

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

O God, accept our offerings, and use us to bring life and health and hope to your world. Make us generous and faithful stewards of your mysteries, doing your will and proclaiming your word; through Christ we pray. Amen.

**The Church Goes Forth to Serve**

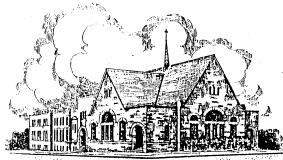
**\*The Closing Hymn #392** "Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord" *(Sing to the Lord)*

**\*The Benediction**

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

**\*The Postlude** ~ ~ ~ ~ ~

~Welcome to Saint Andrews~



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# Saint Andrews United Presbyterian Church

March 15, 2020

3<sup>d</sup> Sunday in Lent

10:30 AM

**The Church in Preparation**

**The Prelude** Organist Chuck Davey  
Welcome and Announcements  
Exchange of Greetings

***Out of love for those of us who are elderly or have underlying health issues, please refrain from shaking hands or sharing hugs. Thank you!***

**The Introit** "O Mighty Cross" Chancel Choir

**The Call to Worship** Kevin Moon

Leader: Welcome to this sacred space:  
**People: House of prayer for many people;  
Home to all who come.**  
Leader: Welcome to this gathering place:  
**People: For friend and stranger,  
Saint and sinner,  
House of God to all who gather here.**  
Leader: Come with hope or hesitation;  
Come with joy and yearning;  
All who hunger,  
All who thirst for life in all its fullness.  
**People: Let us worship God!**

**The Opening Prayer**  
**Bless us, O God,  
With a reverent sense of your presence,  
That we may be at peace  
And may worship you with all our mind and spirit;  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**\*The Opening Hymn #455** "All Creatures of Our God and King" *(Sing to the Lord)*

(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)*

**Awesome and compassionate God, you have loved us with unfailing, self-giving mercy, but we have not loved you. You constantly call us, but we do not listen. You ask us to love, but we walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped in our own concerns. We condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed. God of grace, as you come to us in mercy, we repent in spirit and in truth, admit our sin, and gratefully receive your forgiveness through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. Amen.**

### **A Time of Silent Confession**

#### **The Assurance of Pardon**

Leader: God's covenant with us is everlasting;  
God's steadfast love is forever;  
God's forgiveness makes us new and whole.  
Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:  
People: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

#### **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 Readings**

Philippians 4: 4 - 9

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Luke 11: 1 - 13

N.T. Page 72

Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

#### **The Anthem**

"Goin' Home"

Joy Ringers

#### **The Sermon**

"Father, Can You Hear Me?"

Brian Graff

#### **\*The Hymn #403**

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

*(Sing to the Lord)*

### **The Church Responds**

#### **\*The Affirmation of Faith**—*from the Iona Abbey Worship Book*

**We believe in God above us: maker and sustainer of all life, of sun and moon, of water and earth, of all creatures, great and small.**

**We believe in God beside us: Jesus Christ, the word made flesh, born of a woman, servant of the poor, tortured and nailed to a tree. A man of sorrows, he died forsaken. He descended into the earth to the place of death. On the third day he rose from the tomb. He ascended into heaven to be everywhere present. And his kingdom will come on earth.**

**We believe in God within us: the Holy Spirit of new life and deep love, life-giving breath of the church, spirit of healing and forgiveness, source of resurrection and eternal life. 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**

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it. In gratitude for God's steadfast love and care, 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

#### **\*The Congregation Sings in Response** #375 (PH) "Lord of All Good"

Lord of all good, our gifts we bring to You;  
Use them Your holy purpose to fulfill;  
Tokens of love and pledges brought anew,  
That our whole life is offered to Your will.

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

**Sunday, March 15, 2020**  
*3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent*

9:15 AM – Sunday School  
10:30 AM – Worship  
11:30 AM – Congregational Luncheon



**Monday, March 16, 2020**

12:00 PM – Narcotics Anonymous  
7:30 PM – BAP (Butler Area Presbyterians) Meeting at Covenant

**Tuesday, March 17, 2020**

12:00 PM – Narcotics Anonymous  
6:30 PM – Joint Board of Deacons and Session Meeting

**Wednesday, March 18, 2020**

12:00 PM – Narcotics Anonymous  
5:00 PM – Community Dinner (Meridian)  
5:45 PM – EDGE  
7:00 PM – Midweek Lenten Service at Saint Mark's Lutheran Church  
8:00 PM – Narcotics Anonymous

**Thursday, March 19, 2020**

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

**Friday, March 20, 2020**

12:00 PM – Narcotics Anonymous

**Saturday, March 21, 2020**

**Next Sunday, March 22, 2020**  
*4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent*

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

Worship Attendance for March 8, 2020: 51



**Worship Leadership**

**Ushers:** Dave Landis      Scott O' Day      Mary Ann Hazlett      Scott Hazlett  
**Liturgist:** Kevin Moon      **Next Week:** Lily Hawks  
**Micro Message:** TBA      **Next Week:** TBA  
**Flower Delivery:** Mary Ann Hazlett      **Next Week:** Pat Patterson  
**Open the Church:** Paul Perry      **Next Week:** Paul Perry  
**Close the Church:** Esther Radvinski      **Next Week:** Dan Mulneix

**The Flowers** today are given by Dave Landis in memory of Carol Landis.

**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.

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**Welcome Brian Graff**

A warm welcome to Brian Graff who is helping to lead us in worship this morning! Pastor Merry is recovering from a bad case of strep throat. Brian is an Elder at Covenant Presbyterian Church and has completed the Commissioned Lay Pastor Training at The University of Dubuque Theological Seminary in Iowa.



## All in the Family



*The sympathy and resurrection faith of the congregation go out to the Haughey Family. Lori's mother, Cleo Baxter, died on Thursday, March 5, 2020.*

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**Happy Birthday to:**  
March 16 Jim Judson  
March 21 Kyle Golden

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## St. Patrick's Day Lunch Today



**You're invited to a St. Patrick's Day Lunch  
in the Memorial Room after worship**

*A bit of malarkey, lots of great cheer  
We're having a luncheon, and we want you there!*

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## Joint Session and Board of Deacons Meeting

Our annual joint meeting of Session and the Board of Deacons will be this Tuesday, March 17, at 6:30 in the Memorial Room. See you there!



## Adult Ed Series

Some parts of the Bible are so familiar, we may think we already know the lessons they teach. But even the most well-known story can offer new insights when we explore a text together. This Lent, Rev. Fred Young will help us see some of the most beloved passages of Scripture with fresh eyes. Come share your questions, puzzles, and aha moments as we listen to God's word together. The series will run through Palm Sunday. We meet at 9:15 in the church library. Please join us!

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## First Sunday Mission Offering



Our First Sunday Mission Offering in March will benefit the Butler County Relief Initiative. BERI's mission is to complement existing agencies in meeting the essential needs of Butler County residents whose lives have been affected by a significant emergency. BERI works with the United Way and the Center for Community Resources to address the heating and utility needs of low-income residents. Together, these agencies help clients become more self-sufficient and financially stable.

To help support BERI, simply place your donation in a "First Sunday Mission Offering" envelope from your booklet of giving envelopes or the pew racks, or write "BERI" on the memo line of your check. Thank you!

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## Per Capita is Due

Per Capita is an allotment that Saint Andrews owes the Beaver-Butler Presbytery for each active member on our rolls. This money is used at the Presbytery, Synod, and General Assembly levels to pay operating expenses—salaries, utilities, supplies, etc. This year, the rate is \$41.00 per member. If you wish to pay your portion of our per capita, you may use the envelope marked "Denominational Apportionment 2020." You may also simply mark "per capita" on the memo line of a check made out to Saint Andrews. Thank you.

## Midweek Lenten Services

This Lent, Saint Andrews is joining with a number of downtown churches for a series of midweek worship services. The theme of the services is “A Lenten Discipline.” Each Wednesday, at 7:00 pm, we will worship at a different church. After the service, we’ll share refreshments and a time of fellowship. A schedule of worship locations and worship leaders is below. Bring some friends and come!

### Wednesday, March 18

*“Fasting”*

7:00 pm at St. Mark’s Lutheran Church  
201 West Jefferson Street  
Presiding: Pastor James F. Neal  
Preaching: Father Kevin Fazio

### Wednesday, March 25

*“Alms Giving”*

7:00 pm at Covenant Presbyterian Church  
230 East Jefferson Street  
Presiding: Pastors John Silbert & Merry Meloy  
Preaching: Father David Hicks

### Wednesday, April 1

*“Reconciliation”*

7:00 pm at St. Peter’s Anglican Church  
218 East Jefferson Street  
Presiding: Father David Hicks  
Preaching: Pastor David Janz



## Easter Lilies Order Form Easter Sunday, April 12, 2020

These flowers will be placed in the sanctuary for the celebration of Easter and may be removed from the church by the donor following the worship service.

Number of Lilies \_\_\_\_\_  
X \$9.00 each

Total payment included \_\_\_\_\_

I will take my flower (s) with me after the service - YES or NO (please circle one)

For the bulletin insert on Easter Sunday, April 12, 2020.

Given:

In memory of \_\_\_\_\_

In honor of \_\_\_\_\_

In celebration of..., in thanksgiving for..., in appreciation of..., or whatever you wish:

Given by: \_\_\_\_\_

Please complete this order form and place it, with your payment, in the offering plate or mail it to the Church Office, 201 E. Jefferson Street, Butler PA 16001 no later than **Sunday, March 22**, so that we can include your information in the bulletin on Easter Sunday. Make checks payable to Saint Andrews U.P. Church with “Lilies” on the memo line. Thank you for your cooperation.