

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

Gracious God, we have heard your call in the cries of your children—cries for bread, for justice, for comfort, for hope, for peace. Show us the way to be messengers of your good news. Use these offerings and our lives to strengthen your church and to heal our world. Amen.

The Church Goes Forth to Serve

***The Closing Hymn # 541** "Jesus Calls Us" *(Sing to the Lord)*

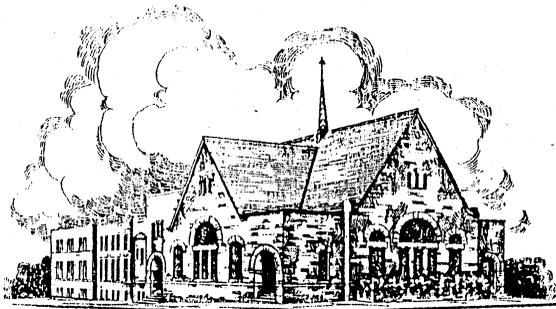
***The Benediction**

***The Postlude**

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**~Welcome to Saint Andrews~**

The Church Nursery is available for children through kindergarten age



**Saint Andrews United Presbyterian Church**

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# Saint Andrews United Presbyterian Church

September 3, 2017

22<sup>nd</sup> Second in Ordinary Time

10:30 AM

**The Church in Preparation**

**The Prelude**

The Lighting of the Candles  
Announcements  
Exchange of Greetings

Danielle Golden

**Introit #464**

"Joyful, Joyful"

*(Presby Hymnal)*

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee; God of glory, Lord of love;  
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee, Opening to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; Drive the gloom of doubt away;  
Giver of immortal gladness, Fill us with the light of day.

**The Call to Worship**

Travis Grossman

Leader: God meets us in the midst of our daily routines.  
**People: God speaks to us when we least expect it.**  
Leader: God is with us in all of life.  
**People: Let us open our hearts to God's presence.**  
Leader: Let us open our lives to God's transforming power.  
**All: Let us worship God.**

**The Opening Prayer** *(Responsively)*

Leader: God of surprises, when we think you are not present in our lives,  
you reveal yourself in the love of friends and family  
and nurture us in your never-ending affection.  
**Women: God of surprises, when we think you are not present  
in our community, you labor to make us of one heart  
and cause us to share gladly and generously.**  
**Men: God of surprises, when people think you are not present  
in our world, you bring hope out of despair  
and create growth out of difficulty.**  
**All: God of surprises, you are ever with us.  
When the days go by and our vision fades, keep surprising us.  
When our hope dims and our patience wears thin,  
keep coming to us.  
Teach us to keep our lamps lit and our hearts open,  
that we may see your loving presence among us. Amen.**

*(Francis Brienen, adapted)*

**\*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 people will rise in body or spirit

### **The Prayer of Confession**

Gracious God, we confess that we are not the people you call us to be. We fail in our love for you, forgetting your gracious acts. We fail in our love for one another, forsaking our neighbors’ needs. Forgive us and liberate us, Lord. Release us from the shackles of our sin and heal our brokenness so that we may worship and serve you fully and freely, through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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**

Exodus 3:1 - 15

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Matthew 16:21 - 28

N.T. Page 18

Leader: The word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God**

#### **The Anthem**

“Special Music”

#### **The Sermon**

Rev. Merry Meloy

#### **The Hymn #73**

“The God of Abraham Praise”

(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**

We give because God has given so generously to us. We give to feed the hungers of body and soul that are all around and deep within 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**

“Organ Offertory”

Chuck Davey

#### **\*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, September 3, 2017**

10:30 AM – Worship  
11:30 AM – Sunday Lunches (provided by Richard and Lori Love-Franke)

**Monday, September 4, 2017  
Labor Day  
Office Closed**

11:00 AM – Narcotics Anonymous

**Tuesday, September 5, 2017**

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

**Wednesday, September 6, 2017**

11:00 AM – Narcotics Anonymous  
5:00 PM – Community Dinner – Saint Andrews Manna Team  
6:30 PM – Admin Team  
8:00 PM – Narcotics Anonymous

**Thursday, September 7, 2017**

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

**Friday, September 8, 2017**

11:00 AM – Narcotics Anonymous

**Saturday, September 9, 2017**

6:00 PM – “Dinner with Friends” at Nonni’s

**Next Sunday, September 10, 2017**

9:15 AM – Rally Day Breakfast  
10:30 AM – Worship with Communion, Commissioning of Sunday School Teachers, and  
“Blessing of the Backpacks”

**Worship Leadership**

**Ushers:** Chuck King      Bob Gladd      Kristen Mowery      Shari Manos  
**Acolyte:** Danielle Golden  
**Liturgist:** Travis Grossman  
**Micro Message:** None  
**Flower Delivery:** Anzie Kelley  
**Open the Church:** Paul Perry  
**Close the Church :** Dale Hutchison

**Next Week:** Kevin Golden  
**Next Week:** Thalia McGrady  
**Next Week:** Susan Moon  
**Next Week:** Chuck King  
**Next Week:** Paul Perry  
**Next Week:** Thalia McGrady

**The Flowers** today are given by Dave and Carol Landis in honor of Chris and Gretchen’s anniversary.

**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 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month for everyone through 4<sup>th</sup> grade. It begins after the children’s message and runs through the end of worship. On the 1<sup>st</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> grade on those Sundays.

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***Communion Sunday September 10th***



*We will be celebrating the Lord's Supper during worship next Sunday September 10, 2017. Please join us!*



## MUSIC NEWS



After a summer break, the Chanticleer Ringers and Chancel Choir are starting up. Their first rehearsal will be on Thursday, September 7th. The handbell choir rehearses from 6:15 pm to 7:15 pm. The choir rehearses from 7:30 pm to 8:45 pm. Anyone and everyone is welcome!

## DINNER WITH FRIENDS



*"Dinner With Friends" will be gathering at Nonni's in Grove City at 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 9th. Please RSVP Susan Moon at 724-283-9448 if you would like to come. It's always a wonderful night out!*

## Rally Day

**Next Sunday September 10<sup>th</sup>**

**Starts at 9:15 am  
in the Memorial Room**

Sunday School is starting up!



Join us for a delicious breakfast next Sunday, September 10, at 9:15 am in the Memorial Room. During worship, we'll have a "Blessing of the Backpacks." Everyone who is going to school this fall (from preschool tots to college students and teachers) is invited to bring their backpacks and bookbags to receive a gift and special blessing. We'll also be commissioning our Sunday school teachers that morning. Bring a friend and come!



Happy Birthday



Belated:

August 31 Kyle Hawks  
September 2 Carol Landis  
September 2 Barb Durkacs  
September 2 Ashley Moon

September 3 Dan Mulneix  
September 3 Melinda Ripper  
September 5 Sharon Johnson  
September 9 Peggy Douthett

## A Note of Thanks

A special thank you to all our friends and members of Saint Andrews for all the cards, notes, prayers, food, and all. Things seem to be on the mend these days and we pray they are. Also to Pastor Merry for her visits and care. Saint Andrews is very special in caring for each other. So glad we are members.

Thank you and God bless you all,  
Patty and Bill Walters

## CureSearch Walk

Dear Friends,

Dave and I are committed to support research for children's cancer by participating in the 2017 Pittsburgh CureSearch Walk at Schenley Park. If you care to join us via donation, you have several options:

- 1) The internet source is: The 2017 Pittsburgh CureSearch Walk, Team-Benjamin's Brigade, Captain-Ella Pisani
- 2) I can submit cash or checks for you.

Please continue to keep children affected by cancer, and their families, in your prayers.

Sincerely, Peggy Pisani

## September First Sunday Mission Offering

Our First Sunday Mission Offering in September is used to support our sponsored child at the Indo-American Home for Children. Sabarish is 13 years old and is in 8th grade. He has one sister. She is in 7th grade and is also at the home. Their mother and father live in a nearby village.

Last year, Sabarish described the circumstances that brought them to the home. He writes,

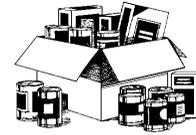
*Once my father worked as a carpenter. Our family was going on smoothly with my father's income. Then my father was affected by many wounds in his legs. So he couldn't do any work or move anywhere. My father took treatment in many hospitals. We spent more money but no recovery. We lost more money, even our house. My mother is a housewife. So we had no more income. In this situation, we heard about the Children's Home. Now we get food, shelter, and education with the help of our Dr. Sir and you. God bless you all abundantly.*

*With love and thanks,  
Sabarish.*

It costs \$360 a year to care for one child at the Indo-American Home for Children. If you would like to help sponsor Sabarish, just mark your check "Sponsored Child" or use a First Sunday Mission Offering Envelope from the pew racks. Thank you!



## Covenant Food Cupboard Donations



The Covenant Food Cupboard has closed. If you have food items you were planning on donating, please bring them to the church by next Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>. The Mission Team will make sure your gifts get to another local food cupboard. If you'd like to continue donating food, please prayerfully consider the Backpack Initiative. This vital ministry helps feed some of our youngest neighbors. Thank you!

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## 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 fall, 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!