

***Musical Response #53** “What Child Is This” *(Presby Hymnal)*
What Child is this, who, laid to rest,
On Mary’s lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet
While shepherds watch are keeping?

Refrain:
This, this is Christ the King,
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
Haste, haste, to bring Him laud, the Babe, the Son of Mary!

So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh;
Come, on and all, to own Him.
The King of kings salvation brings;
Let loving hearts enthrone Him.

Refrain

***The Prayer of Dedication** *(In Unison)*
Ever-giving God, in this season of sharing, we offer ourselves to you with joy.
As you gave the wondrous gift of your child Jesus to teach and transform us,
so use our gifts of wealth, self, and service to help bring about your reign on
earth, through the grace of Christ. Amen.

The Church Goes Forth to Serve

***The Hymn #59** “While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks” *(Presby Hymnal)*

***The Benediction**

***The Benediction Response** “Amen” Chancel Choir

***The Postlude**

~Welcome to Saint Andrews~

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Saint Andrews United Presbyterian Church
December 15, 2019 **3rd Sunday of Advent** **10:30 AM**

The Church in Preparation

The Prelude Organist Chuck Davey
Welcome and Announcements
Exchange of Greetings

Introit “Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah” Chancel Choir

The Call to Worship Dale Hutchison

Leader: God calls us to come away.
Come away from the noisy distractions of our hectic world.

**People: Come away to watch and to wait.
Come away to listen.**

Leader: So we may hear what the Spirit is speaking to us.

People: So we may receive God’s message of great joy.

Leader: Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,

People: And he shall be called Emmanuel—“God is with us.”

The Lighting of the Advent Wreath: The Joy Candle

As we gather around the Advent wreath this morning, we light three candles: a purple candle in hope, a purple candle for peace, a pink candle in joy. To those who live as exiles from home, to those enslaved by others’ oppression, to those who are separated by sin from their best God-promised selves, the Lord speaks good news:

Leader 1: “Sing aloud, O daughter Zion;
Shout, O Israel!

Leader 2: Rejoice and exult with all your heart,
O daughter of Jerusalem!

Leader 1: The Lord has taken away the judgments against you,
He has turned away your enemies . . .

Leader 2: Do not fear, O Zion;
Do not let your hands grow weak.

Leader 1: The Lord, your God, is in your midst,

Leader 2: He will rejoice over you with gladness,

Leader 1: He will renew you in his love.”

(Portions of Zephaniah 3:14 – 17, adapted)

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 ease or material blessings but springs forth from an awareness of your loving presence and boundless grace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***The Opening Hymn #2** “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus” *(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)*

Gracious God, we confess that we are not always faithful disciples. You speak to us but we do not listen. You seek to lead us, but we do not follow your guidance. You walk beside us, but we do not recognize your presence. Forgive us, Lord. Tune our hearts and center our spirits so that we may recognize your presence and heed your call, 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

Portions of Genesis 1
Matthew 1:1 - 17
Leader: The word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God

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The Anthem

“On Christmas Day in the Morn”

Canticleer Ringers

Micro Message

The Congregation Sings in Response #90 “Wait for the Lord”

(Glory to God)

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.
Wait for the Lord; be strong; take heart!

(Repeat)

The Sermon

“Unexpected Leaves”

Rev. Merry Meloy

***The Hymn #48**

“Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming”

(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 in Jesus' name. Let us bring before the Lord our tithes and offerings.

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

The Offertory

“Organ Offertory”

Chuck Davey

This Week at Saint Andrews United Presbyterian Church

Sunday, December 15, 2019
3rd Sunday of Advent
Deadline to Order Poinsettias



10:30 AM – Worship

Monday, December 16, 2019

12:00 PM – Narcotics Anonymous

Tuesday, December 17, 2019

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

Wednesday, December 18, 2019

12:00 PM – Narcotics Anonymous
5:00 PM – Community Dinner – Meridian
5:15 PM – EDGE
5:45 PM – “The Redemption of Scrooge” Advent Dinner and Discussion
8:00 PM – Narcotics Anonymous

Thursday, December 19, 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 20, 2019

12:00 PM – Narcotics Anonymous

Saturday, December 21, 2019

Next Sunday, December 22, 2019
4th Sunday of Advent

9:30 AM – Brass Ensemble Rehearsal
10:30 AM – Worship
11:30 AM – Joy Ringers Rehearsal
12:00 PM – Chancel Choir Rehearsal



Worship Attendance for December 8, 2019: 47

Worship Leadership

Ushers: Nate Grossman Ben Grossman

Liturgist: Dale Hutchison

Micro Message: TBA

Flower Delivery: Pat Patterson

Open the Church: Paul Perry

Close the Church: Susan Moon

Chuck King Kyle Hawks

Next Week: Kevin Moon

Next Week: TBA

Next Week: Mary Ann Hazlett

Next Week: Paul Perry

Next Week: Bonnie Martin

The Flowers today are given by Sharon Johnson in honor of Thalia and Homer Payne.

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 Tuesday, 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!



Happy Birthday to:

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

“The Redemption of Scrooge” Midweek Advent Study



Our study of Charles Dickens’ classic tale “A Christmas Carol” concludes this Wednesday, Dec. 18th. Join us as we reflect on Scrooge’s journey from humbug to joy and the lessons it holds for us. We meet at 5:45 for dinner and conversation in the Memorial Room. See you there!



Joint Worship and “A Christmas Carol” Sunday, December 29, at 11:00 am at Covenant Presbyterian Church

On Sunday, December 29, Saint Andrews will be joining with Covenant for worship and a presentation of Charles Dickens’ “A Christmas Carol.” The service begins at 11:00 am at Covenant Presbyterian Church, 230 East Jefferson Street. After worship, we’ll have time to visit over pastries, cocoa, and mulled cider. Please plan on staying.

Parking is available in the lot on Jefferson Street across from Covenant. If you have mobility issues, feel free to park in the alley behind the church and use the ramp entrance. There’s an elevator to take you to the sanctuary on the second floor.

To make sure your gifts and offerings are received by Saint Andrews, just make out your check to Saint Andrews UPC or use one of the envelopes in your booklet of giving envelopes. Thank you!

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.



New Worship Helper Schedules

Our January through June 2020 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.

2020 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, 2020. If you use 2019 envelopes in 2020, your giving could be credited to someone else’s account.



New Flower Calendar for 2020

Would you like to donate the chancel flowers for one or more worship services? The Flower Calendar for 2020 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!





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) **today**. It is important for us to have your information 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.



13th Annual Chili Cook-Off

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



**Saturday, January 25, 2020
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*

Advent Morning Prayer Services



Tuesday at 11:00 am

December 17

at Covenant Presbyterian Church
Winters Chapel (Room 203)

*Join us for a time of prayer, music,
and reflection during the Advent season.*

For more information:

724-287-7731 www.covenantbutler.org