

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.

A Minute for Stewardship

The Church Goes Forth to Serve

The Closing Hymn #724 "O Jesus, I Have Promised" *(Glory to God)*

O Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end;
be thou forever near me, my Master and my friend;
I shall not fear the battle if thou art by my side,
nor wander from the pathway if thou wilt be my guide.

O let me feel thee near me! The world is ever near:
I see the sights that dazzle; the tempting sounds I hear.
My foes are ever near me, around me and within;
but, Jesus, draw thou nearer and shield my soul from sin.

O let me hear thee speaking in accents clear and still,
above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self-will;
O speak to reassure me, to hasten or control;
O speak, and make me listen, thou guardian of my soul.

O Jesus, thou hast promised to all who follow thee
that where thou art in glory there shall thy servant be.
And, Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end;
O give me grace to follow, my Master and my friend.

The Benediction and the Postlude

Saint Andrews United Presbyterian Church

January 17, 2021

2nd Sunday after Epiphany

10:30 AM

The Church in Preparation

The Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

The Introit and Time of Centering #468 "In My Life" *(Glory to God)*

In my life, Lord, be glorified; be glorified.
In my life, Lord, be glorified today.

In your church, Lord, be glorified; be glorified.
In your church, Lord, be glorified today.

In your world, Lord, be glorified; be glorified.
In your world, Lord, be glorified today.

The Call to Worship

Leader 1: Come with joy before the Lord.

Leader 2: God sees us and calls us.
God longs to live in relationship with us.

Leader 1: Come in prayer before the Lord.

Leader 2: God knows the burdens of our hearts:
our fears, our worries, our sorrow, our sin.

Leader 1: Come with hope before the Lord.

Leader 2: In Christ, God shows us the power of God's grace and forgiveness.

Leader 1: Come in trust before the Lord.

Leader 2: Know in the depths of your being
that God loves you—absolutely and completely!

Leader 1: Let us worship God!

The Opening Prayer *(In Unison)*

Loving God, we come to you this morning in different places and different circumstances, drawn together by the power of your love and the persistence of your call. Some of us are stretched thin by the demands of each day. We long for peace, stillness, and the space to just be. Some of us have too much quiet. We long for conversation, connection, and the assurance that we are needed. Lord, in this time together, draw us close to you and to one another. By your grace, knit together our broken pieces and places so that we may live to your glory and love as you love. Amen.

The Opening Hymn #634 “To God Be the Glory” *(Glory to God)*

To God be the glory; great things he has done!
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
 who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
 and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

Refrain:

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the people rejoice!
 O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
 and give him the glory: great things he has done!

Great things he has taught us; great things he has done,
 and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
 but purer and higher and greater will be
 our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.

Refrain

The Prayer of Confession *(In Unison)*

Loving God, we confess that we are not the disciples you call us to be. You ask us to follow you but we are afraid to move. You invite us into a future filled with possibility but we cling to the patterns of the past. Forgive us, Lord. Grant us the courage to trust your call and to follow where you lead. Empower us to share your grace and love, through Jesus our Lord. Amen.

A Time of Silent Confession and Assurance of Pardon

Musical 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

Scripture Readings

1 Samuel 3: 1 – 10

John 1: 43 – 51

Leader: The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God

Special Music

“The Quiet Heart”

Vocalist: Deanna Golden

Piano: Melinda Ripper

The Micro Message

Musical Response #720 “Jesus Calls Us” *(Glory to God)*

Jesus calls us: o'er the tumult of our life's wild, restless sea;
day by day his sweet voice soundeth saying, “Christian, follow me.”

Jesus calls us from the worship of the vain world's golden store,
from each idol that would keep us, saying, “Christian, love me more.”

In our joys and in our sorrows, days of toil and hours of ease,
still he calls, in cares and pleasures, “Christian, love me more than these.”

Jesus calls us: by thy mercies, Savior, may we hear thy call,
give our hearts to thine obedience, serve and love thee best of all.

The Sermon

Rev. Merry Meloy

The Hymn #726 “Will You Come and Follow Me” *(Glory to God)*

“Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?”

“Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?”

“Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?”

“Will you love the ‘you’ you hide if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?”

Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.



Happy Birthday

January 22
January 23

Patty Walters
Chuck King



Remembrance Sunday

Our annual Service of Remembrance will be held during worship on Sunday, January 24, 2021. If you would like to have a rose placed in memory of a loved one who died in 2020, please contact the church office by Tuesday, January 19, so we can include their name in the bulletin. Thank you!

Donations Welcome

The Indoor Yard Sale Team is now accepting certain donations. The list includes:

- Small Furniture such as recliners, desk chairs, children's furniture, twin headboards, small shelves, end-tables, etc.
- Small Appliances such as mixers, air fryers, microwaves, sweepers, waffle makers, etc.
- Clean Area Rugs
- Linens
- Clean Bed Spreads
- Outdoor Furniture
- Home Décor—Steeler items and patriotic items sell well.

They cannot accept clothing right now.

If you have items to donate, please contact Anzie Kelley to coordinate a time to drop them off at the church. Like sales, donations are being made by appointment only. Thanks so much for your contributions and your ongoing support!

Announcements

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1 Samuel 3: 1 - 10

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

² At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; ³ the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. ⁴ Then the LORD called, "Samuel! Samuel!"^[a] and he said, "Here I am!" ⁵ and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. ⁶ The LORD called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." ⁷ Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. ⁸ The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. ⁹ Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

¹⁰ Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening." ¹¹ Then the LORD said to Samuel, "See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make both ears of anyone who hears of it tingle. ¹² On that day I will fulfill against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. ¹³ For I have told him that I am about to punish his house forever, for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God,^[b] and he did not restrain them. ¹⁴ Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be expiated by sacrifice or offering forever."

¹⁵ Samuel lay there until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the LORD. Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. ¹⁶ But Eli called Samuel and said, "Samuel, my son." He said, "Here I am." ¹⁷ Eli said, "What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also, if you hide anything from me of all that he told you." ¹⁸ So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. Then he said, "It is the LORD; let him do what seems good to him."

¹⁹ As Samuel grew up, the LORD was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. ²⁰ And all Israel from Dan to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was a trustworthy prophet of the LORD.

John 1: 43 – 51

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me."

⁴⁴ Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. ⁴⁵ Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth."

⁴⁶ Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?"

Philip said to him, "Come and see."

⁴⁷ When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!"

⁴⁸ Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?"

Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you."

⁴⁹ Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!"

⁵⁰ Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." ⁵¹ And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you,^[a] you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

All in the Family

The sympathy and resurrection faith of the congregation go out to:



The Pisani family. Peggy's brother, James Buzzard, died on December 26, 2020 in Reading, PA.

Tim and Maggie Mullen. Maggie's mother, Marguerite Rawlings Supler, died on January 6, 2021 in Virginia.

Gladys Beaver's family. Gladys died on January 12, 2021 at Concordia.