

**The Offertory**

“Organ Offertory”

Chuck Davey

**\*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.

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

**Loving God, while we prepare and wait for Christ to appear, help us to live as his faithful disciples. May these offerings be used to proclaim the good news of your salvation. May these gifts provide comfort and hope to those who suffer. May our lives be instruments of your love and peace as we seek to share Christ’s grace with each other and everyone we meet. Amen.**

**The Church Goes Forth to Serve**

**\*The Closing Hymn #10** “On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry” *(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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**Saint Andrews United Presbyterian Church**

**December 9, 2018**

**2<sup>nd</sup> 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: Peace Candle**

We gather around the Advent wreath this morning knowing that we are not perfect. We all make mistakes; we all sin. That sin separates us from each other and from the God who loves us. So God sent Jesus into our world to break the chains of sin and death, and to open the way back to God. In Christ, we are reconciled to God and each other. In Christ’s forgiving, healing grace, we find peace. As we light the candle of peace, we give praise and thanks for Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace.

**The Congregation Sings in Response** “The Candle of Peace”  
*(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 Call to Worship**

Dale Hutchison

Leader: I am sending a messenger, says the Lord,  
**People: To prepare the way before me.**  
Leader: Even now, a voice is crying out:  
**People: Prepare the way of the Lord.**  
Leader: Let us worship God.



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

**Sunday, December 9, 2018**  
*2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Advent*

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

**Monday, December 10, 2018**

12:00 PM – Narcotics Anonymous

**Tuesday, December 11, 2018**

12:00 PM – Narcotics Anonymous

**Wednesday, December 12, 2018**  
**Deadline for Poinsettia Orders**

10:00 AM – Property Team  
12:00 PM – Narcotics Anonymous  
5:00 PM – Community Dinner – Hill  
5:15 PM – EDGE  
8:00 PM – Narcotics Anonymous



**Thursday, December 13, 2018**

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

**Friday, December 14, 2018**

12:00 PM – Narcotics Anonymous

**Saturday, December 15, 2018**

**Next Sunday, December 16, 2018**  
*3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Advent*

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

Worship Attendance for December 2, 2018: 48



**Worship Leadership**

**Ushers:** Susan Race      Don Eyth      Kristen Mowery      Shari Manos  
**Liturgist:** Dale Hutchison  
**Micro Message:** Pastor Merry  
**Flower Delivery:** Kristen Mowery  
**Open the Church:** Paul Perry  
**Close the Church:** Dale Hutchison

**Next Week:** Travis Grossman  
**Next Week:** TBA  
**Next Week:** Sharon Johnson  
**Next Week:** Paul Perry  
**Next Week:** Bob Eamigh

**The Flowers** today are given by the Mowery Family in memory of Theresa Nowakowski.

**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.



**Join Us for Worship on Christmas Eve**

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

**Estimate of Giving**

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



## Birthdays This Week

December 10 Ron Braun  
 December 10 Marian Cunningham  
 December 14 Charles Manos

## A Note of Thanks



Last month, we sent a card to one of our former pastors, Dr. James Manor, in celebration of his 100<sup>th</sup> 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 100<sup>th</sup> 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 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!



## 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!



# 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*



## 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.**