

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

The Invitation to the Lord's Table

Prayer

The Words of Institution

The Bread and 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 #751** "Now Let Us from This Table Rise" *(Sing to the Lord)*

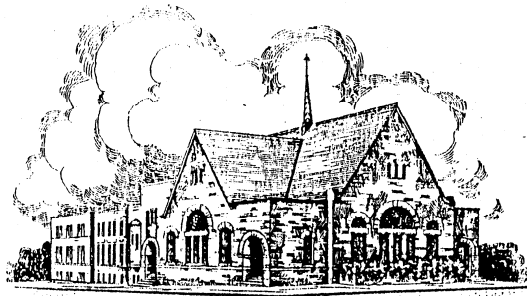
***The Benediction**

***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 9, 2018

Rally Day

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

Thalia McGrady

Leader 1: Come to Christ, the living bread, who satisfies the hungry heart.

Leader 2: Come to Christ, who gives living water, that we may never thirst again.

People: Come to Christ, that being filled ourselves, we may minister to the hunger and thirst of others.

Leader 1: Come in worship and praise;

Leader 2: Come with joy and gladness,

People: Come to Jesus Christ, who gives us life.

***The Opening Hymn #593**

"Come and Dine"

(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)*

Lord Jesus, you have come to be our teacher and our friend but we are not always attentive students. We have not listened for your word amid the clamor of words all around us. We focus on defending what we think we know, rather than reaching for the truth that is beyond our grasp. Forgive us Lord. Grant us teachable spirits. Give us ears to hear and hearts that resonate with your wisdom and grace. 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

Portions of John 6
Leader: The word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God

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The Commissioning of Sunday School Teachers:

*Dawn Grossman, Denise Hawks,
Anzie Kelly, Susan Moon, Esther Radvinski, and Melinda Ripper*

***The Hymn #696**

“I Love to Tell the Story”
(Verses 1 & 2) *(Sing to the Lord)*

The Sermon

“Soul Food” Rev. Merry Meloy

***The Hymn #696**

“I Love to Tell the Story”
(Verses 3 & 4) *(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

We give because God has given so generously to us. We give to feed the hungers of body and soul that are all around and deep within us. 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

“Come Share the Lord” Chancel Choir

***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)

Almighty God, you have given us all that we have and all that we are. As we return a portion of these gifts, we dedicate our lives to your service. Through your Spirit, inspire our wisdom and generosity. Empower us, individually and as a congregation, to be a means of blessing to our hungry and thirsty world. Amen.

Communion Hymn #748

“Let Us Break Bread Together” *(Sing to the Lord)*

This Week at Saint Andrews United Presbyterian Church

Sunday, September 9, 2018

9:15 AM – Rally Day Breakfast
10:30 AM – Worship with Communion and Commissioning of Sunday School Teachers

Monday, September 10, 2018

12:00 PM – Narcotics Anonymous
1:00 PM – Mission Team

Tuesday, September 11, 2018

12:00 PM – Narcotics Anonymous
7:30 PM – Worship & Outreach

Wednesday, September 12, 2018

Church Office Closed

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

Thursday, September 13, 2018

Church Office Closed

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

Friday, September 14, 2018

12:00 PM – Narcotics Anonymous

Saturday, September 15, 2018

Next Sunday, September 16, 2018

9:15 AM – Youth Sunday School
10:30 AM – Worship
11:45 AM – Nurture Team

Worship Attendance for September 2, 2018: 56

Worship Leadership

Ushers: Dale Hutchison Ben Grossman Chuck King Pat Bopp
Liturgist: Thalia McGrady **Next Week:** Stephanie Arienzo
Micro Message: None **Next Week:** TBA
Flower Delivery: Anzie Kelley **Next Week:** Shari Manos
Open the Church: Paul Perry **Next Week:** Paul Perry
Close the Church: Thalia McGrady **Next Week:** Dale Hutchison

The Flowers today are given in gratitude for our youth and our teachers by Pastor Merry.

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.

MUSIC NEWS



The Canticleer Ringers and Chancel Choir have started up! They both meet on Thursday evenings. 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!

Church Office Hours This Week

Danielle will be out of the office on Wednesday and Thursday of this week. Pastor Merry will be in and out of the church between meetings and other commitments. If you need to reach her, please don't hesitate to try both the office and her home phone numbers. Thanks!

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 9	Peggy Douthett
September 10	Mary Ann Hazlett
September 11	Shirley Hindman
September 13	Zoann Weckerly

*Happy Belated Birthday to Carol Holochuk!
Her birthday was last Monday, September 3rd.

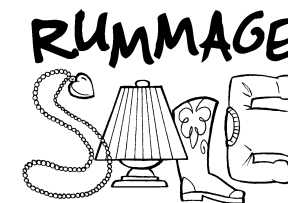
“Weird Pittsburgh” Youth Scavenger Hunt



Calling all Youth! On Sunday, September 30, we'll be traveling to Pittsburgh for our Presbytery's Youth Scavenger Hunt. Put on your best walking shoes and bring your cell phones because we'll be spending the afternoon exploring the weirder side of downtown Pittsburgh. We'll leave Saint Andrews after worship and stop for lunch along the way. The scavenger hunt starts at 2:00 pm. To join in the fun, please contact Stephanie Slezak (slezakfamily@gmail.com) or 724-421-7562) by **Thursday, September 13th**. We also need drivers and chaperones. All friends are welcome!



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!

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!

Questions for Commissioning of Teachers

For the Teachers:

Minister: Who is your Lord and Savior?

Teachers: Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior.

Minister: Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his love?

Teachers: I will, with God's help.

Minister: Do you welcome the responsibility of this service because you are determined to follow the Lord Jesus, to love neighbors, and to work for the reconciling of the world?

Teachers: I do.

Minister: Will you serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love, relying on God's mercy and rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit?

Teachers: I will, with God's help.

For the Congregation:

Minister: Do you, members of Saint Andrews United Presbyterian Church, confirm the call of God to our brothers and sisters Stephanie, Dawn, Abigail, Elizabeth and Lori, Denise, Andrew, Anzie, Janice, Lori, Susan, Esther, John and Melinda, Bob and Melinda, as teachers in the service of Jesus Christ?

All: We do.

Minister: Will you support and encourage them in this ministry?

All: We will.

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:

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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