

*Communion Hymn #747 "I Come with Joy" (Sing to the Lord)
(Verses 1 - 3)

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

The Invitation to the Lord's Table
Prayer
The Words of Institution
The Distribution of Elements
*(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 #747 "I Come with Joy" (Sing to the Lord)
(Verses 4 & 5)

***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 10, 2017 Rally Day 10:30 AM
Blessing of the Backpacks, Commissioning of Teachers, and Communion

The Church in Preparation

The Prelude

The Lighting of the Candles Kevin Golden
Announcements
Exchange of Greetings

Introit #17

"Joyful, Joyful" (Sing to the Lord)
Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee; God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee, Opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; Drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness, Fill us with the light of day.

The Call to Worship

Thalia McGrady
Leader: Come to listen for all God seeks to teach us.
Come to hear God's Word of truth.
People: **God's grace has been poured into our lives.
God's love draws us close to God's heart.**
Leader: In Christ, God shows us who we are called to be.
Through Christ, God reshapes our hearts and minds.
People: **Let us worship God with songs of praise and a spirit of gladness.
Let us open our hearts to God's presence and healing Word.**

*The Opening Hymn #754 "God of the Ages" (Sing to the Lord)
(Ushers will collect prayer requests. Please pass them to the side aisles.)

The Prayer of Confession

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.

*The people will rise in body or spirit

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 Blessing of the Backpacks

The Congregation Sings in Response #90 "Seek Ye First"
Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness,
And all these things shall be added unto you.
Allelu, alleluia!

The Church in Proclamation

The Scripture Reading Exodus 12: 1 - 14 O.T. Page 58
Leader: The word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God

The Sermon Rev. Merry Meloy

The Hymn #696 "I Love to Tell the Story" (Sing to the Lord)
(Verses 1 - 2)

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 Commissioning of Sunday School Teachers:

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

The Hymn #696 "I Love to Tell the Story" (Sing to the Lord)
(Verses 3 - 4)

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

God has given us all that we have and all that we are. With deep gratitude, let us give back to God a portion of what God has so generously given to 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** #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!

*The Prayer of Dedication (In Unison)

We witness to your love, O Lord, in what we say and what we do, in what we give and how we live. May these offerings be used to share your healing mercy. May our lives shine forth with the light of your redeeming grace. Amen.

This Week at Saint Andrews United Presbyterian Church

Sunday, September 10, 2017

9:15 AM – Rally Day Breakfast
10:30 AM – Worship with Communion, Commissioning of Sunday School Teachers, and
“Blessing of the Backpacks”

Monday, September 11, 2017

11:00 AM – Narcotics Anonymous
6:30 PM – Mission Team

Tuesday, September 12, 2017

11:00 AM – Narcotics Anonymous
7:30 PM – Worship and Outreach

Wednesday, September 13, 2017

11:00 AM – Narcotics Anonymous
5:00 PM – Community Dinner – Hill
8:00 PM – Narcotics Anonymous

Thursday, September 14, 2017

11:00 AM – Narcotics Anonymous
6:15 PM – Canticle Ringers
7:30 PM – Chancel Choir

Friday, September 15, 2017

11:00 AM – Narcotics Anonymous

Saturday, September 16, 2017

Next Sunday, September 17, 2017

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

Worship Attendance for September 3, 2017: 51

Worship Leadership

Ushers: Jon McKay Natalie McKay Paul Perry Peggy Douthett
Acolyte: Kevin Golden **Next Week:** Ben Grossman
Liturgist: Thalia McGrady **Next Week:** Lori Love-Franke
Micro Message: Susan Moon **Next Week:** TBA
Flower Delivery: Chuck King **Next Week:** Pat Patterson
Open the Church: Paul Perry **Next Week:** Paul Perry
Close the Church : Thalia McGrady **Next Week:** Lori Love-Franke

The Flowers today are given by Marcia Cornibe in memory of Amy Monteleone.

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.

A Note of Thanks

A special thank you to all our friends and members of Saint Andrews for all the cards, notes, prayers, food, and all. Things seem to be on the mend these days and we pray they are. Also to Pastor Merry for her visits and care. Saint Andrews is very special in caring for each other. So glad we are members.

Thank you and God bless you all,
Patty and Bill Walters



Happy Birthday

September 10
September 11
September 13

Mary Ann Hazlett
Shirley Hindman
Zoann Weckerly

Youth Scavenger Hunt



Calling all Youth! On Sunday, October 1, 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 Wednesday, September 20th. We also need drivers and chaperones. All friends are welcome!



Saint Andrews Rummage Sale
October 20 - 21
9:00 am – 2:00 pm
\$2.00 Bag Sale Starts
at 1:00 pm on Saturday



If you can help with the Rummage Sale, please let Anzie Kelley know. Helpers are needed for set up on Wednesday, October 18, at 6:15 pm, Thursday, October 19, starting at 9:00 am, and on Friday, October 20, and Saturday, October 21, (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.

Covenant Food Cupboard Donations



The Covenant Food Cupboard has closed. A huge thank you to everyone who has donated groceries through the years!! If you'd like to continue donating food items, please prayerfully consider the Backpack Initiative. This vital ministry helps feed some of our youngest neighbors. 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!

Questions for Commissioning of Teachers

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 13 years old and is in 8th grade. He has one sister. She is in 7th grade and is also at the home. Their mother and father live in a nearby village.

Last year, Sabarish described the circumstances that brought them to the home. He writes,

Once my father worked as a carpenter. Our family was going on smoothly with my father's income. Then my father was affected by many wounds in his legs. So he couldn't do any work or move anywhere. My father took treatment in many hospitals. We spent more money but no recovery. We lost more money, even our house. My mother is a housewife. So we had no more income. In this situation, we heard about the Children's Home. Now we get food, shelter, and education with the help of our Dr. Sir and you. God bless you all abundantly.

*With love and thanks,
Sabarish.*

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!



For the Teachers:

Leader: Who is your Lord and Savior?

Teachers: Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior.

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

Teachers: I will, with God's help.

Leader: 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.

Leader: 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:

Leader: Do you, members of Saint Andrews United Presbyterian Church, confirm the call of God to our brothers and sisters as teachers in the service of Jesus Christ?

All: We do.

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

All: We will.

Youth: And will you continue to nurture and support us, their students, sharing your faith and love as we grow in Christ's grace together.

All: We will.