

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

Merciful God, accept this offering of your people. Remember in your love those who brought it and those who will receive it; and so follow these gifts with your blessing that they may advance the kingdom of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

**The Church Goes Forth to Serve**

**\*The Closing Hymn #262** "He Lives" *(Sing to the Lord)*

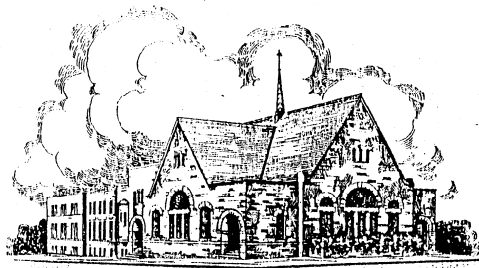
**\*The Benediction**

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

**\*The Postlude**

~Welcome to Saint Andrews~

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# Saint Andrews United Presbyterian Church

May 12, 2019

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

10:30 AM

**The Church in Preparation**

**The Prelude**

Welcome and Announcements  
Exchange of Greetings

**The Introit**

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

Chancel Choir

**The Call to Worship**

Carol Israel

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

**People: Worship the Lord with gladness;  
Come into God's presence with singing.**

Leader: Know that the Lord is God.  
It is he that made us, and we are his;

**People: We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.**

Leader: Enter his gates with thanksgiving,  
and his courts with praise.

**People: Give thanks to him, bless his name.**

Leader: For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever,

**People: And his faithfulness to all generations.**

(Psalm 100)

**The Opening Prayer** *(In Unison)*

God of grace, you have given us minds to know you, hearts to love you, and voices to sing your praise. Fill us with your Spirit, that we may celebrate your glory and worship you in spirit and in truth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**\*The Opening Hymn #272** "Crown Him with Many Crowns" *(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)*

Loving God, we confess that we resist the new life your offer us. Change frightens us. So we cling to the familiar and revere the status quo, even when it leads us to stagnation and death. Forgive us, Lord. Grant us the courage to embrace the life for which we have been created. Give us the faith to follow you. 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** Acts 9: 1 - 19 N.T. Page 127  
Leader: The word of the Lord.  
People: **Thanks be to God.**

**The Anthem** "For Where Love Is, There Is God" Chancel Choir

**Micro Message** Dawn Grossman

### **The Congregation Sings in Response** "For the Fruit of All Creation"

For the fruit of all creation, Thanks be to God.  
For His gifts to ev'ry nation, Thanks be to God.  
For the plowing, sowing, reaping, Silent growth while we are sleeping,  
Future needs in earth's safe-keeping, Thanks be to God.

**The Sermon** "God's Detour" Rev. Merry Meloy

**\*The Hymn #85** "Amazing Grace" *(Sing to the Lord)*

### **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 called us to a ministry of service: water for the thirsty, comfort to those who grieve, healing for those in pain, acceptance for persons who have not accepted themselves. This is the time to offer our time and strength as well as money, that God's will may be realized among us.

As the offering plates are being passed, please sign and pass the Friendship Registers located at the end of your pews. Thank you!

**The Offertory** "Organ Offertory" Chuck Davey

### **\*The Congregation Sings in Response** #6 "Praise God,..."

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise Him, all creatures here below. Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

**Sunday, May 12, 2019**  
*4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter*

10:30 AM – Worship

**Monday, May 13, 2019**

12:00 PM – Narcotics Anonymous  
7:00 PM – Speaker on Science and Religion at Covenant

**Tuesday, May 14, 2019**

12:00 PM – Narcotics Anonymous

**Wednesday, May 15, 2019**

12:00 PM – Narcotics Anonymous  
5:00 PM – Community Dinner – Meridian  
8:00 PM – Narcotics Anonymous

**Thursday, May 16, 2019**

12:00 PM – Narcotics Anonymous  
7:30 PM – Chancel Choir

**Friday, May 17, 2019**

12:00 PM – Narcotics Anonymous

**Saturday, May 18, 2019**

9:30 AM – 11:30 AM – EDGE

**Next Sunday, May 19, 2019**  
*5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter*

9:15 AM – Sunday School  
10:30 AM – Worship  
11:30 AM – Congregational Meeting  
6:30 PM – Bible Study

Worship Attendance for May 5, 2019: 46



**Worship Leadership**

**Ushers:** Volunteer Needed    Volunteer Needed    Scott Hazlett    Mary Ann Hazlett  
**Liturgist:** Carol Israel    **Next Week:** Nate Grossman  
**Micro Message:** Dawn Grossman    **Next Week:** TBA  
**Flower Delivery:** Melinda Ripper    **Next Week:** Donna O' Day  
**Open the Church:** Paul Perry    **Next Week:** Paul Perry  
**Close the Church:** Bob Eamigh    **Next Week:** Dawn Grossman

**The Flowers** today are given by Bonnie Martin in memory of Isabell and Cliff Bacher.

**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



**Happy Birthday:**

May 13    David Martin  
May 17    Becky Thomas

**Congregational Meeting**



**Congregational Meeting Next Sunday**

We will hold a brief Congregational Meeting to elect new officers next Sunday, May 19, immediately after worship. Mary Ann Hazlett and Donna O'Day have been nominated to serve as Deacons. Dawn Grossman, Bonnie Martin and Esther Radvinski have been nominated to serve as Elders. Please plan on attending.

## “These Days” Now Available

Copies of the most recent edition of *“These Days: Daily Devotions for Living by Faith”* are in the Narthex. Please feel free to take one for your family and one to share with a neighbor or friend.

## Series on Christian Character



Faith, compassion, humility, a servant’s heart—these are just some of the qualities God desires for every Christian. We long for the light of Christ’s character to shine through our own. Join us this spring as we take a closer look at Christian character— what it is and how God nurtures these qualities in our own lives. We gather at 9:15 in the Church Library. The study will run through the end of May. Come learn more about how to be the person God wants you to be!

## Evening Bible Study Starts Sunday, May 19th

“Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.”

Paul wrote these words while he was in prison to a church that was struggling. Despite these circumstances, his letter to the Philippians resounds with a sense of joy, peace, and confidence in the Lord. What can Paul teach us as we face our own challenges?

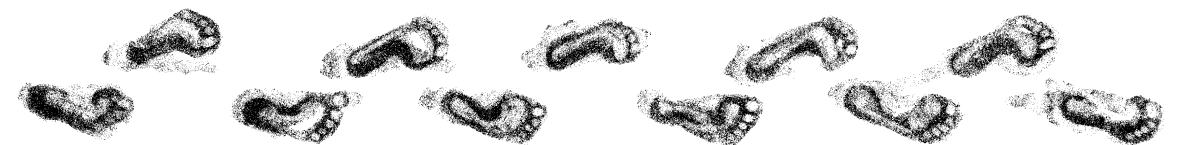
Join us this spring for a Sunday evening Bible study on Philippians. We’ll meet in the Church Library at 6:30 pm. The study begins on May 19 and will run through the end of June. We will not meet on May 26 (the Sunday of Memorial Day Weekend) and June 16 (Father’s Day). Bring some friends and come when you can!

## Opportunities to Serve

Some of our leaders are asking for help with the following projects and ongoing programs:

- The Property Team is looking for someone with a green thumb and some knowledge of flowers to fill the four large planters that brighten our entrances during the summer. The McKean Street entrance requires heat and sun tolerant plants. The Jefferson Street entrance gets a little more shade. If you’re interested in selecting flowers and helping the Property Team plant, please see Dennis Rodgers.
- The Deacons are seeking volunteers to bake desserts and help serve at our funeral luncheons. Since many of our Deacons work during the day, it can be difficult to find enough helpers on short notice. If you have a flexible schedule and can lend a hand, please contact Pat Patterson.
- The Worship and Outreach Team is looking for folks to serve as ushers on Sunday mornings. Ushers come to church early (by 10:10 am) so they’re available to welcome worshipers and pass out bulletins, collect prayer cards and the offering during worship, and help gather parking meter covers at the end of the service. Ushers are asked to serve approximately one Sunday every six weeks. If you can help, please call Danielle at the church office (724-287-4777).
- On the first Wednesday of every month, Saint Andrews cooks and serves the Wednesday night Community Dinner. Extra volunteers are often needed to bake desserts, serve the meal, and assist with clean-up. If you can help us help our neighbors in need, please contact Carol Israel or Melinda Stevens.

Please prayerfully consider how God may be calling you to share your gifts in new ways. Thanks!



## Flower Calendar Openings

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. We still have openings on:



May 19  
June 2  
June 9

June 16  
June 30



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!

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## May First Sunday Mission Offering



May's First Sunday Mission Offering will go to the local Soroptimists to help fund "A Place to Lay My Head." This mission provides beds, linens and pillows, and often much more, to needy families in the Butler area.

The project started out of concern for the homeless and the belief that everyone deserves their own bed and pillow. Over the years, that mission has expanded. The Butler Soroptimists have furnished 15 apartments for women and children who were transitioning from homelessness to their own apartments. The group works with the local housing authority to identify recipients who are committed to improving their lives and the lives of their children.

Soroptimist is an international organization that helps women and girls. The local Butler chapter has a variety of special projects and programs. To help fund "A Place to Lay My Head," simply place your donation in a "First Sunday Mission Offering" envelope from the pew racks or write "A Place to Lay My Head" on the memo line of your check. Thank you!

## Speaker on Science and Religion



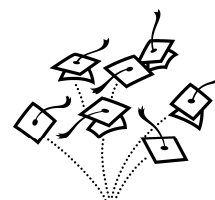
Dr. Ronald Cole-Turner will be speaking on the relationship between science and religion tomorrow evening, May 13, at 7:00 pm at Covenant Presbyterian Church. Dr. Cole-Turner is a Professor of Theology and Ethics at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary and a minister in the United Church of Christ. He is particularly interested in advances in science and technology and how they impact our understanding of what it means to be human. His books include:

*The End of Adam and Eve: Theology and the Science of Human Origins,*  
*The New Genesis: Theology and the Genetic Revolution,* and  
*Beyond Cloning: Religion and the Remaking of Humanity.*

The evening will include time for questions and discussion as well as light refreshments. Parking is available in the lot next to May's Music. This is the third in a four-part speaker series sponsored by the Butler Interfaith Network.

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## Calling all Graduates



We'll be recognizing our high school and college graduates during worship on Sunday, June 2, 2019. If you are graduating this year, we'd like to include your graduation bio in the bulletin that Sunday. Please email us a paragraph with your name, the school you're graduating from and the degree you've earned, the activities, clubs, organizations, or jobs you've been involved with during your time at school, what you've enjoyed the most, and your future plans. The deadline is Sunday, May 26, 2019. Thank you!