

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

Almighty God, we dedicate these gifts and our lives to your service. Guide us in the grace of giving. Teach us to serve with the same joy and selfless generosity as our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Church Goes Forth to Serve

***The Closing Hymn** #679 "The Servant Song" *(Sing to the Lord)*

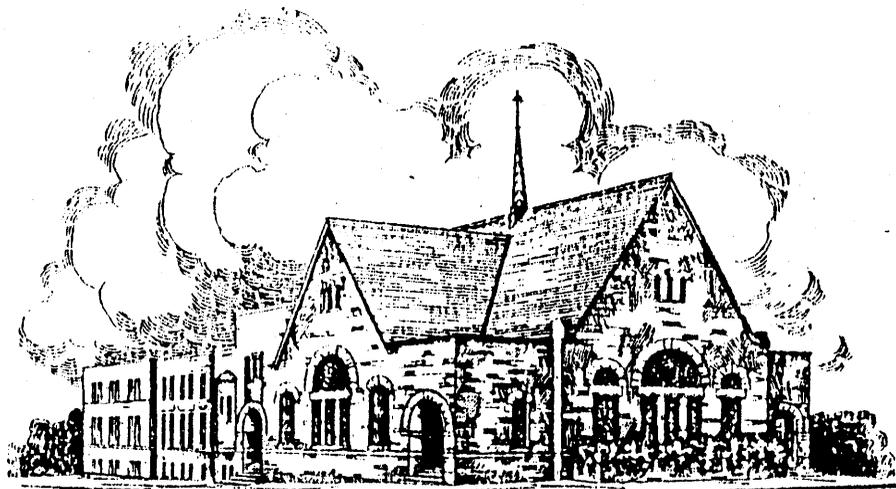
***The Benediction**

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

***The Postlude**

~Welcome to Saint Andrews~

The Church Nursery is available for children through kindergarten age



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Saint Andrews United Presbyterian Church

September 30, 2018 26th 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

Susan Race

Leader: We commit.

**People: To a spouse, a job, a gym, a diet,
To parenting, to carpool duty, to greener living,
To church, to Meals on Wheels, to helping a neighbor.**

Leader: We commit to our priorities—to what is most important to us.

People: And then we live out that commitment every day.

Leader: This morning, we gather with each other and with God
To strengthen and renew our commitment to the Lord.

**People: To offer each other support and encouragement,
And to anticipate together,**

Leader: Not our arrival at some destination,

People: But our transformation along the way.

Leader: Let us worship God.

The Opening Prayer *(In Unison)*

Gracious God, you are the source of all life and love and goodness. In this time of worship, form us into a holy community. Mold us by the breath of your Spirit. Enlighten us through the power of your Word. Strengthen and renew us so that we may serve you with love, faith, and humility, through the grace of Christ. Amen.

***The Opening Hymn** #113 "We Have Come Into His House" *(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 *(In Unison)*

Loving God, we lift up to you the parts of our lives that we cannot fix: the rough edges and sharp corners in ourselves and others . . . the unruliness that we cannot quite control . . . the insecurity that breeds envy . . . the habits that become addictions . . . the opinions that become prejudices . . . the stubbornness of sin's grip upon us. Forgive us and free us, Lord. Help us to trust your love more and to judge ourselves and others less. Empower us to receive, with joy and gratitude, the grace you offer through Jesus Christ. 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: 13 - 4: 3, 7 – 8a

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Mark 9: 30 - 37

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Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

The Anthem

"How Can I Keep from Singing"

Chancel Women

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

Rev. Merry Meloy

The Hymn #738

"Jesus Loves Me"

(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

When Jesus walked this earth, he reached out to those in need with arms of love and blessing. Christ calls us to do the same. Christ calls us to be his arms and legs, his hands and feet. May we share what God has given so that Christ may bless those in need.

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 30, 2018

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

Monday, October 1, 2018

Deadline for Indoor Yard Sale Donations

12:00 PM – Narcotics Anonymous

Tuesday, October 2, 2018

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

Wednesday, October 3, 2018

12:00 PM – Narcotics Anonymous
5:00 PM – Community Dinner – Saint Andrews Oats & Honey Team
6:30 PM – Admin Team
8:00 PM – Narcotics Anonymous

Thursday, October 4, 2018

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

Friday, October 5, 2018

12:00 PM – Narcotics Anonymous

Saturday, October 6, 2018

Next Sunday, October 7, 2018

World Communion Sunday

9:15 AM – Sunday School
10:30 AM – Worship with Communion
11:45 AM – Nurture Team
12:00 PM – Sunday Lunches (the Grossman Family)
4:00 PM – “Blest Be the Tie That Binds” Service and Supper

Worship Attendance for September 23, 2018: 51

Worship Leadership

Ushers: Scott Hazlett Mary Ann Hazlett Danielle Golden Kevin Golden
Liturgist: Susan Race
Micro Message: TBA
Flower Delivery: Kathy Eamigh
Open the Church: Paul Perry
Close the Church: Thalia McGrady

Next Week: Esther Radvinski
Next Week: None
Next Week: Melinda Ripper
Next Week: Paul Perry
Next Week: Jon McKay

The Flowers today are given by Amy Uram and Claire Langford in memory of their parents', Don and Ellen Roberts, wedding 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.

Happy Birthday

September 30 Rick Kelley
October 4 Denise Hawks
October 5 Danielle Golden



This Week's Community Dinner Team

This week's Community Dinner will be provided by Saint Andrews' Oats & Honey Team. Members of the Team include:

Set-Up: Shari Manos
Servers and Clean-Up: Saint Andrews Youth and Bob Stevens
Desserts: Carol Landis, Pat Patterson, Melinda Stevens





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.

Chuck Freeman's family. Chuck died on Saturday, September 22, 2018 at Concordia.

Don Stewart's family. Don died on Thursday, September 27, 2018 at the VA Hospice.



World Communion Sunday

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



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



You and your family are invited to a special afternoon of worship and fellowship next 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!



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 tomorrow, 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 can help with the Indoor Yard Sale, please let Anzie Kelley know. Helpers are needed for set up on Wednesday, October 10, at 6:15 pm, Thursday, October 11, starting at 9:00 am, and on Friday, October 12, and Saturday, October 13, (the days of the sale). Please give an hour or two to either help set up, work the sale, or clean up afterwards. Thanks! We just can't do it without 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.

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!

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:

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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!

October First Sunday Mission Offering

Saint Andrews' First Sunday Mission Offering in October will go to the McKee Memorial Fund to help support the work of Jim and Jodi McGill. A geological engineer, Jim is working with the Evangelical Church in the Republic of Niger (EERN) and the Presbyterian Church of South Sudan to provide clean water and sanitation to communities in rural Niger and South Sudan. Jim's wife Jodi is a nurse and public health educator. She is helping the EERN develop church-run health clinics and train students in its new nursing school.

Located south of Libya and west of Chad, Niger is one of the poorest countries in Africa. Fewer than 50% of its children are enrolled in school and its annual per capita GDP is around \$800. Farming is limited by frequent draughts and the country's vast desert regions are growing due to lack of rain, excessive cultivation, overgrazing and deforestation. While most Nigerians are Muslim, the government is secular and there is an openness to the gospel.

The circumstances in South Sudan are even more challenging. Though the region has abundant natural resources, decades of civil war have left the country's infrastructure in ruins and its people traumatized. In 2015, a fragile peace was established. A year later, new waves of violence erupted. The conflict has caused widespread famine and displaced more than 3 million people. The Presbyterian Church (USA) has been involved in Sudan for more than 100 years and has longstanding relationships with several partner churches there.

To help support the McGill's work, simply use the envelope marked “McKee Missions Offering” in the October section of the Saint Andrews giving envelope booklet, use a “First Sunday Mission Offering” envelope from the pew racks, or write “McKee Missions Offering” on the memo line of your check. Thank you!

