

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

Loving God, we offer you these gifts and our lives in faithful service. Open our ears so that we may hear your voice. Open our hearts so that we may share your love. Strengthen our faith so that we may follow your call, even when it leads us to the nails of a cross. Amen.

The Church Goes Forth to Serve

***The Closing Hymn #371** "Lift High the Cross" *(Presby Hymnal)*

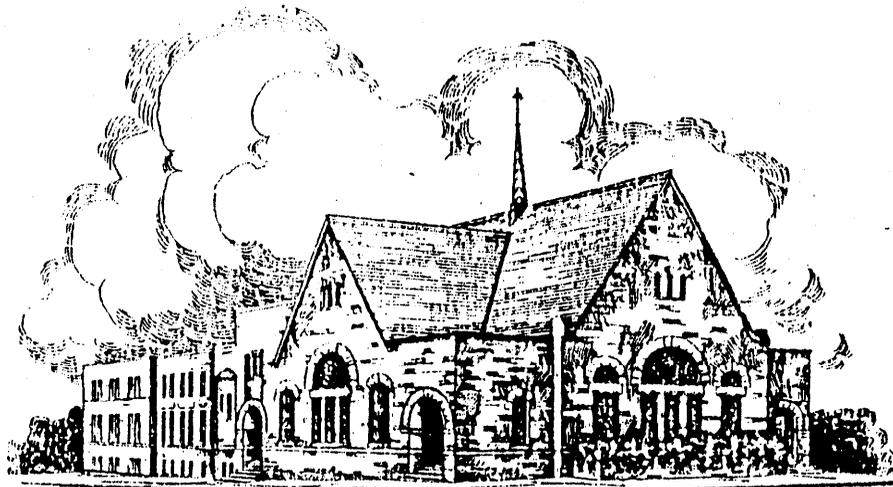
***The Benediction**

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

***The Postlude**

~Welcome to Saint Andrews~

The Church Nursery is available for children through kindergarten age



Saint Andrews United Presbyterian Church

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Saint Andrews United Presbyterian Church
September 23, 2018 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time 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

TBA

Leader: The heavens are telling the glory of God;
And all creation proclaims God's handiwork.

**People: Day to day pours forth speech,
And night to night declares knowledge.**

Leader: There is no speech, nor are there words;
Their voice is not heard;

**People: Yet their voice goes out through all the earth,
And their words to the end of the world.**

Leader: Let us worship the Lord of all life.

(Psalm 19: 1 – 4)

The Opening Prayer *(In Unison)*

Come, Holy Spirit, and lift us from the routines of our lives to the surprising joy of Christ's love. Awaken our spirits so that we may experience your presence. Loosen our tongues so that we may worship you with gladness. Open our hearts so that we may love one another as you love us. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

***The Opening Hymn #11** "O Lord, How Shall I Meet You" *(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)*

Loving God, we confess that our faith is frequently shallow; our commitment is often thin. We embrace the gospel as long as it doesn't require too much of us. We obey your call when it leads us in a direction we already want to go. Forgive us, Lord. Deepen our faith and our love for you. Help us to learn the joy of sacrificial service. Remind us that when we give ourselves to others we give ourselves to you. 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 3:1 - 12

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Mark 8: 27 - 38

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Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

The Anthem

"The Lord's Prayer"

Vocalists: Betty Judson and Bud Weckerly

Pianist: Deanna Golden

The Micro Message

The Congregation Sings in Response #2161 "To Know You More"

To know you in all of your glo - ry,
to love you with all that I am.

With all of my heart, Lord,
this is my prayer:

To know you more.

To know you more.

The Sermon

"A Cross in the Road"

Rev. Merry Meloy

The Hymn #101

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

(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

If someone followed us for a day, could they tell that we are Christians? If someone looked at our calendar or our computer or our checking account statement, would they know we're one of Christ's own? The way we live and the choices we make speak louder than our words alone. May our decisions and our actions bear witness to our love of Jesus.

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 23, 2018

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

Monday, September 24, 2018

12:00 PM – Narcotics Anonymous

Tuesday, September 25, 2018

12:00 PM – Narcotics Anonymous
5:00 PM – Beaver-Butler Presbytery Meeting at Westminster College

Wednesday, September 26, 2018

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

Thursday, September 27, 2018

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

Friday, September 28, 2018

12:00 PM – Narcotics Anonymous

Saturday, September 29, 2018

Next Sunday, September 30, 2018

9:15 AM – Sunday School
10:30 AM – Worship
11:45 AM – Youth Confirmation Meeting

Worship Attendance for September 16, 2018: 45

Worship Leadership

Ushers: Travis Grossman Nate Grossman Karen Pressler Andrew Ripper
Liturgist: TBA **Next Week:** Susan Race
Micro Message: TBA **Next Week:** TBA
Flower Delivery: Kristen Mowery **Next Week:** Kathy Eamigh
Open the Church: Paul Perry **Next Week:** Paul Perry
Close the Church: Bob Eamigh **Next Week:** Thalia McGrady

The Flowers today are given by Kristen Mowery in memory of John and Cate Nowakowski.

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.

All in the Family



The sympathy and resurrection faith of the congregation go out to Dave White and his family. Dave's brother-in-law, Jerry Lee Cramer, died unexpectedly on Tuesday, September 18, 2018, following a work accident.

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!



World Communion Sunday

We will be celebrating the Lord's Supper together during worship on Sunday, October 7, 2018. Please join us!



“Blest Be the Tie That Binds” Fall Service and Supper Sunday, October 7, 2018 at 4:00 pm



You and your family are invited to a special afternoon of worship and fellowship on Sunday, October 7th. Join us for the “Blest Be the Tie That Binds” Fall Service and Supper. The service begins at 4:00 pm and will include a hymn sing and Communion. A dinner, hosted by our Deacons, will be served in the Memorial Room following worship. Everyone is invited. Please contact the church office by Tuesday, October 3, to let us know if you're coming and if you need help with transportation. Thank you!

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.



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!

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!