

The Church Goes Forth to Serve

*The Closing Hymn #300 "We Are One in the Spirit" (See Insert)

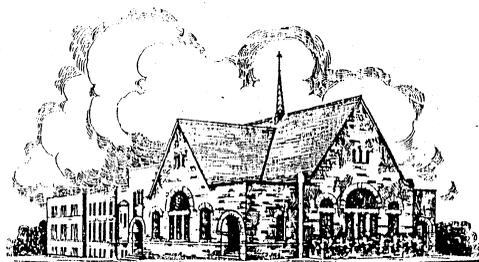
*The Benediction

*The Benediction Response "Amen" Chancel Choir

*The Postlude

~Welcome to Saint Andrews~

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Saint Andrews United Presbyterian Church

May 19, 2019

5th Sunday of Easter

10:30 AM

The Church in Preparation

The Prelude

Welcome and Announcements
Exchange of Greetings

The Introit

"Praise My Soul the God of Heaven" Chancel Choir

The Call to Worship

Nate Grossman

Leader: Beloved, let us love one another,
Because love is from God;
Everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.

People: **Whoever does not love does not know God,
For God is love.**

Leader: God's love was revealed among us in this way:

People: **God sent his only Son into the world
So that we might live through him.**

Leader: Beloved, since God loved us so much,
We also ought to love one another.

People: **Let us open our hearts to God's empowering love.
Let us worship the living, loving God.**

(John 4:7 – 9, 11, adapted)

The Opening Prayer (In Unison)

Loving God, your grace and goodness amaze us. You have made the heavens and earth and are the source of all life. Yet you do not remain apart from us. In Christ, you came to earth to live among us and to save us from our sins. Through the Holy Spirit, you continue to teach us and to guide us. Be with us now. Help us to hear your voice and obey your call so that we may live as your children, loving and serving and worshiping you. Amen.

*The Opening Hymn #106 "Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks" (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)*

You have shown us love, O God. In Jesus, you have shown us love that seeks, love that saves, love that never ends. You call us, even command us, to share that love. But the ways of love are not our ways. We reject and ignore; we hurt and hate. Loving others is hard. Loving ourselves is often harder. Have mercy on us, Lord. Open our hearts to the fullness of your grace. Help us to love one another and ourselves with your healing 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 11:1 - 18
Portions of John 13
Leader: The word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

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The Anthem

"Peace Like a River"

Chancel Choir

Micro Message

The Congregation Sings in Response "Lord Listen to Your Children Praying"

Lord listen to your children praying
Lord send your Spirit in this place
Lord listen to your children praying
Send us love, send us power, send us grace.

The Sermon

"By Our Love"

Rev. Merry Meloy

*The Hymn #335

"Though I May Speak"

(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

We are called to express Christ's love in all that we say and all that we do. Let us respond with open hands and open hearts. Let us bring before the Lord our gifts and offerings.

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!

*The Prayer of Dedication *(In Unison)*

We dedicate these gifts and our lives to your service, O Lord. May your love be reflected in our thoughts and our attitudes, our words and our actions. In all things, may we bring glory to your holy name. Amen.

This Week at Saint Andrews United Presbyterian Church

Sunday, May 19, 2019
5th Sunday of Easter

9:15 AM – Sunday School
10:30 AM – Worship
11:30 AM – Congregational Meeting
12:00 PM – Nurture Team
6:30 PM – Bible Study

Monday, May 20, 2019

12:00 PM – Narcotics Anonymous

Tuesday, May 21, 2019

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

Wednesday, May 22, 2019

12:00 PM – Narcotics Anonymous
5:00 PM – Community Dinner – Muddy Creek and Unionville
5:15 PM – EDGE
8:00 PM – Narcotics Anonymous

Thursday, May 23, 2019

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

Friday, May 24, 2019

12:00 PM – Narcotics Anonymous

Saturday, May 25, 2019

Next Sunday, May 26, 2019
6th Sunday of Easter
Graduation Bio Deadline

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

Worship Attendance for May 12, 2019: 43



Worship Leadership

Ushers: Jon McKay Natalie McKay Paul Perry Peggy Douthett
Liturgist: Nate Grossman **Next Week:** Lori Love-Franke
Micro Message: TBA **Next Week:** None
Flower Delivery: Donna O' Day **Next Week:** Chuck King
Open the Church: Paul Perry **Next Week:** Paul Perry
Close the Church: Dawn Grossman **Next Week:** Dan Mulneix

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 to Leslie Hazlett (May 25th)

Congregational Meeting TODAY



We will hold a brief Congregational Meeting to elect new officers today 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 staying.

“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 next Sunday. Come learn more about how to be the person God wants you to be!

Evening Bible Study Starts Today

“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 this evening and will run through the end of June. We will not meet next Sunday (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:



June 2 June 16
June 9 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!

May First Sunday Mission Offering

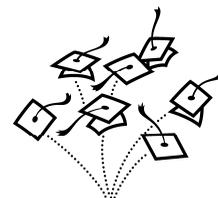


May's First Sunday Mission Offering will go to the local Soroptimists to help fund "A Place to Lay My Head." This mission provides beds, linens and pillows, and often much more, to needy families in the Butler area.

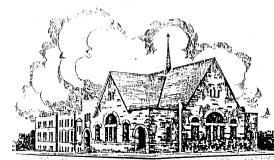
The project started out of concern for the homeless and the belief that everyone deserves their own bed and pillow. Over the years, that mission has expanded. The Butler Soroptimists have furnished 15 apartments for women and children who were transitioning from homelessness to their own apartments. 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!

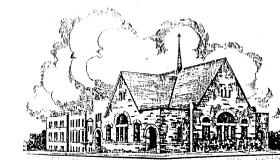
Calling All Graduates



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 next Sunday, May 26, 2019. Thank you!



Building Fund Update (As of May 12th)



Project	Donations to Date	Target Amount	% Raised
A/C Fund	\$51,195	\$72,000	71.10%

In addition to your regular giving envelopes and the McKee Memorial Fund envelopes, there is an envelope labeled "Offering for Saint Andrews' Building Improvements." This envelope may be used for contributions to the Air Conditioning Fund.

Over the past ten years, the congregation has funded a number of significant building improvements, including new, more efficient boilers, electrical upgrades in the kitchen, and the new handicap ramp. Now, we're well on our way to paying off the new air conditioning system in the sanctuary.

Thank you for your generous giving and all you're doing to help reach this goal!

Giving Made Easier

Do you sometimes get behind in your giving?

Have you ever felt frustrated because you left your checkbook or offering envelope on your desk, in the car, on the kitchen table?

Do you ever wish that giving to the church was as easy as paying your gas or electric bill?

If so, you might want to set up a recurring automatic withdrawal from your checking account. It's easy to do and allows us to be more consistent, frustration-free stewards.

Automatic withdrawals can be arranged through your bank. All you need to do is:

Log onto your online checking account.

Set up an automatic withdrawal/transfer of funds. Most banks offer this service free of charge. Please confirm that your bank does not charge any fees before setting up the withdrawal.

You'll need to discern

How much is God calling you to give?

How often would you like to have your offering sent to the church (once a week, every other week, once a month)?

For how long—a few months when you are especially busy/away a lot or for the whole year?

Your bank will then mail Saint Andrews a check for the amount and at the times you've specified. You'll need to give your bank the church address:

Saint Andrews United Presbyterian Church

201 East Jefferson Street

Butler, PA 16001

724-287-4777

Your offering will be recorded and deposited by Saint Andrews after the check is received.

Questions?

Please call the church office or contact our Treasurer, Bill Douthett