

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

Loving God, may these gifts help others come to know Jesus as your Son, our Lord and Savior. May the witness of our hearts, our words, our hands, and our lives help others to know your truth and love. Amen.

The Church Goes Forth to Serve

***The Closing Hymn #84** "Grace Greater than Our Sin" *(Sing to the Lord)*

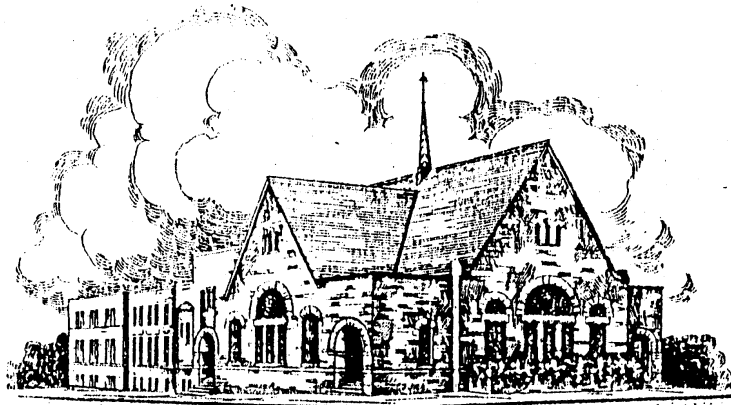
***The Benediction**

***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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September 17, 2017

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:30 AM

The Church in Preparation

The Prelude

The Lighting of the Candles Ben Grossman
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

Lori Love-Franke

Leader: God is sheer mercy and grace.
God is not easily angered but is rich in love.

**People: God doesn't endlessly nag or scold,
God doesn't hold grudges forever.**

Leader: God doesn't treat us as our sins deserve,
Nor pay us back in full for our wrongs.

**People: As high as heaven is over the earth,
So strong is God's love for those who revere him.**

Leader: Let us worship God!

(Psalm 103:8 – 11, from The Message, adapted)

The Opening Prayer *(In Unison)*

Holy and loving God, we gather to give thanks for your abundant mercies. In Christ, you free us from all that holds us in bondage. Open our hearts and empower our spirits to receive your gift of grace. Give us the courage to reach out and embrace the new life that you intend for us. Amen.

***The Opening Hymn #343** "Just As I Am" *(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

Loving God, we confess that our lives do not consistently reflect your grace and goodness. We are far more interested in keeping score and getting even than in showing forgiveness. We nurture our hurts and tally our grievances. We store up resentment like farmers store grain. Forgive us, Lord. Help us to remember that in the economy of grace, we ourselves are debtors. Empower us to forgive with the same boundless generosity that you have shown us. Empower us to live as truly forgiven people, through the grace of 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

Psalm 103: 1 – 13 O.T. p. 554
Matthew 18: 21 - 35 N.T. p. 20
Leader: The word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God

The Anthem

"Sing a New Song" Chancel Choir

The Micro Message

Deanna Golden

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 Sermon

"God's Balance Sheet" Rev. Merry Meloy

*The Hymn #461

"God, How Can We Forgive" (See Insert)

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

Christ has abundantly blessed us. Christ calls us to be a community that blesses others through the sharing of our love, our talents, and our material possessions. Let us share joyfully. Let us give generously so that others may know Christ's grace and love.

Please sign and pass the Friendship Registers located near the center aisle.
Thank you!

The 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!

(Repeat)

This Week at Saint Andrews United Presbyterian Church

Sunday, September 17, 2017

9:15 AM – Youth Sunday School
10:30 AM – Worship
11:00 AM – Nurture Team

Monday, September 18, 2017

11:00 AM – Narcotics Anonymous

Tuesday, September 19, 2017

11:00 AM – Narcotics Anonymous
6:30 PM – Session

Wednesday, September 20, 2017

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

Thursday, September 21, 2017

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

Friday, September 22, 2017

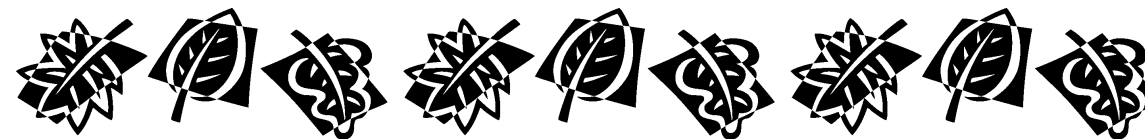
11:00 AM – Narcotics Anonymous

Saturday, September 23, 2017

Next Sunday, September 24, 2017

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

Worship Attendance for September 10, 2017: 60



Worship Leadership

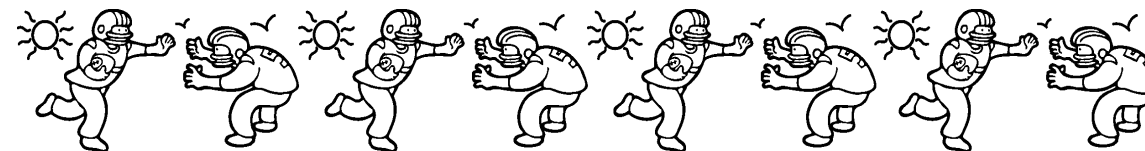
Ushers: Scott Hazlett	Mary Ann Hazlett	Paul Perry	Peggy Douthett
Acolyte: Ben Grossman			Next Week: Kyle Hawks
Liturgist: Lori Love-Franke			Next Week: Esther Radvinski
Micro Message: Deanna Golden			Next Week: TBA
Flower Delivery: Pat Patterson			Next Week: Stephanie Arienzo
Open the Church: Paul Perry			Next Week: Paul Perry
Close the Church : Lori Love-Franke			Next Week: Esther Radvinski

The Flowers today are given by the Mowerys in honor of Travis' 17th birthday.

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 18

Kate Busa

September 19

Travis Mowery

September 22

Mary Turk

September First Sunday Mission Offering

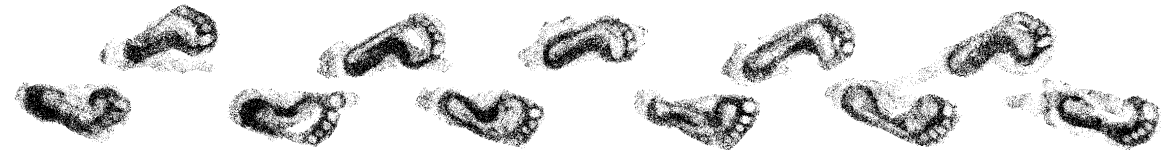
Our First Sunday Mission Offering in September is used to support our sponsored child at the Indo-American Home for Children. Sabarish is 13 years old and is in 8th grade. He has one sister. She is in 7th grade and is also at the home. Their mother and father live in a nearby village.

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!



Rally Day Thank You!

A huge thank you to everyone who helped make this year's Rally Day so special. The breakfast was delicious! Special thanks to our Deacons and the Nurture Team for making it all happen and to all of you who participated!!



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 Indoor Yard 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 Indoor Yard 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.

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!