

The Offertory

“Organ Offertory”

Chuck Davey

*The Congregation Sings in Response #53 “What Child Is This”

What Child is this, who, laid to rest, On Ma-ry’s lap is sleep-ing?
Whom an-gels greet with an-thems sweet While shep-herds watch are keep-ing?
This, this is Christ the King, Whom shep-herds guard and an-gels sing;
Haste, haste to bring Him laud, the Babe, the Son of Ma-ry!

So bring Him in-cense, gold, and myrrh; Come, one and all, to own Him.
The King of kings sal-va-tion brings; Let lov-ing hearts en-throne Him.
This, this is Christ the King, Whom shep-herds guard and an-gels sing;
Haste, haste to bring Him laud, the Babe, the Son of Ma-ry!

*The Prayer of Dedication *(In Unison)*

Loving God, we give you our best, knowing that you have given your best to us in the gift of your son, Jesus. May these offerings, and the witness of our lives, proclaim Christ in ways that will be received with joy. Amen.

The Church Goes Forth to Serve

*The Closing Hymn #34 “In Bethlehem a Babe Was Born” *(Presby Hymnal)*

*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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December 16, 2018

3rd Sunday in Advent

10:30 AM

The Church in Preparation

The Prelude

Welcome and Announcements
Exchange of Greetings

The Introit

“Come Let Us With Our Lord Arise”

Chancel Choir

The Lighting of the Advent Wreath: The Joy Candle

As we gather around the Advent wreath, we are reminded of Christ’s gift of joy—the joy of salvation, the joy of service, the joy of Christ’s abundant, everlasting love.

Jesus says, “As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.”

As we light the pink candle of joy, we give thanks for the abiding joy of Christ’s life and love.

The Congregation Sings in Response “The Candle of Joy”

(Sung to the tune of “O Worship the King, All Glorious Above”)

The candle of hope we light in this hour
Proclaims that the Lord is coming in power.
We wait for a future, now hidden from view,
When Christ in his glory will make all things new.

The candle of peace shines bright with God’s plan;
The wolf will lie down and dwell with the lamb.
Our guns and our weapons, our hatred and war,
Will give way to gardens that heal and restore.

The candle of joy reminds us to sing,
For God is at work to do a new thing.
The proud will be humbled; the lowly will rise.
God’s kingdom is one of delight and surprise.

The Call to Worship

Travis Grossman

Leader: Do not be afraid. The Lord is with you.

People: **God strengthens the weak and comforts the lonely;**

Leader: God looks with favor on the humble and lowly.

People: **Let us sing of God's steadfast love for all people.**

Leader: Let all the earth rejoice in Christ's coming!

The Opening Prayer *(In Unison)*

Loving God, thank you for this season and the joy that you offer in all seasons. Help us to look to you in seasons of gladness and lean on you in seasons of sorrow. Empower us to cultivate the joy that does not depend on earthly happiness but springs forth from the gift of your generous grace and loving heart. Amen.

***The Opening Hymn #2** "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" *(Presby Hymnal)*
(Ushers will collect prayer requests. Please pass them to the side aisles.)

*The people will rise in body or spirit

The Prayer of Confession *(In Unison)*

God of surprises, you call us by name but we don't always hear you. You beckon us to follow but we look away. We cannot believe that you would trust us to bear your Son into the world. We silently wish you would choose someone else. Forgive us, Lord. Help us to respond to your call with the courage and faith of Mary. Pour your Spirit into our hearts and our lives so that we may live for the sake of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior. 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

Luke 1: 26 - 38

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Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God**

The Anthem

"Nowell! Nowell! Nowell!"

Canticleer Ringers

The Meditation

Rev. Merry Meloy

The Hymn #27

"Gentle Mary Laid Her Child"

(Presby Hymnal)

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

In thanks for all God's gifts, and in response to the needs of so many of God's children, we now gather all that we have brought to share, praying that these resources will accomplish much good among us and far beyond our individual reach.

Let us bring before the Lord our gifts and offerings.

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

Thank you!

This Week at Saint Andrews United Presbyterian Church

Sunday, December 16, 2018
3rd Sunday in Advent

9:15 AM – Sunday School
10:30 AM – Worship
11:45 AM – McGrady / Payne Wedding

Monday, December 17, 2018

12:00 PM – Narcotics Anonymous

Tuesday, December 18, 2018

12:00 PM – Narcotics Anonymous
6:30 PM – Session

Wednesday, December 19, 2018

12:00 PM – Narcotics Anonymous
5:00 PM – Community Dinner – Meridian
5:15 PM – EDGE Music Rehearsal
8:00 PM – Narcotics Anonymous

Thursday, December 20, 2018

12:00 PM – Narcotics Anonymous
7:30 PM – Chancel Choir

Friday, December 21, 2018

12:00 PM – Narcotics Anonymous

Saturday, December 22, 2018

Next Sunday, December 23, 2018
4th Sunday in Advent

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

Worship Attendance for December 9, 2018: 60



Worship Leadership

Ushers: Dale Hutchison Ben Grossman Chuck King Pat Bopp
Liturgist: Travis Grossman **Next Week:** Kevin Moon
Micro Message: None **Next Week:** TBA
Flower Delivery: Sharon Johnson **Next Week:** Stephanie Arienzo
Open the Church: Paul Perry **Next Week:** Paul Perry
Close the Church: Bob Eamigh **Next Week:** John Ripper

The Flowers today are given in loving memory of Mary Payne and James McGrady by Homer and Thalia.

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.



You're Invited!

Please stay to help Homer and Thalia celebrate their new life together. Their wedding service begins at 11:45 am. A light reception will follow in the Memorial Room.



Join Us for Worship on Christmas Eve

Our Candlelight Christmas Eve Service begins at 7:00 pm on Monday, December 24th. Bring the family and come early! Special music begins at 6:30 pm.

If you are unable to attend the service in person, please join us electronically. We'll be streaming the service live on Facebook. To watch, log on to our website at www.standrewsupc.org. Scroll to the bottom of our homepage and click on the Facebook icon. (The top one of two icons located there.) This should take you to our Facebook page, where you can watch and listen to the service that evening or later in the week. The bulletin will also be posted on the website.

Please share this information with friends or family who may be interested. Thanks!

Office Holiday Schedule



The church office will be closed on Tuesday, December 25th, Wednesday, December 26th and Tuesday, January 1st. Pastor Merry will be visiting her mother for a few days after Christmas. While she is away, Rev. Mary Kitchen will be available in case of emergencies. If you have a pastoral care need or concern, please call Danielle at our church office or Rev. Kitchen at 412-266-0930.

Christmas Cookie Walk Thank You

A huge thank you to everyone who helped with this year's Christmas Cookie Walk! Over 270 dozen cookies were sold—almost the same total as last year. Those sales plus several generous donations brought our total earnings to more than \$1,600!

Special thanks to everyone who baked. We had an amazing variety of mouth-watering goodies! Thanks also to everyone who cheerfully served customers, restocked trays, and helped set up and clean up. The money you all helped raise will go to Saint Andrews' General Fund and the Scholarship Fund of Forman Christian College in Pakistan. Again, thank you!!



Birthdays This Week

December 16 Ansu Benjamin
December 18 Mary Lindenberg
December 19 Margy Tebay



A Note of Thanks

Last month, we sent a card to one of our former pastors, Dr. James Manor, in celebration of his 100th birthday. We sang three of his favorite hymns in worship that Sunday so we sent along a copy of the bulletin. Part of Dr. Manor's reply is shared below:

I thank you for sending me a copy of the order of worship, which I will share with both of my sons. I know they will appreciate it. Thank you also for all the signatures of familiar names [on the birthday card]. It was heart-warming to receive them!

My 100th birthday is now behind me. It is just as well because it wore me out with a party almost every night! The main event was the celebration on November 1 here in the Florida Presbyterian Homes where I live and where I have many friends. It could have been improved only by having my wife, Ann, here, but she died in January of 2013. Our two sons who grew up in Butler were here. Jim . . . lives in Brighton, England. He has recently retired as a professor at the University of London. Our younger son, Tim, has been an attorney in Orlando for many years, which is just a short distance from Lakeland. Both of them grew up in Butler, and in Saint Andrews. They have the warmest memories of the church and anything related to Butler!

Would you kindly express to the congregation my deep appreciation? May the Lord bless you and the people of Saint Andrews.



“For Emily”



Many of us have been praying for Emily Thomas Glaser and her family. Emily grew up at Saint Andrews and now lives outside of Cleveland with her husband Steve and their triplets. After dealing with serious health issues for a number of years, Emily is now at home with hospice services. Steve and her mother, Becky, are providing round-the-clock care and are stretched to the limit.

Even with health insurance, a serious illness brings unexpected expenses and financial costs. This can be especially challenging for a family with three young children at Christmas. We can help. For the past few weeks, we’ve been collecting donations for the Glaser Family. Today is the last day for donations. We want to send a check to the family in time for Christmas. Our hope is they will use the money for any needs—gifts for the kids, take-out meals, or hospice services that are not covered by insurance.

To contribute, just put “For Emily” on the memo line of your check. If you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to contact Pastor Merry. Please keep Emily and her entire family in your prayers during this very difficult time. Thank you!



New Flower Calendar for 2019



Would you like to donate the chancel flowers for one or more worship services? The Flower Calendar for 2019 is in the narthex. Please sign up for a Sunday or two. Don’t forget to tell us if the flowers are in honor or in memory of someone, or if they are to commemorate an important date. The flowers you donate are yours to take home after the worship service, or you may leave them and a Deacon will take them to one of our homebound members. The cost is \$40. Thank you!



12th Annual Chili Cook-Off

Join us for a Mid-Winter Warm Up
in the Bethany Room

Saturday, January 26, 2019
5 pm —7 pm



*Vote for your favorite chili made by
various local restaurants and chefs*

**Tickets are Now Available
\$7 Presale or \$10 At the Door**

Please note: Tickets must be paid for when purchased



Basket Auction



Great Fellowship



Bake Sale

*Benefits: Saint Andrews United Presbyterian Church
and Operation Spay Neuter of Butler County*



2019 Giving Envelopes Now Available

To save on postage, we are asking you to pick up your giving envelopes for the new year. They are displayed alphabetically on the pew in the narthex. Please be sure to use the new envelopes starting January 1, 2019. If you use 2018 envelopes in 2019, your giving could be credited to someone else’s account.

New Worship Helper Schedules



Our January through June 2019 schedules for worship helpers are now available. If you volunteer as a liturgist or usher, please pick up your copy. They’re on the table in the narthex.