

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

Almighty and eternal God, so draw our hearts to you, so guide our minds, so fill our imaginations, so control our wills, that we may be wholly yours, utterly dedicated to you; and then use us, we pray, as you will, but always to your glory and the welfare of your people, through our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

*William Temple (1881 – 1944)*

**The Church Goes Forth to Serve**

**\*The Closing Hymn #455** "Take My Life, and Let It Be" *(Sing to the Lord)*

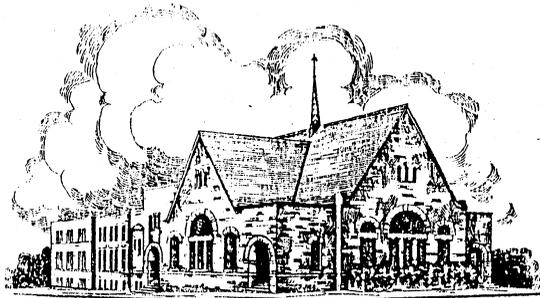
**\*The Benediction**

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

**\*The Postlude**

~Welcome to Saint Andrews~

The Church Nursery is available for children through kindergarten age



**Saint Andrews United Presbyterian Church**

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# Saint Andrews United Presbyterian Church

September 16, 2018

17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

10:30 AM

## The Church in Preparation

### The Prelude

Welcome and Announcements  
Exchange of Greetings

### Introit

"Jesus Stands Among Us"

Chancel Choir

### The Call to Worship

Stephanie Arienzo

Leader: Happy are those whose hope is in the Lord,

**People: Who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them;**

Leader: Who gives justice to those who are oppressed,  
And food to those who are hungry.

**People: The Lord sets the prisoners free,  
And opens the eyes of the blind;  
The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;**

Leader: The Lord loves the righteous,  
And watches over the stranger,

**People: The Lord sustains the orphan and the widow,  
But frustrates the way of the wicked.**

Leader: Let us offer God our grateful worship.

**People: Let us join in prayer and songs of praise.**

**All: Praise the Lord!**

*(Portions of Psalm 146, adapted)*

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

Over the busy clamor of our lives, we hear you calling, God. Grant us the grace to pause and to listen. Focus our gaze so we may see your face in those around us. Focus our hearts so we may hear your voice in the sounds and stillness of worship. Guide us into the wonder of your presence and fill us with your Spirit, so we may go forth to share your boundless love and grace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**\*The Opening Hymn #110** "When Morning Gilds the Skies" *(Sing to the Lord)*

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

\*The people will rise in body or spirit

### **The Prayer of Confession** *(Responsively)*

Leader: Merciful God, forgive us when we turn away from you;

**People: When we become so wrapped up in other goals and priorities,  
We cannot see the needs around us or sense the needs within.**

Leader: Forgive us when we see but do not respond;

**People: When we close our ears to the cries of the poor  
And harden our hearts to the pain of those who are suffering.**

Leader: Forgive us when we miss the beauty of your creation,  
And the reality of your presence,

**People: Because our gaze is turned inward,  
And we are focused only on ourselves.**

Leader: Forgive us, Lord.

**All: In your mercy, stir us from our complacency,  
And heal our hardness of heart.  
Open us our minds to your surprising grace.  
Open our hearts to your amazing 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**

James 2:1 - 17

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Mark 7: 24 - 37

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Leader: The word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God**

### **The Anthem**

“Come Christians Join to Sing”

Chancel Choir

### **The Micro Message**

### **The Congregation Sings in Response #90** “Seek Ye First”

Seek ye first the king-dom of God  
And his righ-teous-ness,  
And all these things shall be add-ed un-to you.  
Al-le-lu, al-le-lu-ia!

### **The Sermon**

“Words That Make Us Wince”

Rev. Merry Meloy

### **The Hymn #537**

“Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life”

*(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**

Every good thing is a gift from God — the food we eat, the things we have, the time  
we spend, our whole lives. We give our lives back to God as a way of saying thank  
you — spending our resources to help those in need, sharing our talents and our  
time so that others may know Christ's grace and love. With joy and gratitude, 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 #2081** “Thank You, Jesus”

Thank you, Je-sus, a-men!

Thank you, Je-sus, a-men!

Thank you, Je-sus, a-men!

Al-le-lu-ia! A-men!

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

**Sunday, September 16, 2018**

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

**Monday, September 17, 2018**

12:00 PM – Narcotics Anonymous

**Tuesday, September 18, 2018**

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

**Wednesday, September 19, 2018**

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

**Thursday, September 20, 2018**

12:00 PM – Narcotics Anonymous  
6:15 PM – Chanticleer Ringers  
7:30 PM – Chancel Choir

**Friday, September 21, 2018**

12:00 PM – Narcotics Anonymous

**Saturday, September 22, 2018**

**Next Sunday, September 23, 2018**

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

Worship Attendance for September 9, 2018: 51

**Worship Leadership**

**Ushers:** Susan Race      Don Eyth      Kyle Hawks      Kevin Golden  
**Liturgist:** Stephanie Arienzo      **Next Week:** Dave White  
**Micro Message:** TBA      **Next Week:** TBA  
**Flower Delivery:** Shari Manos      **Next Week:** Kristen Mowery  
**Open the Church:** Paul Perry      **Next Week:** Paul Perry  
**Close the Church:** Dale Hutchison      **Next Week:** Bob Eamigh

**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.

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**Happy Birthday**

 September 18      Kate Busa  
September 19      Travis Mowery  
September 22      Mary Turk

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**Rally Day Thank You!**



A huge thank you to everyone who helped with this year's Rally Day. The breakfast was delicious! Special thanks to the Nurture Team and everyone who prepared food, and to all of you who participated!



**Fall Indoor Yard Sale**  
**October 12 - 13**  
**9:00 am – 2:00 pm**  
**Deadline for Donations**  
**October 1**



Our Fall Indoor Yard Sale will be on Friday, October 12, and Saturday, October 13<sup>th</sup>. Please bring your gently used items to the church by Monday, October 1, so that our organizers have plenty of time to sort and price donations before the sale. Keep in mind that we cannot accept electronic equipment such as large appliances, TVs, computers, and printers. These items just don't sell and there is a cost for us to dispose of them. If you are unable to deliver your items to the church or have any questions, please call Anzie Kelley. Thanks!

## Pews for Sale

Our Session recently approved the sale of several large oak pews. Years ago, the pews were removed from the sanctuary to create more space. They are now sitting along the walls of the Bethany Room. They are lovely, but difficult to move and at times, are in the way. Two of the pews are approximately 13 feet long and have an appraised value of \$500. The third pew is almost 10 feet long and has been appraised at \$400. All of the pews could be turned into several smaller benches for seating in a dining room, kitchen, entryway, or porch. If you would like to bid on any of the three pews, please contact the church office. We welcome all offers!

## Budget Update

Over the past few months, the Administrative Team has noticed a drop in congregational giving. While this is fairly typical during the summer, this year's drop was significant and has left us with a growing deficit. To decrease the gap between our income and expenses, we need your help. Were you away a lot this summer? Have you fallen behind in your anticipated giving? It's not too late to catch up. Or perhaps God is calling you to give a little extra. Please know your gifts, large or small, are deeply appreciated. Thank you for your faithful stewardship!

## September First Sunday Mission Offering



Our First Sunday Mission Offering in September is used to support our sponsored child at the Indo-American Home for Children. Sabarish is 14 years old and is in 9th grade. He has one sister. She is in 8th grade and is also at the home. Their mother and father live in a nearby village. Their father is unable to work due to chronic health issues and they are very poor. Through the home, Sabarish and his sister receive room, board, education, and the chance for a much better life.

It costs \$360 a year to care for one child at the Indo-American Home for Children. If you would like to help sponsor Sabarish, just mark your check "Sponsored Child" or use a First Sunday Mission Offering Envelope from the pew racks. Thank you!

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## Backpack Initiative



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 may 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.

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

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!