at 103 Bonnie Drive. The Clinic is a non-profit, community-based volunteer organization which strives to provide health and dental care to our uninsured and income-eligible neighbors, ages 19-64, in Butler County.

The needs within our community are substantial. It's estimated that at least 11,000 people qualify for care at the Clinic. Those eligible for services are hard-working people, struggling to support themselves and their families, often working two or more jobs. They earn too much to qualify for Medicaid but have no health benefits and cannot afford the high cost of private health insurance. Many patients suffer from longstanding illnesses, such as diabetes, hypertension, asthma, lung disorders and other problems that can become acute without regular care.

Please give generously. If you know someone who would benefit from the services of the Clinic, or would like to volunteer your time and skills to work at the Clinic, please call (724) 283-2378.

Backpack Initiative

Though it's hard for us to imagine, many students in our school district go home to kitchens with empty cupboards and little food. During the week, they may receive breakfast and lunch at school. But when the weekends come, they may go hungry.

The Backpack Initiative helps students in need have something to eat over the weekend. Every Friday, participants receive a bag of child-friendly, single-serving snacks and easily prepared meals. The bags are delivered to the students' homerooms and discretely placed in their book bags.

This spring, Saint Andrews will be helping to stock those bags by donating food. Suggested food items include:

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| Cereal/Granola Bars | Single-Serve Fruit Cup |
| Instant Oatmeal | Single-Serve Applesauce |
| Easy Mac | Single-Serve Pudding |
| Microwavable or Canned Soup | Sandwich Crackers |
| Microwavable Pasta or Rice Meals | Microwavable Popcorn |

Our giant backpack is in the Narthex. Let's see how fast we can fill it!

Renowned archeologist Dr. Gabriel Barkay is coming to Butler to discuss his work! Dr. Barkay is the Director of the Temple Mount Sifting Project in Jerusalem and winner of the 1996 Jerusalem Prize for Archeological Research. He has worked on digs in Israel and Iran.

While excavating a tomb near Jerusalem, he discovered the Silver Scrolls. These tiny scrolls date back to the 7th century B.C. and contain the oldest known copy of Old Testament Scripture (Numbers 6: 24 – 26). Such artifacts open new windows into the ancient world and help us read the Bible with fresh eyes.

Dr. Barkay will be speaking on
Monday, May 22, at 7:00 pm
at Covenant Presbyterian Church.

The event is co-sponsored by the Congregation of B'nai Abraham, Covenant Presbyterian Church, and Grace at Calvary Lutheran Church. The presentation is free but a goodwill offering will be taken to help offset Dr. Barkay's travel expenses. Please spread the word, bring a friend, and come!