

***The Prayer of Dedication**

Gracious God, we are so grateful for your loving care. You are our support in times of need. You are the fount of all goodness, the source of life itself. With praise and thanksgiving for your many blessings, we dedicate these offerings and our lives to your service. Amen.

***The Communion Hymn #5** "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence" *Presby Hymnal*
(Verses 2 – 4)

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

The Invitation to the Lord's Table
Communion Prayer
The Words of Institution
Sharing of the Bread and 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

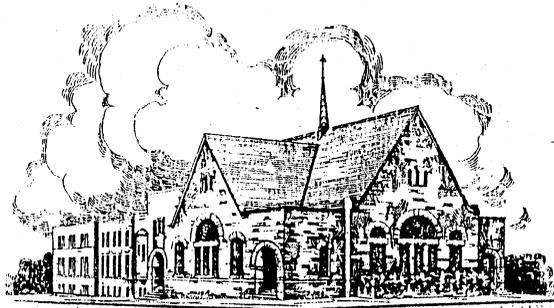
***The Closing Hymn #8** "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates" *(Presby Hymnal)*

***The Benediction**

***The Benediction Response** "Amen" Chancel Choir

***The Postlude**

~Welcome to Saint Andrews~



Saint Andrews United Presbyterian Church

December 1, 2019

1st Sunday of Advent

10:30 AM

The Church in Preparation

The Prelude

Welcome, Announcements, and Exchange of Greetings

Organist Chuck Davey

The Call to Worship

Jon McKay

Leader: Advent is a season of watching and waiting.
People: We wait for Christmas and the celebration of Christ's birth.
Leader: We wait for the day when Christ will come again
And God's reign will be complete,
**People: When swords are turned into plowshares,
And the ways of war are exchanged for the ways of peace.**
Leader: Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!
All: Come, let us worship God!

Introit

"Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah"

Chancel Choir

The Lighting of the Advent Wreath: The Hope Candle

Leader 1: In the midst of our dark, despairing world,
the light of Christ's grace continues to shine.
Leader 2: As we light the candle of hope, we look forward to that day
when Christ will come in glory and God's new creation will be complete.
Leader 1: The prophet Isaiah says,
In days to come, the mountain of the Lord's house
shall be established as the highest . . .
all the nations shall stream to it.
Leader 2: Many peoples shall come and say,
**All: "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,
To the house of the God of Jacob;
That he may teach us his ways
And that we may walk in his paths."**
Leader 1: For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,
And the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.
Leader 2: He shall judge between the nations,
And shall arbitrate for many peoples;
Leader 1: They shall beat their swords into plowshares,
And their spears into pruning hooks;
Leader 2: Nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
Neither shall they learn war any more.

The Opening Prayer *(In Unison)*

Faithful God, Christ taught us that he would return suddenly and unexpectedly. Empower us to wait with patient hope for the coming of your Son. Open our hearts and fill us with your Spirit. Grant that we may abide in Christ so that we may be found faithful when he comes. Amen.

***The Opening Hymn #9** "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" *(Presby Hymnal)*

(Ushers will collect prayer requests. Please pass them to the center aisle.)

*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 or 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

Matthew 24: 36 - 44
Leader: The word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God

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The Sermon

"Ready, Set, Wait!"

Rev. Merry Meloy

***The Hymn #360**

"Christ Is Coming"

(Please See Insert)

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 strengthened and sustained us in so many ways. God has given us abundant gifts to share. With joyful hearts and generous spirits, let us bring before the Lord our tithes and offerings. As the offering plates are being passed, please sign and pass the Friendship Registers located near the center aisle. Thank you!

The Offertory

"Lamb of God"

Chancel Choir

***Musical Response #5**

"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"

(Presby Hymnal)

Let all mortal flesh keep silence,
And with fear and trembling stand;
Ponder nothing earthly minded,
For with blessing in His hand,
Christ our God to earth descendeth,
Our full homage to demand.

This Week at Saint Andrews United Presbyterian Church

Sunday, December 1, 2019
1st Sunday of Advent

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

Monday, December 2, 2019

12:00 PM – Narcotics Anonymous

Tuesday, December 3, 2019

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

Wednesday, December 4, 2019

12:00 PM – Narcotics Anonymous
5:00 PM – Community Dinner – Saint Andrews Manna Team
5:15 PM – EDGE
5:45 PM – “The Redemption of Scrooge” Advent Dinner and Discussion
7:15 PM – Admin Team
8:00 PM – Narcotics Anonymous

Thursday, December 5, 2019

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

Friday, December 6, 2019

Saturday, December 7, 2019

Next Sunday, December 8, 2019
2nd Sunday of Advent

10:30 AM – Worship
7:00 PM – Blue Christmas Service at Hill

Worship Attendance for November 24, 2019: 52



Worship Leadership

Ushers: Rick Kelley	Anzie Kelley	Mary Lindenberg	Pat Bopp
Liturgist: Jon McKay			Next Week: Ben Grossman
Micro Message: None			Next Week: TBA
Flower Delivery: Kristen Mowery			Next Week: Jeanette Nestor
Open the Church: Paul Perry			Next Week: Paul Perry
Close the Church: Dan Mulneix			Next Week: Dawn Grossman

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.



Pledge of Giving



It’s not too late to hand in your pledge of giving for 2020. 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.

“The Redemption of Scrooge” Midweek Advent Study

Ebenezer Scrooge is a man in dire need of a second chance. Is redemption possible for such a mean and greedy character?



Join us this Advent as we explore Charles Dickens’ classic tale “A Christmas Carol.” From the ghosts of Christmas past, to the Life of the present and the resurrection of Christmas future, this study promises to “bless us every one” as we look at this familiar story through the lens of faith.

We’ll meet at 5:45 pm in the Memorial Room for a light meal and conversation on December 4, 11, and 18th. Please sign up in the Narthex or contact the Church Office if you can attend. Thanks!

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—Butler	724-822-1200
Bim’s Boloney—N. Washington	724-894-2569
McKruit’s Meat Packing—Cabot	724-352-2988
T.A. Giger—Valencia	724-898-2244
Bob’s Deer Processing-Prospect	724-865-2484

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

Blue Christmas Worship Service



Sunday, December 8th
at 7:00 pm
Hill United Presbyterian Church
501 2nd Street,
Butler



The holidays can be a time of great joy, but they can also be quite difficult for those facing grief, loss, or sadness. Whether we’re feeling individual sorrow or anguish over our broken world, it’s important to recognize our mixed emotions. The Butler area Presbyterian Churches are gathering together to share in a service that acknowledges our pain, giving thanks for God’s presence in our gladness and our distress. Please join us!



Christmas Cookie Walk
Saturday, December 14, 2019



Mark your calendars, find your favorite recipes, and warm up your ovens! Saint Andrews’ Christmas Cookie Walk will be on Saturday, December 14, 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 14, 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 on Friday, December 13, from 6:00 pm to 7:00 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!



Poinsettia Order For Christmas Eve 2019



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 Thursday, **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.