

Saint Andrews United Presbyterian Church

May 20, 2018

Pentecost

10:30 AM

The Church in Preparation

The Prelude

Welcome and Announcements
Exchange of Greetings

The Introit

“God is Here”

Chancel Choir

The Call to Worship

Jon McKay

Leader: A mighty wind has blown,

People: And tongues of fire have danced!

Leader: The Holy Spirit is with us,

People: Just as Jesus promised.

Leader: The Spirit moves among us, guiding and nurturing.

**People: The Spirit gathers us into community,
Empowering our witness and service.**

Leader: Let us sing and give thanks for God’s presence.

People: Let us celebrate the gift of the God’s Holy Spirit.

***The Opening Hymn #128** “On Pentecost They Gathered” *(Presby Hymnal)*
(Ushers will collect prayer requests. Please pass them to the side aisles.)

The Prayer of Confession *(In Unison)*

Almighty God, as we celebrate the gift of your Spirit, we are aware of the many ways we impede your work among us. You send your Spirit to teach and to guide, but our minds are set on defending what we know rather than learning something new. You send your Spirit to comfort and encourage but we find it easier to listen to our fear than trust in your care. You send your Spirit to empower our ministry together but we would rather focus on pursuing our own priorities than following your will. Forgive us, Lord. Open our minds, quiet our hearts, and center our spirits so that we may hear your voice and sense your loving presence. Help us to welcome your Spirit. Help us to follow where you lead. Amen.

A Time of Silent Confession

The Assurance of Pardon

*The people will rise in body or spirit

Leader: Holy Spirit, Comforter,
You guide and sustain the church you create;
You nurture us and speak to us through
the rhythms of worship,
the words of Scripture,
the silences of prayer,
the fellowship of your people,
and the gift of the sacraments.

People: Come, Holy Spirit!

Leader: Holy Spirit, Nurturer,
Be upon your gathered people and
Upon this bread and cup
that our spirits may be fed and our faith strengthened.
May the fire of your grace, unite us with the living Christ,
Forge us into one church,
And set our hearts aflame.

People: Come, Holy Spirit!

**Work in us and through us
That our lives may burn bright
With the light of Christ’s grace, truth, and love,
Now and always.
Amen.**

The Words of Institution

The Bread and The Cup (Please wait until all have been served
so that we may share the bread and cup together)

Prayer

The Church Goes Forth to Serve

***The Closing Hymn #319** “Spirit” *(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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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 2:1 - 21
1 Corinthians 12:3b - 13
Leader: The word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God

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Micro Message

Pastor Merry

The Congregation Sings in Response “Holy Spirit”

Holy Spirit, truth divine,
Dawn upon this soul of mine;
Word of God, and inward light,
Wake my spirit, clear my sight.

The Message

“Spirit Stories”

The Hymn #130

“Let Every Christian Pray” *(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 share the good news of God’s love. Strengthened by the power of the Holy Spirit, let us offer ourselves in service to Christ. Let us bring before the Lord our gifts and offerings. Please sign and pass the Friendship Registers located near the center aisle. Thank you!

The Offertory

“Sweet, Sweet Spirit” Melinda Ripper

***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)

God of wind and fire, you breathe new life into the parched and empty places of our lives. Touch us with your Spirit so that we may become the disciples you ask us to be. Grant us the power to share the good news of your love in new ways. Grant us the faith to proclaim your grace in the silent sermons of our lives. Amen.

Communion Hymn #126 “Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove” *(Presby Hymnal)*
(Verses 1 & 4)

The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

The Invitation to the Lord’s Table

Communion Prayer

Leader: Holy Spirit, Giver of Life,
in the beginning you moved over the waters.
From your breath all creation draws life.

People: Come, Holy Spirit!

Leader: Holy Spirit, Counselor,
by your inspiration,
the prophets proclaimed God’s word of challenge and hope.
By your power, they spoke God’s truth.

People: Come, Holy Spirit!

Leader: Holy Spirit, Power,
You came as fire to Jesus’ disciples;
You gave them voice before the rulers of this world.
You gave them courage to live as Christ’s own.

People: Come, Holy Spirit!

This Week at Saint Andrews United Presbyterian Church

Sunday, May 20, 2018

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

Monday, May 21, 2018

12:00 PM – Narcotics Anonymous

Tuesday, May 22, 2018

12:00 PM – Narcotics Anonymous
6:00 PM – Presbytery Meeting at Steffin Hill in Beaver Falls

Wednesday, May 23, 2018

12:00 PM – Narcotics Anonymous
5:00 PM – Community Dinner – Faith and Covenant
8:00 PM – Narcotics Anonymous

Thursday, May 24, 2018

12:00 PM – Narcotics Anonymous

Friday, May 25, 2018

12:00 PM – Narcotics Anonymous

Saturday, May 26, 2018

Next Sunday, May 27, 2018

10:00 AM – Chancel Choir
10:30 AM – Worship
11:30 AM – Congregational Meeting

Worship Attendance for May 13, 2018: 46



Worship Leadership

Ushers: Rick Kelley Anzie Kelley Mary Lindenberg Scott O' Day
Liturgist: Jon McKay **Next Week:** Kathy Eamigh
Micro Message: None **Next Week:** None
Flower Delivery: Carol Landis **Next Week:** Chuck King
Open the Church: Paul Perry **Next Week:** Paul Perry
Close the Church : Jon McKay **Next Week:** Susan Moon

Flowers are given today by the Hazlett family in honor of Leslie Hazlett's birthday.

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.



Congregational Meeting

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



All in the Family

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

The family and friends of Isabell Bacher. Isabell died on Thursday, May 10, 2018.

The family and friends of Bill Barto. Bill died on Sunday, May 13, 2018.



Happy Birthday
May 25 Leslie Hazlett

My Dear Church Family,

Thank you for the beautiful flowers and gift cards to celebrate my 10 year anniversary at Saint Andrews. Time really does fly when you're having fun, and we laugh a LOT at choir, so this decade has felt just a blink! Thanks to Merry, Chuck and Susan for being an amazing team, and to the choir for their dedication, talent and flexibility. And thanks to the congregation for all the kind accolades, creative suggestions, and warm encouragement you have given to our musicians of all ages. Just as our music may feed your spirit, your spirit feeds our music. May God continue to bless our choir through our changing times and seasons.

Gratefully,
Deanna

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:

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| Cereal/Granola Bars | Single-Serve Fruit Cup |
| Instant Oatmeal | Single-Serve Applesauce |
| Easy Mac | Single-Serve Pudding |
| Microwavable or Canned Soup | Sandwich Crackers |
| Microwavable Pasta or Rice Meals | Microwavable Popcorn |

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