

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

Son of Mary, Son of God, we offer you our praise, our gifts, our hearts, and our lives. May our words lead others to worship at your manger. May our actions reflect the radiance of your love. Amen.

**The Church Goes Forth to Serve**

**\*The Closing Hymn** TBA *(Sing to the Lord)*

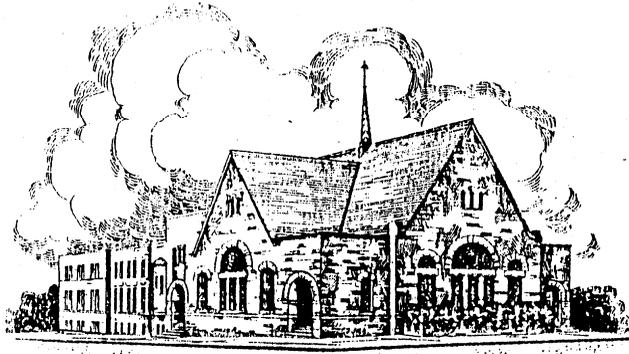
**\*The Benediction**

**\*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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Mon. – Thurs. 9:30 AM - 2:00 PM  
Office Closed on Fridays

**Saint Andrews United Presbyterian Church**

**December 30, 2018 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Christmas 10:30 AM**

**The Church in Preparation**

**The Prelude**

Welcome and Announcements  
Exchange of Greetings

**The Introit** TBA Chancel Choir

**The Call to Worship** Nicholas Ripper

Leader: Christ has come down from heaven.  
**People: Let us receive him!**  
Leader: Christ has been born.  
**People: Let us give him glory!**  
Leader: Let all the earth sing to the Lord!  
**People: Let all people praise him in joy!**

**Unison Prayer:**

Gracious God, we gather at the manger with wonder and joy. In Christ, you come to the world a vulnerable, helpless babe. Born to a common family, without wealth, privilege, or power, you enter into the joy and the suffering of all humanity. You laugh and weep with us; you suffer and ache for us. You reach out to us with a love that will not let us go. Empower us to reach back to you with open hearts and trusting spirits. Amen.

**\*The Opening Hymn #173** "Joy to the World" *(Sing to the Lord)*

(Ushers will collect prayer requests. Please pass them to the side aisles.)

\*The people will rise in body or spirit



**This Week at Saint Andrews United Presbyterian Church**

**Sunday, December 30, 2018**

10:30 AM – Worship

**Monday, December 31, 2018**

12:00 PM – Narcotics Anonymous

**Tuesday, January 1, 2019**

*Office Closed  
Happy New Year!*

12:00 PM – Narcotics Anonymous

**Wednesday, January 2, 2019**

12:00 PM – Narcotics Anonymous  
5:00 PM – Community Dinner – Saint Andrews Youth  
8:00 PM – Narcotics Anonymous

**Thursday, January 3, 2019**

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

**Friday, January 4, 2019**

12:00 PM – Narcotics Anonymous

**Saturday, January 5, 2019**

**Next Sunday, January 6, 2019**

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

Worship Attendance for December 23, 2018: 52

**Worship Leadership**

**Ushers:** Travis Grossman    Nate Grossman    Karen Pressler    Andrew Ripper  
**Liturgist:** Nicholas Ripper    **Next Week:** Susan Moon  
**Micro Message:** None    **Next Week:** TBA  
**Flower Delivery:** Alyssa Ripper    **Next Week:** Shari Manos  
**Open the Church:** Paul Perry    **Next Week:** Paul Perry  
**Close the Church:** John Ripper    **Next Week:** Susan Moon

**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 31    Dave Landis  
January 2    Mary Cotton

**Office Holiday Schedule**

The church office will be closed on Tuesday, January 1<sup>st</sup>. Happy New Year!

**Communion Next Sunday, January 6<sup>th</sup>**

We'll start the New Year by celebrating the Lord's Supper together next Sunday, January 6<sup>th</sup>. Please join us!



### 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 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!

### 12<sup>th</sup> 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*

## January First Sunday Mission Offering

Saint Andrews' First Sunday Mission Offering in January 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 January 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!

