

The Church Goes Forth to Serve

*The Closing Hymn #785 "God Be With You" (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



Saint Andrews United Presbyterian Church

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November 5, 2017 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time 10:30 AM

The Church in Preparation

The Prelude

The Lighting of the Candles Kyle Hawks
Announcements
Exchange of Greetings

Introit

"Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies" Chancel Choir

The Call to Worship

Susan Race

Leader: May the peace of Christ rest upon our busy lives and
Quiet us into prayer.

People: **May the grace of Christ fill our hearts and
Awaken us to God's presence.**

Leader: May the truth of Christ speak to us and
Open us to God's will.

People: **May the love of Christ strengthen us
And set our hearts aflame.**

The Opening Prayer (In Unison)

We worship you with gladness, O God, for you have gathered us as your people and shown us the power of your love, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Send your Spirit now to teach us your grace, to strengthen us for your tasks, and to fill us with your life. Help us to be loyal and loving servants in all that we say and all that we do. Amen.

*The Opening Hymn #65 "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" (Sing to the Lord)
(Ushers will collect prayer requests. Please pass them to the side aisles.)

The Prayer of Confession

God of grace, giver of every good and perfect gift, we confess that we have misused your blessings. We stuff our lives with possessions, our schedules with busyness, our bodies with excess, but still, we feel empty. Distracted by the immediate, we overlook the eternal and ignore our relationship with you. Forgive us, Lord. Grant us the wisdom to reorder our priorities. Grant us the grace to know our hearts' true hunger. Satisfy us with your love, so that obeying your will and serving your glory may fill us till we want no more. Amen.

*The people will rise in body or spirit

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

Portions of Exodus 33

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Matthew 22:15 - 22

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Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

The Anthem

“Scottish Blessing”

Chancel Choir

Dawn Grossman, Flute

Melinda Ripper, Piano

*The music for today's anthem was purchased by the Deacons
in memory of Ellen Roberts.*

The Micro Message

Esther Radvinski

***The Congregation Sings in Response** “Sweet Hour of Prayer”

Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer,
That calls me from a world of care
And bids me at my Father's throne
Make all my wants and wishes known!
In seasons of distress and grief
My soul has often found relief,
And oft escaped the tempter's snare
By thy return, sweet hour of prayer.

The Sermon

“Questions of Belonging”

Rev. Merry Meloy

The Hymn #670

“Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken”

(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

Our relationship with Christ impacts every other aspect of our life. It affects what we say and what we do, how we think and how we work and how we use what God has given us. 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

“TBA”

Joy Ringers

***The Congregation Sings in Response** #7 “Praise God,…”

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

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

Loving Lord, you are the giver of every good gift. From your hands, we have received life and breath and the bounty of your creation. In gratitude and love, we offer you these gifts and our lives. May they provide bread for both body and soul so that all people may know your grace and goodness. Amen

This Week at Saint Andrews United Presbyterian Church

Sunday, November 5, 2017

9:15 AM – Sunday School
10:30 AM – Worship
11:30 AM – Sunday Lunches (provided by Suja Benjamin and Shari Manos)

Monday, November 6, 2017

11:00 AM – Narcotics Anonymous

Tuesday, November 7, 2017

11:00 AM – Narcotics Anonymous
6:30 PM – Deacons
7:30 PM – Worship and Outreach

Wednesday, November 8, 2017

11:00 AM – Narcotics Anonymous
5:00 PM – Community Dinner – Hill
5:15 PM – Youth Program
6:30 PM – Area Community Dinner Meeting
8:00 PM – Narcotics Anonymous

Thursday, November 9, 2017

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

Friday, November 10, 2017

11:00 AM – Narcotics Anonymous

Saturday, November 11, 2017

Next Sunday, November 12, 2017
Stewardship Sunday

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

Worship Attendance for October 29, 2017: 82

Worship Leadership

Ushers: Travis Grossman Nate Grossman Karen Pressler Andrew Ripper
Acolyte: Kyle Hawks **Next Week:** Lily Hawks
Liturgist: Susan Race **Next Week:** Carol Landis
Micro Message: Esther Radvinski **Next Week:** TBA
Flower Delivery: Chuck King **Next Week:** Carol Landis
Open the Church: Paul Perry **Next Week:** Paul Perry
Close the Church : Dan Hawks **Next Week:** Esther Radvinski

The Flowers today are given by Don Roberts in memory of Ellen.

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.



Stewardship Sunday

Stewardship Sunday is next Sunday, November 12th. Please bring your pledge cards that morning so we can dedicate them together during worship. Thank you.



Happy Birthday

November 7 Natalie McKay
 November 11 Alison Jones
 November 11 Chris Rodgers



Thank You

"Well done good and faithful servant"

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

God Bless,
Anzie

Help Rename Our Mid-Week Youth Program

Wednesday nights are more than Youth Group. They're filled with:

- ☺ Music
- ☺ Dinner
- ☺ Friends
- ☺ Laughter
- ☺ Bible study
- ☺ Youth group
- ☺ Bells



Our Wednesday night gathering needs a name all its own—a name that's distinct and special to Saint Andrews! Help name our Wednesday evening program. You can submit your ideas by dropping a card in the bowl in the Narthex or emailing the church office at office@standrewsupc.org. Our youth will vote on a name this month.

Joint Service with Covenant



On Sunday, Nov. 19, we'll be worshipping with our friends and neighbors at Covenant. After worshipping with Saint Andrews several times this past summer, Covenant invited us to join them one Sunday this fall. The service begins at 11:00 a.m.

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.

There will be an offering during worship. To make sure your gifts are received by Saint Andrews, just use one of the envelopes in your booklet of giving envelopes. See you there!

“Half Truths:

God Helps Those Who Help Themselves And Other Things the Bible Doesn't Say”

We've heard them all our lives. Comments like, “Everything happens for a reason,” or “God won't give you more than you can handle.” They sound like wisdom from the Bible. They may even contain a kernel of truth. But do they reflect the teachings of the Gospel? Are these things Jesus might say?

Join us this November as we take a closer look at some of these popular proverbs. Using Adam Hamilton's book as our guide, we'll explore what they teach and how they fit with what Jesus actually said. We meet at 9:15 on Sunday morning in the church library. There's a seat waiting for you. Bring a friend and come!





November First Sunday Mission Offering

Our First Sunday Mission Offering in November goes to the Samaritan Counseling Center of Western Pennsylvania. The Center is a faith-based, non-profit organization that helps individuals and families find spiritual, emotional and physical healing through professional counseling and educational programs. Samaritan Counselors seek to provide more than a relief from symptoms; they strive to help clients discover and address those factors that are keeping them from becoming the people God intends them to be.

The Center offers a variety of services, including one-on-one counseling for adults, children, adolescents, couples and families, spiritual direction, grief support services, and group seminars. Fees are adjusted according to a client's ability to pay. The Center is funded, in part, by contributions from churches, organizations, individuals, and foundations. Samaritan Counseling has locations in Allegheny, Beaver and Butler Counties.

To help fund this quiet but vital ministry, simply use a "First Sunday Mission Offering" envelope found in the pew racks or mark "First Sunday Mission" in the memo portion of your check. Thank you!

Toys for Tots Box



Every year, U.S. Marines collect and distribute Christmas gifts to needy children through the Toys for Tots Program. To date, the marines have given over 500 million toys to 237 million children. If you'd like to help families in our community, just bring a new toy (unwrapped) to church during the month of November. A Toys for Tots Collection Box is in the Narthex. Together, we can make Christmas a little brighter for children in Butler.



Christmas Cookie Walk Saturday, December 9, 2017



Mark your calendars, find your favorite recipes, and warm up your ovens! Saint Andrews' Christmas Cookie Walk will be on Saturday, December 9, from 9:00 am to noon. We'll have a wonderful assortment of cookies for sale on tables in the Bethany Room. Each customer will be able to walk from table to table to select their own unique combination of holiday goodies.

For the event to be successful, we need your help! We're asking for volunteers to make cookies (lots and lots of cookies!) and volunteers for December 9, the day of the walk. We'll need helpers to put cookies in boxes for customers, restock trays, and help set up and clean up. We'll be setting up in the Bethany Room on Friday, December 8, from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Cookies can be dropped off then or on Saturday, December 9, from 8:00 am to 9:00 am.

If you can lend a hand, please sign up in the Narthex, see Kendra Mulneix, or call the church office (724-287-4777). And then spread the word so we have lots of customers!



Alternative Gift Fair

Attention all Christmas shoppers! Are you struggling to find the perfect gift for someone special? Are you looking for a unique present for someone who seems to have everything? Saint Andrews Youth Group has a great solution. Come to our Alternative Gift Fair at the Cookie Walk on Saturday, December 9th. We'll have all kinds of cool gifts that benefit those in need!

Hanging of the Greens November 26, 2017



Please plan on staying after worship on Sunday, November 26, for the annual "Hanging of the Greens." We'll decorate the church and then share a light lunch of pizza and pop. This is a great opportunity for fun and fellowship for the whole family as we "deck the halls" together!