

The Offertory Invitation

Like Mary's precious oil of nard, Christ poured out his life, conquering sin and death so that we might live. In humble gratitude and praise, we bring to the Lord our gifts, our tithes and offerings. As the offering plates are being passed, please sign and pass the Friendship Registers located at the end of your pews. Thank you!

The Offertory

"Organ Offertory"

Chuck Davey

The Congregation Sings in Response #657 (Glory to God)

"Sing to God, with Joy and Gladness"

Refrain:

Sing to God, with joy and gladness, hymns and psalms of gratitude;
with the voice of praise discover that to worship God is good.

God unites the scattered people, gathers those who wandered far,
Heals the hurt and broken spirits, tending every wound and scar.

(Sing Refrain)

God with clouds the sky has curtained, thus ensuring rain shall fall;
earth, responding, grows to order food for creatures great and small

(Sing Refrain)

*The Prayer of Dedication (In Unison)

Loving God, we dedicate these gifts and our lives to your service. Use us as vessels of your grace. Send us forth into the world, overflowing with your love, joy and mercy. Amen.

The Church Goes Forth to Serve

*The Closing Hymn #540 "Give of Your Best to the Master" *(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

April 7, 2019

5th Sunday in Lent

10:30 AM

The Church in Preparation

The Prelude

Welcome and Announcements
Exchange of Greetings

The Introit

"Sanctuary"

Chancel Choir

The Call to Worship

Susan Race

Leader: Those who sow with tears will reap with songs of joy.

**People: Those who go out weeping
will return home with shouts of gladness.**

Leader: Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea,
a path in the mighty waters.

People: Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old.

Leader: I am about to do a new thing: now it springs forth.
Do you not perceive it?

**People: God is making a way in the wilderness, a river in the desert.
Let the people of the Lord sing God's praise.**

All: Let us worship God!

The Opening Prayer (In Unison)

Holy Sustainer, you were in and with Jesus on his journey to Jerusalem, guiding his choices and strengthening his courage every step of the way. In this time of worship, be with us and strengthen us for our journeys. Teach us to recognize Christ in everyone we meet. Free us from our fears of scarcity, so that we may share from our abundance and be a blessing to those in hard places, through the grace of Christ. Amen.

*The Hymn #113

"We Have Come into His House"

(Sing to the Lord)

(Ushers will collect prayer requests. Please pass them to the center aisle.)

*The people will rise in body or spirit

The Prayer of Confession *(In Unison)*

Gracious God, we confess that we are not the people you call us to be. You call us to love each other but sometimes, we don't even see each other. You call us to reach out but instead we turn inward, focusing on our own priorities and agendas. Forgive us, Lord. Bridge the distance we've placed between ourselves and our neighbors. Give us the courage of Mary so we can respond to those in need, and pour out our all in service to you. 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

Isaiah 43: 16 – 21

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John 12: 1 – 8

N. T. Page 106

Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

The Anthem

"Was I Faithful?"

Chancel Choir

Micro Message

Dawn Grossman

The Congregation Sings in Response #201 *(Glory to God)*

"A Prophet–Woman Broke a Jar"

A prophet-woman broke a jar, by Love's divine appointing.
With rare perfume she filled the room, presiding and anointing.
A prophet-woman broke a jar, the sneers of scorn defying.
With rare perfume she filled the room, preparing Christ for dying.

The Spirit knows; the Spirit calls, by Love's divine ordaining,
the friends we need, to serve and lead, their powers and gifts unchaining.
The Spirit knows; the Spirit calls, from women, men, and children,
the friends we need, to serve and lead. Rejoice, and make them welcome!

The Sermon

"Holy Excess"

Rev. Merry Meloy

***The Hymn #239**

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

(Sing to the Lord)

The Church Responds

***The Affirmation of Faith** - The Brief Statement of Faith *(In Unison)*

In life and death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still. . . .

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. 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.

This Week at Saint Andrews United Presbyterian Church

Sunday, April 7, 2019
5th Sunday in Lent

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



Monday, April 8, 2019

12:00 PM – Narcotics Anonymous

Tuesday, April 9, 2019

12:00 PM – Narcotics Anonymous
7:30 PM – Worship & Outreach

Wednesday, April 10, 2019

10:00 AM – Property Team
12:00 PM – Narcotics Anonymous
5:00 PM – Community Dinner – Hill
5:15 PM – EDGE
7:00 PM – Community Lenten Service at St. Peter's Anglican Church
8:00 PM – Narcotics Anonymous

Thursday, April 11, 2019

12:00 PM – Narcotics Anonymous
6:15 PM – Canticle Ringers
7:30 PM – Chancel Choir

Friday, April 12, 2019

12:00 PM – Narcotics Anonymous

Saturday, April 13, 2019

Next Sunday, April 14, 2019
Palm Sunday

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



Worship Attendance for March 31, 2019: 38

Worship Leadership

Ushers: Travis Grossman Nate Grossman Karen Pressler Andrew Ripper
Liturgist: Susan Race **Next Week:** Esther Radvinski
Micro Message: Dawn Grossman **Next Week:** TBA
Flower Delivery: Stephanie Arienzo **Next Week:** Anzie Kelley
Open the Church: Paul Perry **Next Week:** Paul Perry
Close the Church: Jon McKay **Next Week:** Dan Mulneix

The Flowers today are given by Caroline Mahood in memory of Rex Mahood.

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

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

Midweek Lenten Service

Our final Community Lenten Service is this Wednesday, April 10th. Join us at 7:00 pm at St. Peter's Anglican Church (218 East Jefferson Street). The theme is "Radical Witness—Discipleship." Pastor Jim Neal will be preaching; Father Mark Brown will be presiding. After the service, we'll share refreshments and a time of fellowship. Bring some friends and come!

One Great Hour of Sharing Offering

We'll be receiving the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering on Easter Sunday, April 21st. OGH is the single, largest way that Presbyterians come together every year to work for a better world—to share God's love with our neighbors in need around the world by providing relief from natural disasters, food for the hungry, and support for the poor and oppressed. If we all do a little, it adds up to a lot!

All in the Family



The sympathy and resurrection faith of the congregation go out to the Gladd family. Bob died on Saturday, March 23, 2019. Please keep Bob's children Rob and Robin and their family in your prayers.



Happy Birthday

April 1 Nick Minich
April 2 Hope Radvinski
April 3 Rebecca King

A Note of Thanks

Dear Friends,

As we reach the anniversary of Bill's passing, we would like to thank everyone for your kindness, support, meals and many cards. You helped us through a very difficult time. You will never know how truly grateful we are for your thoughtfulness and friendship. We would also like to thank the Deacons, Susan Moon and the Bell Choir for playing "Because He Lives" in honor and memory of Bill. He would have loved it!

Sincerely,
Patty, Connie and family

Adult Ed Lenten Series



Some parts of the Bible are so familiar, we may think we already know the lessons they teach. But even the most well-known story can offer new insights when we explore a text together. This Lent, Rev. Fred Young is helping us see some of the most beloved passages of Scripture with fresh eyes. Come share your questions, puzzles, and aha moments as we listen to God's word together. We meet at 9:15 in the church library. There's a seat waiting for you!

Holy Week Worship Services

Maundy Thursday Service



We will be joining Hill and North and East Butler Presbyterian Churches for Maundy Thursday worship on April 18th. The service is at 7:30 pm at Hill and will include Communion. The Rev. N. Graham Standish will be our guest preacher. Rev. Standish is the Executive Director of the Samaritan Counseling Center of Western Pennsylvania. Before accepting that position, he was the Senior Pastor of Calvin Presbyterian Church in Zelienople. He has authored a number of books on spirituality and congregational transformation. Please join us as we remember Jesus' Last Supper and the final evening of his earthly life.

Good Friday Service



Our Community Good Friday Service will be at 12:00 pm on April 19 at Saint Andrews. Worship leadership and special music will be provided by Covenant, Hill, Mount Chestnut, North and East Butler, Saint Andrews and Trinity Presbyterian Churches. If you'd like to worship with us via the radio, just tune in to WBUT 1050 AM at noon for the live broadcast.

Sonrise Service



Everyone is invited to our annual Easter Sonrise Service at the Pleasant Valley Boat Launch on the South Shore of Moraine State Park. The service is at 6:30 am and will include Communion. Please bring a lawn chair and dress for the weather.

Easter Sunday Service



Come celebrate Jesus' resurrection and the gift of new life! Worship on Easter, April 21, is at 10:30 am. The service will include lots of special music, including the Chancel Choir, the Joy Ringers, and a Brass Ensemble.

April First Sunday Mission Offering

Saint Andrews' First Sunday Mission Offering in April will go to the McKee Memorial Fund to help support the work of Jim and Jodi McGill. A geological engineer, Jim is working with the Evangelical Church in the Republic of Niger (EERN) and the Presbyterian Church of South Sudan to provide clean water and sanitation to communities in rural Niger and South Sudan. Jim's wife Jodi is a nurse and public health educator. She is helping the EERN develop church-run health clinics and train students in its new nursing school.

Located south of Libya and west of Chad, Niger is one of the poorest countries in Africa. Fewer than 50% of its children are enrolled in school and its annual per capita GDP is around \$800. Farming is limited by frequent draughts and the country's vast desert regions are growing due to lack of rain, excessive cultivation, overgrazing and deforestation. While most Nigerians are Muslim, the government is secular and there is an openness to the gospel.

The circumstances in South Sudan are even more challenging. Though the region has abundant natural resources, decades of civil war have left the country's infrastructure in ruins and its people traumatized. In 2015, a fragile peace was established. A year later, new waves of violence erupted. The conflict has caused widespread famine and displaced more than 3 million people. The Presbyterian Church (USA) has been involved in Sudan for more than 100 years and has longstanding relationships with several partner churches there.

To help support the McGill's work, simply use the envelope marked "McKee Missions Offering" in the April section of the Saint Andrews giving envelope booklet, use a "First Sunday Mission Offering" envelope from the pew racks, or write "McKee Missions Offering" on the memo line of your check. Thank you!



Easter Lilies Order Form Easter Sunday, April 21, 2019

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 \$9.00 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 21, 2019.

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 **TODAY**, 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.

Giving Made Easier

Do you sometimes get behind in your giving?

Have you ever felt frustrated because you left your checkbook or offering envelope on your desk, in the car, on the kitchen table?

Do you ever wish that giving to the church was as easy as paying your gas or electric bill?

If so, you might want to set up a recurring automatic withdrawal from your checking account. It's easy to do and allows us to be more consistent, frustration-free stewards.

Automatic withdrawals can be arranged through your bank. All you need to do is:

Log onto your online checking account.

Set up an automatic withdrawal/transfer of funds. Most banks offer this service free of charge. Please confirm that your bank does not charge any fees before setting up the withdrawal.

You'll need to discern

How much is God calling you to give?

How often would you like to have your offering sent to the church (once a week, every other week, once a month)?

For how long—a few months when you are especially busy/away a lot or for the whole year?

Your bank will then mail Saint Andrews a check for the amount and at the times you've specified. You'll need to give your bank the church address:

Saint Andrews United Presbyterian Church

201 East Jefferson Street

Butler, PA 16001

724-287-4777

Your offering will be recorded and deposited by Saint Andrews after the check is received.

Questions?

Please call the church office or contact our Treasurer, Bill Douthett