

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

Generous God, by your word, you have created all things, and in your love, you have given each of us gifts and talents and resources to share. May these gifts bring your hope and healing to our world. May our lives be instruments of your blessing, through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. Amen.

**The Church Goes Forth to Serve**

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

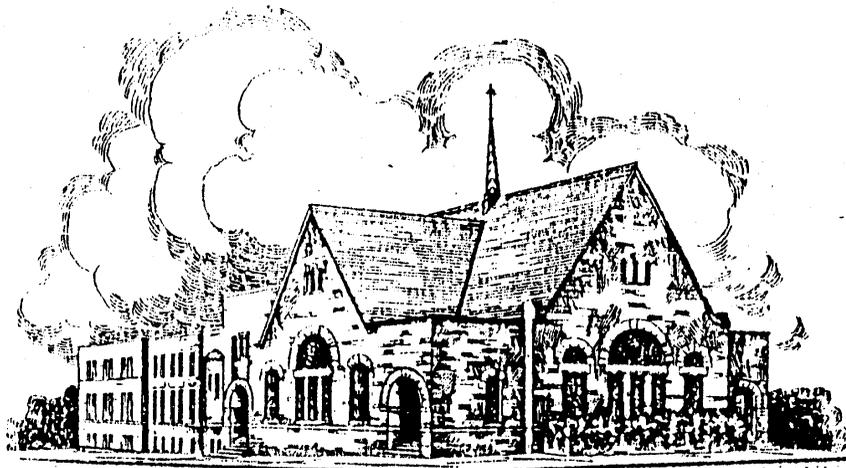
**\*The Benediction**

**\*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 28, 2017** **7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter** **10:30 AM**

**The Church in Preparation**

**The Prelude**

The Lighting of the Candles Kyle Hawks  
Welcome and Announcements  
Exchange of Greetings

**Introit** "To God Be the Glory" Chancel Choir

**The Call to Worship**

Leader: This is the good news of God's love:  
In Christ, God has conquered sin and death.  
**People: In Christ, God offers us new and abundant life.**  
Leader: We come to give God thanks.  
**People: We come to seek Christ's presence.**  
Leader: We come to offer ourselves in service.  
**People: Let us worship God.**

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

Holy God, we thank you that you receive us, not according to our failing goodness, but according to your overflowing grace. In Christ, you welcome us as we are. You forgive what we have been. You show us who we can be. Fill us with your power, Lord. Sweep over us with your Spirit and change us by your love, that we may sing with joy before you, and live to your glory always. Amen.

**\*The Opening Hymn #678** "In Christ There Is No East or West" *(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**

Gracious God, we confess that we have neglected the work you entrust to us. We have been half-hearted in our prayers, in our care for those who suffer, and in our witness to your love for us and for the world. Forgive us, Lord. Fill us with your Spirit and reignite our faith so that we may do your will and embody your love, 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**

Jeremiah 17: 5-10

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John 17: 1-20

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Leader: The word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God**

### **The Anthem**

“Piano Solo”

Kathy Sawyer

### **The Congregation Sings in Response**

“Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying”

Lord, listen to your children praying,  
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;  
Lord, listen to your children praying,  
Send us love, send us power, send us grace.

### **The Sermon**

“Jesus, Eternal Life and Prayer for His Church”

Rev. Clark Sawyer

### **The Hymn #2223**

“They’ll Know We Are Christians by Our Love”

(See Insert)

### **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**

Our journey with Christ impacts every facet of our lives. It shapes what we say and what we do and how we spend our resources. Christ calls us to share joyfully and generously. Christ calls us to care. 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**

“Piano Solo”

Kathy Sawyer

### **\*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!





**Happy Birthday to:**  
**May 30 Arnold Miller**  
**May 31 Betty Judson**  
**June 1 Judy Gall**  
**June 1 Matthew Stalker**

### **Pastor Merry Away**

A warm Saint Andrews welcome to our guest preacher, Rev. Clark Sawyer! Pastor Merry is home for her father's memorial service. She will be returning on Tuesday. While she's away, Rev. Jim Swanson is available in case of emergencies. If you have a pastoral care need or concern, please call Danielle at our church office or Rev. Swanson at Covenant (724-712-1407).

### **Pentecost Communion Next Sunday**



We will be sharing the Lord's Supper during worship on Pentecost Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup>. Please remember to wear red in celebration of the gift of the Holy Spirit!

### **Summer Office Hours**



Summer hours at the church office will begin on Monday, June 12th. The office will be closed on Mondays and Fridays. Tuesday through Thursday, it will be open from 9:00 am to 2:30 pm. Regular office hours will resume on Monday, August 14th.

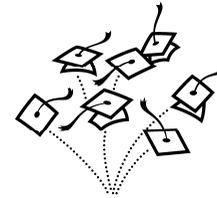
### **Celebration Breakfast**



We'll be celebrating our graduates and the beginning of summer with a special breakfast on Sunday, June 11, at 9:15 in the Memorial Room. Everyone's invited!!



### *Graduation Sunday*



*Graduation Sunday is June 11th. Join us as we celebrate the gift of our graduates during worship!*

### **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!

# June First Sunday Mission Offering

We have a new designated mission for the month of June that was brought to our attention by CF Hoffman, whom many of you know. He chairs the Presbytery Task Force that actively shepherds Refreshing Springs Ministry, which, in turn, shepherds some of the very economically, physically and socially challenged neighborhoods of Aliquippa and Ambridge, PA. Refreshing Springs Ministry was founded and is led by PC\_USA pastor Tega Swann. A native of Nigeria, Pastor Swann is passionate about Christian unity and shared church ministry. She seeks to make RSM a place where love for God manifests itself as love for neighbor and she offers this invitation to her community “If you are skeptical of church because they seem filled with perfect people, we are the place for you. We know that we are imperfect and we are really good at caring for people like us!” To that end, RSM provides:

- spiritual nourishment for entire families through weekly worship and age-appropriate small groups
- opportunities for economic empowerment through an adult monthly co-op program
- spiritual, social and academic development for children in grades K-12
- encouragement for single mom families
- nutritional and environmental awareness/responsibility through their community garden

Due to the serious needs and challenges facing this congregation, the church may never become self-sustaining and chartered in the traditional sense. However, the good work being done there warrants the support of other churches in our Presbytery. Please prayerfully consider a gift to our neighbors in Beaver County!