

The Offertory Invitation

We honor Christ by sharing the abundance that God has shared with us. In gratitude for God's many blessing, we offer our time, our talents, our resources and our lives. 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

"Creation Sings the Father's Song"
Vocalist: Deanna Golden

*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)

Gracious God, may our giving add strength to the witness of your church.
Guard us from the cynicism of our skeptical, self-serving age. Empower us to share the good news of your love in our homes, in our community, and throughout the world, through the grace of Christ. Amen.

The Church Goes Forth to Serve

*The Closing Hymn #306 "Fairest Lord Jesus" (Presby Hymnal)

*The Benediction

*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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September 2, 2018 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time 10:30 AM

The Church in Preparation

The Prelude

Welcome and Announcements
Exchange of Greetings

Congregational Introit #469 "Morning Has Broken" (Presby)

Morning has broken like the first morning,
Blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing!
Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!

Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven,
Like the first dewfall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
Sprung in completeness where God's feet pass.

The Call to Worship

Nate Grossman

Leader: With our words and in our actions,
People: Let us praise the living God.
Leader: With our lips and in our lives,
People: Let us glorify the living Lord.
Leader: Let us worship God!

The Opening Prayer (In Unison)

Loving God, as we worship you today, stretch our minds, soften our hearts, and open our hands so that we may be more faithful and effective disciples. Liberate us from the prisons of false assumptions and misperceptions so that we may follow you freely and truly. Help us to move in harmony with your Spirit, as the leaves on a tree dance with the gusts of a breeze. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

*The Opening Hymn #276 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" (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 *(Responsively)*

Leader 1: Christ of our hearts, this is what you said:
People: “I am the way and the truth and the life.”
Leader 2: You said:
Men: “I am the good shepherd,
Women: “I am the light of the world.”
Leader 1: You said:
People: “I am the resurrection and the life.”

Silence

Leader 2: Christ of our hearts, this is what you did.
People: **You forgave your enemies – You loved them even!**
Leader 1: You healed the sick, sat with the suffering,
Leader 2: stood in solidarity with the oppressed and outcast.
Men: **You fed the hungry and satisfied the thirsty.**
Women: **You fed our minds and imaginations.**
and opened the way to abundant new life.

Silence

Leader 2: Christ of deep, deep love, your life mirrored your words.
Leader 1: You embodied a new way to be, a different path to walk.
All: **Help us to follow where you lead.**
Women: **Forgive us when we pay lip service to you,**
but follow other paths of acceptance, status, power.
Men: **Forgive us when we speak and act in ways**
that betray your words and life.
Leader 1: Christ of our hearts, this is what you say;
Leader 2: This is what you show:
Leader 1: “Love one another.
Leader 2: Forgive one another.
Leader 1: Share everything you have.
Leader 2: Give up your life and live on.
All: **Christ of our hearts,**
help us to walk in your way
and live out your 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 1: 17 - 27 N.T. p.228
Mark 7: 1 – 8, 14 - 23 N.T. p.42
Leader: The word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God

The Anthem “Open My Eyes” Vocalist: Deanna Golden

The Sermon “Living Inside Out” Rev. Merry Meloy

The Hymn #372 “Lord, I Want to Be a Christian” *(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.

This Week at Saint Andrews United Presbyterian Church

Sunday, September 2, 2018

10:30 AM – Worship

Monday, September 3, 2018

Office Closed for Labor Day

12:00 PM – Narcotics Anonymous

Tuesday, September 4, 2018

12:00 PM – Narcotics Anonymous

6:30 PM – Deacons

Wednesday, September 5, 2018

12:00 PM – Narcotics Anonymous

5:00 PM – Community Dinner – Saint Andrews Manna Team

6:30 PM – Admin Team

8:00 PM – Narcotics Anonymous

Thursday, September 6, 2018

12:00 PM – Narcotics Anonymous

6:15 PM – Canticle Ringers

7:30 PM – Chancel Choir

Friday, September 7, 2018

12:00 PM – Narcotics Anonymous

Saturday, September 8, 2018

Next Sunday, September 9, 2018

9:15 AM – Rally Day Breakfast

10:30 AM – Worship with Communion and Commissioning of Sunday School Teachers

Worship Attendance for August 19, 2018: 48

Worship Leadership

Ushers: Dave Landis

Carol Landis

Kristen Mowery

Shari Manos

Liturgist: Nate Grossman

Next Week: TBA

Micro Message: None

Next Week: None

Flower Delivery: Chuck King

Next Week: TBA

Open the Church: Paul Perry

Next Week: Paul Perry

Close the Church: Dawn Grossman

Next Week: TBA

The Flowers today are given in honor of Chris and Gretchen Landis' anniversary.

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.



**Rally Day
Next Sunday
Starts at 9:15 am
in the Memorial Room**



Sunday School is starting up!

Join us for a delicious breakfast next Sunday, September 9, at 9:15 am in the Memorial Room. We'll commission our Sunday school teachers during worship later that morning. See you there!

Communion Sunday September 9th



We will be celebrating the Lord's Supper during worship next Sunday, September 9th. Please join us!

MUSIC NEWS



The Canticle Ringers and Chancel Choir are starting up! Their first rehearsal is this Thursday evening, September 6th. The handbell choir rehearses from 6:15 to 7:15. The choir rehearses from 7:30 to 8:45. If you've ever wanted to give music a try, this is the perfect opportunity. Anyone and everyone is welcome!

All in the Family



The sympathy and resurrection faith of the congregation go out to the Barto family. Ken died on Saturday, August 11, 2018. Please keep his loved ones in your prayers during this difficult time.



The congregation's joy and best wishes go out to Nate and Allison (Martin) Seezox on their recent marriage! Please hold them in prayer as they begin their new life together.

Happy Birthday

September 2	Carol Landis	September 3	Dan Mulneix
September 2	Barb Durkacs	September 4	Brian Fleeger
September 2	Ashley Moon	September 5	Sharon Johnson
September 3	Melinda Ripper		



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 13th. 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!

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!

A Word of Thanks

*Dear Saint Andrews United Presbyterian Church,
Thank you for your generous donations during the past school year. We were able to feed nearly 400 children with your help. We are hoping that you will continue helping us with your support of food and gifts for the upcoming school year. Your church's support is vital to the success of the program.*

*Thank you again,
The Kids' Weekend Backpack Program Committee*



Please note: Our Giant Backpack will be returning to the Narthex later this month. Let's see how fast we can fill it! ☺

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