

Saint Andrews United Presbyterian Church

December 2, 2018

1st 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 Hope Candle

Today is the beginning of Advent—a time of preparation and anticipation as we look back to the birth of Jesus and forward to his return in glory. The prophet Isaiah tells us, “For darkness shall cover the earth and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you and his glory will appear over you.” We light this candle to proclaim the coming of God’s light into the world. With this light, there is hope. For in Christ, God shows us that God’s grace is stronger than our sin, God’s goodness more powerful than evil, God’s love mightier than death itself.

The Congregation Sings in Response

“The Candle of Hope”

(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 Call to Worship

Jon McKay

Leader: Lift up your voices and shout with joy,
For the day of the Lord is coming!

**People: The wilderness shall be glad
And the desert shall bloom;**

Leader: The glory of the Lord shall be revealed
And all people shall see it together.

People: The Lord will come with might and with mercy.

Leader: He will feed his flock like a shepherd.

People: He will gather his lambs in his arms and carry them.

Leader: Take heart. Do not fear.
For our God comes!

*The Prayer of Dedication *(In Unison)*

Gracious God, with praise and thanksgiving for your many blessings, we dedicate these offerings and our lives to your service. Help us to be alert to the needs around us. Help us to be aware of those who live in fear and hopelessness. Show us ways to lift their burdens, Lord. Show us ways to help. Amen.

Communion Hymn #748 “Let Us Break Bread Together” *(Sing to the Lord)*

The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

The Invitation to the Lord’s Table

Communion Prayer

The Words of Institution

The Sharing of the Bread and the Cup

*(Please wait until all have been served
so that we may share the bread and cup together)*

Prayer

The Church Goes Forth to Serve

*The Closing Hymn #285 “When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder” *(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

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The Opening Prayer *(In Unison)*

Loving God, we thank you for the hope you offer in Jesus Christ. Help us to welcome our Savior with open hearts and willing spirits. Empower us reflect the light of your goodness. May our words and our deeds bring your hope and healing to our hurting world, through the grace of Christ. Amen.

***The Hymn #278** "Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending" *(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 *(In Unison)*

God who is with us, and God who is on the way, we confess that we do not wait and watch for you. Our energies and attention are focused on other things—on too-crowded schedules, on the demands of work and family, on fulfilling the desires of our often selfish hearts. Sometimes we forget that you are with us. Often, we forget that you will come again. Forgive us, Lord. Awaken us to your will and fit us for your coming, so that we may watch for you with confidence and hope, through the grace of Christ. 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

Jeremiah 33:14 – 16 O. T. Page 738
Luke 21:25 - 36 N. T. Page 85

Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

The Sermon

"Looking Both Ways" Rev. Merry Meloy

The Hymn #286

"View the Present Through the Promise" *(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

God has enriched our lives with blessings too numerous to count. God calls us to share those blessings in witness to Christ's boundless love and healing grace. Inspired by Christ's selfless generosity, let us bring to God our tithes and offerings.

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

Thank you!

The Offertory

"Star of Heaven, Child of God" Chancel Choir

***The Congregation Sings in Response** "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"

Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates,
Behold, the King of glory waits;
The King of kings is drawing near;
The Savior of the world is here!

Redeemer, come! I open wide
My heart to Thee; here, Lord, abide.
Let me Thy inner presence feel;
They grace and love in me reveal.

This Week at Saint Andrews United Presbyterian Church

Sunday, December 2, 2018
1st Sunday in Advent

9:15 AM – Sunday School
10:30 AM – Worship with Communion
12:00 PM – Sunday Lunches (provided by the Ripper Family)

Monday, December 3, 2018

12:00 PM – Narcotics Anonymous

Tuesday, December 4, 2018

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

Wednesday, December 5, 2018

12:00 PM – Narcotics Anonymous
5:00 PM – Community Dinner – Saint Andrews Manna Team
5:15 PM – EDGE
7:00 PM – Admin Team
8:00 PM – Narcotics Anonymous

Thursday, December 6, 2018

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

Friday, December 7, 2018

12:00 PM – Narcotics Anonymous
6:00 PM – Cookie Walk Set-Up

Saturday, December 8, 2018

8:00 AM – Cookie Walk Set-Up
9:00 AM – Christmas Cookie Walk

Next Sunday, December 9, 2018
2nd Sunday in Advent

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



Worship Attendance for November 25, 2018: 44



Worship Leadership

Ushers: Rick Kelley	Anzie Kelley	Mary Lindenberg	Scott O' Day
Liturgist: Jon McKay			Next Week: Dale Hutchison
Micro Message: TBA			Next Week: TBA
Flower Delivery: Barb Hutchison			Next Week: Kristen Mowery
Open the Church: Paul Perry			Next Week: Paul Perry
Close the Church: Jon McKay			Next Week: Dale Hutchison

The Flowers today are given by Dave and Bonnie Martin in memory of Isabell and Cliff Bacher.

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.



Happy Birthday

December 2	Olivia White
December 3	David Fleeger





Christmas Cookie Walk
This Saturday
December 8, 2018



Mark your calendars, find your favorite recipes, and warm up your ovens! Saint Andrews' Christmas Cookie Walk is this Saturday, December 8, from 9:00 am until we sell out. 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 8, 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 this Friday, December 7, from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Please plan on dropping off your cookies then.

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!

Pledge of Giving



It's not too late to hand in your pledge of giving for 2019. Just put it in the offering plate or mail it to the church office. If you lost your pledge card, there are extras in the Narthex. Thank you.

Hunters Sharing the Harvest

Hunters, would you be interested in donating all or part of this season's harvest to the Community Dinner Program here at Saint Andrews? It's easy to do. Simply take your deer to one of the processors listed below and mark Saint Andrews as the recipient. The venison will be ground, wrapped, frozen, and delivered. Please consider the "Hunters Sharing the Harvest" program as a way that we as sportsmen can help those in need in our community. Thank you!

Meat Processors:

Ron Rome—Herman	724-285-1236
Bim's Boloney—N. Washington	724-894-2569
McKruit's Meat Packing—Cabot	724-352-2988
T.A. Giger—Valencia	724-898-2244

Be sure to tell the processor to whom your venison should be donated.



"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 next three Sundays (December 2, 9, and 16), we'll be collecting donations for the Glaser Family. 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!



Poinsettia Order For Christmas 2018



If you would like to place a poinsettia in the sanctuary on Christmas Eve, please complete this order form and return it with payment to the church office (201 E. Jefferson St., Butler, PA 16001) no later than Wednesday, **December 12th**. It is important for us to have your information by this date so that we can include your poinsettias in our order and your information in the bulletin. Thank you! (Note: Poinsettias will be red, 6" pot).

The poinsettias you order are yours to take with you following the Christmas Eve worship service. The Deacons will take any poinsettias left after the service to our homebound members. Please note which option you prefer:

- I will be taking my Poinsettia(s) home.
- The Deacons may deliver my Poinsettia(s) to a Homebound Member

Number of Poinsettias _____ x \$8.50 per plant

Amount of payment \$ _____

For the Bulletin: Please print

Given in:

“memory” _____

“honor of” _____

“celebration, thanksgiving, appreciation, etc.” _____

“other” _____

Given by: _____

Phone: _____

Reminder: Payment must accompany order.

Veterans Day Concert Thank You

A huge thank you to everyone who helped make our Veterans Day Concert such a success! Thanks to the many, many people who helped plan the event, contacted potential sponsors, developed publicity, distributed posters, invited friends, moved furniture and sound equipment, helped with parking, and came to the concert. Thanks also to the small army of folks who turned out the weekend before the concert to cheerfully dust, scrub, vacuum and organize the sanctuary and entryways. We couldn't have done it without each and every one of you!

As you all know, the concert was to benefit the Veterans Dental Program at the Jean B. Purvis Community Health Center of Butler County. To date, we have raised over \$5,000 for the Health Center! Thanks to everyone who participated in the freewill offering and our many generous sponsors, more local veterans will receive much needed dental care.

The Health Center has not yet received our check but they sent the following note shortly after the concert:

On behalf of the Board of Directors, volunteers and staff, I want to thank you for the wonderful Veterans Day Concert. It was a magical afternoon.

The clinic appreciates the hard work that the committee did to make the afternoon a success. Please pass on our thanks to the entire committee for their generous commitment to make this event a reality.

Sincerely,
Kim Reamer, Executive Director

Thank You!