

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

May your grace follow these gifts and fill our lives, O Lord. Help us to find joy in our praying and our serving. Empower our outreach and our ministries so that others may know you and love you. Amen.

The Church Goes Forth to Serve

***The Closing Hymn #443** "O Christ, the Great Foundation" *(Presby Hymnal)*

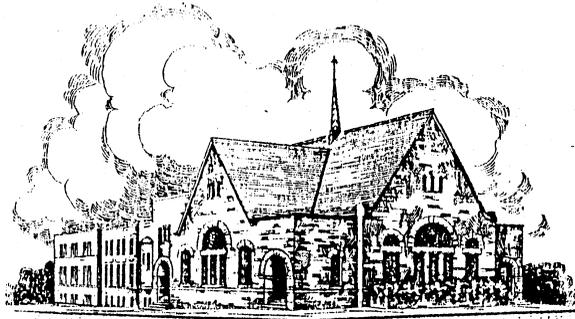
***The Benediction**

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

***The Postlude**

~Welcome to Saint Andrews~

The Church Nursery is available for children through kindergarten age



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Saint Andrews United Presbyterian Church

May 13, 2018

10:30 AM

7th Sunday of Easter

The Church in Preparation

The Prelude

Welcome

Announcements

Exchange of Greetings

The Introit

"God is Here"

Chancel Choir

The Call to Worship

Lily Hawks

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;
Break forth into joyous song and sing praises.

People: **Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre,
With trumpets and the sound of the horn.**

Leader: Let the sea roar and all that fills it;
The world and those who live in it.

People: **Let the floods clap their hands;
Let the hills sing together for joy.**

Leader: Let us worship God with gladness,
Let us sing God's praises to the ends of the earth.

(Portions of Psalm 98, adapted)

The Opening Prayer *(In Unison)*

Come, Holy Spirit, and lift us from all that numbs our hearts and dulls our spirits. Awaken us to your loving presence. Tune our hearts so that we may hear your voice. Loosen our tongues so that we may sing God's praise. Reshape us and renew us so that we may share the good news of Christ's love in all that we say and all that we do. Amen.

***The Hymn #466**

"O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

(Presby Hymnal)

(Ushers will collect prayer requests. Please pass them to the side aisles.)

*The people will rise in body or spirit

The Prayer of Confession *(In Unison)*

Merciful God, you sent your Son to live among us, to redeem and to save. You send us, Christ's followers, into the world to share the good news of Christ's grace and love. But we are not the witnesses you ask us to be. You call us to speak but we remain silent. You call us to act, but we do not move. Forgive us, Lord. Help us to be more attentive to your voice and more responsive to your will. Grant us the faith to follow where you lead. Grant us the courage to love as you love. 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 8:26 - 40

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John 15: 9 - 17

N.T. Page 109

Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

The Anthem

"His Eye Is On the Sparrow"

Chancel Choir

The Micro Message

Pastor Merry

The Congregation Sings in Response

"Near to the Heart of God"

There is a place of quiet rest, near to the heart of God
A place where sin cannot molest, near to the heart of God
O Jesus, blest Redeemer, sent from the heart of God
Hold us, who wait before Thee, near to the heart of God

The Sermon

"On the Road to Gaza"

Rev. Merry Meloy

The Hymn #412

"Eternal God, Whose Power Upholds"

(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

Christ calls us to love our neighbors—both here in Butler and around the world. May our gifts give testimony to the faith we share and the Lord we love.

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** #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 13, 2018

9:15 AM – Sunday School
10:30 AM – Worship

Monday, May 14, 2018

11:00 AM – Narcotics Anonymous

Tuesday, May 15, 2018

11:00 AM – Narcotics Anonymous
6:30 PM – Session

Wednesday, May 16, 2018

11:00 AM – Narcotics Anonymous
5:00 PM – Community Dinner – Meridian
8:00 PM – Narcotics Anonymous

Thursday, May 17, 2018

11:00 AM – Narcotics Anonymous

Friday, May 18, 2018

11:00 AM – Narcotics Anonymous

Saturday, May 19, 2018

Next Sunday, May 20, 2018

9:15 AM – Sunday School
10:00 AM – Chancel Choir
10:30 AM – Worship

Worship Attendance for May 6, 2018: 53



Worship Leadership

Ushers: Rick Kelley Anzie Kelley Mary Lindenberg Scott O' Day
Liturgist: Lily Hawks **Next Week:** Jon McKay
Micro Message: Pastor Merry **Next Week:** None
Flower Delivery: Barb Hutchison **Next Week:** Carol Landis
Open the Church: Paul Perry **Next Week:** Paul Perry
Close the Church : Lori Love-Franke **Next Week:** Jon McKay

Flowers are given today by Barbara Thomas in memory of Norm Riesmeyer.

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. From the rear of the sanctuary, turn left and go downstairs. The restrooms are at the end of the hallway.

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
May 13
May 17

Robbie McCrea
David Martin
Becky Thomas

Pentecost Communion Next Sunday



We will be sharing the Lord's Supper during worship on Pentecost Sunday, May 20th. Please remember to wear red in celebration of the gift of the Holy Spirit!

Congregational Meeting



We will hold a brief Congregational Meeting to elect new officers on Sunday, May 27, immediately after worship. Please plan on attending.

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!

Backpack Initiative



Our giant backpack is back! Though it's hard for us to imagine, many students in our school district go home to kitchens with empty cupboards and little food. During the week, they receive breakfast and lunch at school. But when the weekends come, they may go hungry.

The Backpack Initiative helps students in need have something to eat over the weekend. Every Friday, participants receive a bag of child-friendly, single-serving snacks and easily prepared meals. The bags are delivered to the students' homerooms and discretely placed in their book bags.

During May, Saint Andrews will be helping to stock those bags by donating food. Suggested food items include:

Cereal/Granola Bars
Instant Oatmeal
Easy Mac
Microwavable or Canned Soup
Microwavable Pasta or Rice Meals

Single-Serve Fruit Cup
Single-Serve Applesauce
Single-Serve Pudding
Sandwich Crackers
Microwavable Popcorn

Our giant backpack is in the Narthex. Let's see how fast we can fill it!

Indoor Yard Sale

Have you started your spring cleaning? Are you planning a yard sale this summer? What will you do with all the great finds that don't sell? Keep in mind the church will be having a Fall Indoor Yard Sale. Gently used items are being collected in the storage area off the Bethany Room.

We cannot accept TV's, Computers, Printers, VCRs, and similar electronics. These items just do not sell. Small working appliances are welcome. Please make sure all clothing and other items are clean and in good condition.

Donations can be dropped off during church office hours (Monday through Thursday 9:00 am to 2:00 pm). If you are unable to bring your items to the church, please call Anzie Kelley at (724) 287-6126.

If you have some time and would like to help with sorting and organizing donations, please contact Anzie. Thank You!!!