

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

Loving God, we give thanks that you enable us to be givers as well as receivers. May what we offer here provide a helpful ministry to many. May what we offer to our families, friends, and co-workers throughout the coming week also be blessed as ministry. Amen.

**The Church Goes Forth to Serve**

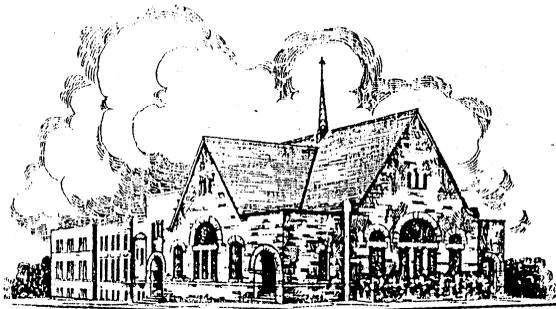
**\*The Closing Hymn #596** "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" *(Sing to the Lord)*

**\*The Benediction**

**\*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

August 20, 2017

11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

10:30 AM

**The Church in Preparation**

**The Prelude**

The Lighting of the Candles  
Announcements  
Exchange of Greetings

Lily Hawks

**Introit #459**

"Father, We Praise Thee"  
Father, we praise Thee, now the night is over;  
Active and watchful, stand we all before Thee;  
Singing, we offer prayer and meditation:  
Thus we adore Thee.

*(Presby Hymnal)*

**The Call to Worship**

Denise Hawks

Leader 1: O give thanks to the Lord,  
Call on God's name,  
Make known God's deeds among the peoples.  
Leader 2: Sing to the Lord,  
Sing praises to God;  
Tell of all God's wonderful works.  
**People: For the Lord guides us when we are lost,  
Lifts us when we fall,  
Loves us when we are unlovable.**  
**All: Let us worship the Lord  
Who seeks and who saves.**

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

Almighty God, you are the power behind all creation: behind the energy of the storm, behind the heat of the sun. All-knowing God, you are the power behind our minds: behind the ability to think and reason, behind our insight and understanding. Amazing God, you are the power behind the cross of Christ. Through the darkness and the death, you are there—indomitable, unconquerable love. Be with us as we worship you. Open our hearts so that we may sense your presence and fill us with your grace and love. Amen.

**\*The Opening Hymn #115** "Come, Christians, Join to Sing"

*(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, you love us and invite us into relationship but so often we do not respond. You call but we do not listen. You lead but we do not follow. Overwhelmed by the stormy chaos of the world around us, we turn our attention to other paths and other voices. Forgive us, Lord. Refocus our hearts and minds on your loving presence. Help us to hear what you are telling us. Grant us the courage to follow where you lead. 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

Genesis 37:1 – 4, 12 - 28  
Matthew 14:22 - 33

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Leader: The word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God**

### The Anthem

"Come Holy Spirit"  
Vocalists: Betty Judson and Bud Weckerly  
Pianist: Chuck Davey

### Micro Message

Thalia McGrady

### The Congregation Sings in Response #2013 "Bless the Lord"

Bless the Lord my soul  
And bless God's holy name.  
Bless the Lord my soul  
Who leads me into life.  
(Repeat)

### The Sermon

"Rough Seas"

Rev. Merry Meloy

### The Hymn #395

"Love Lifted Me"

(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 are stewards of all that God places in our hands – our time, our talents, our accumulated treasures, of life itself. Our offering is not just about giving gifts to fund the church's mission; it's about rededicating our very lives to Christ's service. Let us offer up to God the love of our hearts, the fruit of our labor, the whole of our lives

Please sign and pass the Friendship Registers located near the center aisle.  
Thank you!

### The Offertory

"TBA"

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, August 20, 2017**

10:30 AM – Worship  
11:30 AM – Nurture Team

**Monday, August 21, 2017**

11:00 AM – Narcotics Anonymous

**Tuesday, August 22, 2017**

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

**Wednesday, August 23, 2017**

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

**Thursday, August 24, 2017**

11:00 AM – Narcotics Anonymous

**Friday, August 25, 2017**

11:00 AM – Narcotics Anonymous

**Saturday, August 26, 2017**

**Next Sunday, August 27, 2017**

10:30 AM – Joint Worship and Summer Picnic at Alameda Park

Worship Attendance for August 13, 2017: 42

**Worship Leadership**

**Ushers:** Mary Lindenberg    Pat Bopp    Dale Hutchison    Scott O' Day

**Acolyte:** Lily Hawks

**Next Week:** None\*

**Liturgist:** Denise Hawks

**Next Week:** None\*

**Micro Message:** Thalia McGrady

**Next Week:** None\*

**Flower Delivery:** Barb Hutchison

**Next Week:** None\*

**Open the Church:** Paul Perry

**Next Week:** None\*

**Close the Church :** Thalia McGrady

**Next Week:** None\*

\*Next Sunday, we'll be at Alameda Park for "Worship without Walls". The service begins at 10:30 am. See you there!

**The Flowers** today are given by Dan and Kendra Mulneix in celebration of Liv's birthday.

**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.



**Happy Birthday**

August 22    John Ripper

August 24    Liv Mulneix

## **“Worship Without Walls” Sunday, August 27, at 10:30 am**

Come give thanks to the Lord in the beauty of God's creation!

Next Sunday morning, August 27, we'll be gathering with other local Presbyterian Churches for a joint worship service at Alameda Park. The service will take place at the Masonic Shelter (the large shelter beside the big purple playground).

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. All undesignated offerings will go to the United Way to help local flood victims here in Butler.

After worship, we'll have a giant church picnic. Our hosts, Hill UPC, will provide hot dogs, desserts, and drinks. We've been asked to bring salads and side dishes large enough to serve 10 people. Please include a card with the name of your dish and its ingredients so folks with food allergies know what's safe for them to eat.

The service begins at 10:30 am.  
Bring your friends and neighbors and come



## **August First Sunday Mission Offering**

Last fall, a Pennsylvania game warden contacted Catholic Charities' Butler County Outreach about a family who was found living in a tent in the woods. The family included a middle-age couple, their four adult children, and four grandchildren. The youngest was just 18 months old. The grandchildren believed they were on a camping trip. The grandmother was the sole provider. Her job was a five mile walk from where they were living.

The folks at Catholic Charities immediately went to work. They provided food, diapers, temporary housing, and case management. Through collaboration with the Butler Redevelopment Authority, they found the family a permanent home in the City of Butler. The family still lives in Butler and the grandmother now works nearby.

This August, Saint Andrews' First Sunday Mission Offering goes to Catholic Charities here in Butler. The office on New Castle Street is the first point of contact for homeless assistance in Butler County. The agency provides emergency shelter, rent and mortgage assistance to help prevent homelessness, and temporary housing through programs such as Safe Harbor. Catholic Charities also provides assistance with food, clothing, utilities, and life-skills training to help clients learn how to manage a household and prepare for employment.

Your gifts can help individuals and families get back on their feet. To make a donation, simply use one of the "First Sunday Mission" envelopes in the pew racks or put "Catholic Charities" on the memo line of your check. Thank you!





**Rally Day**  
**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 on 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!

***Communion Sunday September 10th***

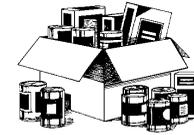
*We will be celebrating the Lord's Supper during worship on Sunday September 10, 2017. Please join us!*

**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!*

**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 the end of this month. 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!

**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!