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Saint Andrews United Presbyterian Church  
September 8, 2019 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time 10:30 AM

**The Church in Preparation**

**The Prelude**

Welcome and Announcements  
Exchange of Greetings

Organist Chuck Davey

**Organ Introit**

**The Call to Worship**

Leader: O Lord, you have searched us and know us.

**People: You know when we sit down and when we rise;**

Leader: You discern our thoughts from far away.

**People: Even before the words are on our tongues,  
O Lord, you know them completely.**

Leader: Where can we go from your Spirit?

**People: Where can we flee from your presence?**

Leader: If we ascend to heaven, you are there;

**People: If we make our bed in the depths, you are there.**

Leader: If we take the wings of the morning  
and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,

**People: Even there your hand shall lead us,  
and your right hand shall hold us fast.**

(Portions of Psalm 139, adapted)

**The Opening Prayer (In Unison)**

**Everlasting God, in whom we live and move and have our being: You have made us for yourself, so that our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Deliver us from cold hearts and wandering thoughts, that with steady minds and burning zeal we may worship you in spirit and in truth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**\*The Opening Hymn #155** “Rejoice, the Lord Is King” (Presby Hymnal)

(Ushers will collect prayer requests. Please pass them to the center aisle.)

\*The people will rise in body or spirit

### **The Prayer of Confession** *(In Unison)*

Merciful God, in your gracious presence we confess our sin and the sin of this world. Although Christ is among us as our peace, we are a people divided against ourselves. The profit and pleasures we pursue lay waste to the land and pollute the seas. The fear and jealousies we harbor set neighbor against neighbor and friend against friend. In your mercy, forgive us, Lord. Heal us and set us free to serve you. Empower us to be agents of your reconciling love, 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**

Jeremiah 15: 19 – 16: 4

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Luke 14: 25 – 33

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Leader: The word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### **The Anthem**

“If You Believe”

Piano: Deanna Golden

### **The Sermon**

“The Cost of Discipleship”

Rev. Clark Sawyer

### **\*The Hymn #391**

“Take My Life”

*(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**

We honor Christ by sharing the abundance that God has shared with us. In gratitude for God's many blessings, we offer our time, our talents, our resources and our lives. Let us bring before the Lord our tithes and offerings.

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

Thank you!

### **The Offertory**

“TBA”

### **\*The Congregation Sings in Response** #7 “Praise God,…”

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

Praise Him, all creatures here below.

Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host.

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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

Gracious God, may our giving add strength to the witness of your church. Guard us from the cynicism of our skeptical, self-serving age. Empower us to share the good news of your love in our homes, in our community, and throughout the world, through the grace of Christ. Amen.

### **The Church Goes Forth to Serve**

### **\*The Closing Hymn #343** “Called as Partners in Christ's Service” *(Presby Hymnal)*

### **\*The Benediction**

### **\*The Postlude**

~Welcome to Saint Andrews~

The Church Nursery is available for children through kindergarten age

**This Week at Saint Andrews United Presbyterian Church**

**Sunday, September 8 2019**

10:30 AM – Worship, Welcome Rev. Clark Sawyer  
11:45 AM – Nurture Team

**Monday, September 9, 2019**

12:00 PM – Narcotics Anonymous

**Tuesday, September 10, 2019**

12:00 PM – Narcotics Anonymous  
7:00 PM – BAP (Butler Area Presbyterians) at Saint Andrews

**Wednesday, September 11, 2019**

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

**Thursday, September 12, 2019**

12:00 PM – Narcotics Anonymous  
6:00 PM – Narcotics Anonymous Book Study  
6:15 PM – Canticle Ringers  
7:30 PM – Chancel Choir

**Friday, September 13, 2019**

12:00 PM – Narcotics Anonymous

**Saturday, September 14, 2019**

**Next Sunday, September 15, 2019**

9:15 AM – Rally Day Breakfast  
10:30 AM – Worship  
11:45 AM – Outreach Committee  
6:30 PM – Bible Study

Worship Attendance for September 1, 2019: 46

**Worship Leadership**

**Ushers:** Rick Kelley      Anzie Kelley      Mary Lindenberg      Pat Bopp  
**Liturgist:** Lori Love-Franke      **Next Week:** Travis Grossman  
**Micro Message:** None      **Next Week:** None  
**Flower Delivery:** Kathy Eamigh      **Next Week:** Kristen Mowery  
**Open the Church:** Paul Perry      **Next Week:** Paul Perry  
**Close the Church:** Lori Love-Franke      **Next Week:** Dennis Rodgers

**The Flowers** today are given by Dave Landis in honor of Chris and Gretchen's 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

**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

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**Welcome Rev. Clark Sawyer**

A warm Saint Andrews welcome to our guest preacher Rev. Clark Sawyer! Pastor Merry is out of town this weekend for a family funeral. She returns tomorrow.

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**Rally Day Breakfast  
Next Sunday**



Sunday School is starting up! To celebrate, we'll be gathering for a delicious breakfast next Sunday, September 15, at 9:15 am in the Memorial Room. See you there!



## Communion Sunday September 15th

We will be sharing the Lord's Supper during worship next Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup>. Please join us!

## Bible Study on Philippians Resumes Sept 15th



Our Bible study on Philippians will **not meet** this evening, September 8<sup>th</sup>. We'll resume next Sunday, September 15, at 6:30 pm in the Church Library. Bring some friends and come!

## Study on Moses Starts Sunday, September 22

Moses is one of the most important figures in the Old Testament. The epic account of his life and the liberation of the Israelite slaves remains the defining story of the Jewish people. That story also shapes the Gospels and our understanding of Jesus. This fall, we'll take a closer look at some of the highlights of Moses' extraordinary life, using Adam Hamilton's book and DVD as a guide.

Join us as we explore some of the most significant events in Moses' journey and what they can teach us about God, ourselves, and God's will for our lives. The study begins on Sunday, September 22, at 9:20 in the Church Library and is open to both youth and adults. There's a seat waiting for you!



## Happy Birthday to:

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

## Corn Roast Thank You

*A huge thank you to the Weckerly Family for hosting the Corn Roast last month. The weather was perfect, the fellowship was great, and the food was delicious, especially the corn! Thanks for providing such a wonderful evening!!*



## MUSIC NEWS

The Canticleer Ringers and Chancel Choir has started up! 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!

## Kyle Golden and Jim Cunningham in Concert

Kyle Golden and Jim Cunningham will be sharing their musical gifts as part of the Butler County Symphony Summer Concert Series at noon this Friday, September 13, at the Butler Symphony Office on Main Street. The concert is free and open to the public. Come on out for a midday banquet of wonderful music!

## CureSearch Walk

Dear Friends,

We are in our eighth year of fundraising for the CureSearch Superheroes Walk in Pittsburgh on September 29th. We do this in honor of our grandson, Ben, who is a neuroblastoma survivor (since infancy). It was a terrible time for all of us, but Ben is now a healthy eight year old who plans to become THE doctor who cures cancer. He held his own cookie/candy/drink stand for CureSearch during his neighborhood garage sale in June. His brother, Adam, is three and already registered as a walker.

Your support has been greatly appreciated in the past. There are several ways to contribute this year if you wish:

Go to the 2019 Pittsburgh Superheroes CureSearch Walk. Look for "Bejamin's Brigade" as a team or Ella Pisani as a participant. Click "donate" and follow directions to use your credit card.

I will be happy to deposit cash or checks for you. My address is  
494 Stonecliff Lane  
Butler, PA 16001

Thank you again for supporting this worthy cause in the past. Much love and appreciation to all of you.

Sincerely,  
Peggy Pisani



## Giving Made Easier

Do you sometimes get behind in your giving?  
Have you ever felt frustrated because you left  
your checkbook or offering envelope at home?  
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:

Saint Andrews United Presbyterian Church  
201 East Jefferson Street  
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724-287-4777

Your offering will be recorded and deposited by Saint Andrews after the check is received.

Questions?  
Please call Danielle at the church office.

## Helpers Needed

The feeding of the five thousand started with just 5 loaves and 2 fish—a simple picnic that one boy was willing to share. In Jesus' hands, that humble meal became enough to feed a multitude. Jesus calls us to continue his work of feeding the hungry and caring for the poor. But we need your help!

Every Sunday here at Saint Andrews, folks from local Presbyterian Churches offer a simple bagged lunch to members of the community. Over the years, we've shared thousands of bologna sandwiches and chips (the 21<sup>st</sup> Century equivalent of bread and fish) with our neighbors in need.

Our congregation is responsible for providing lunches on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays of each month. Different teams take turns making sandwiches and assembling about 50 bagged lunches. They then distribute the lunches from noon to 12:15 at the Cliff Street entrance. The whole process takes one to two hours.

Our teams would love to have you join them. For more information or to sign up, please contact the church office or see John Ripper. 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. We have a new child this fall. Sabarish, our former sponsored child, has left the home. So we are now sponsoring a 14 year old young lady named Subhashini. She has been at the home since she was seven. Her father died when she was young and her family is very poor. Through the home, Subhashini receives 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 Subhashini, just mark your check "Sponsored Child" or use a First Sunday Mission Offering Envelope from the pew racks. Thank you!

## Flower Calendar Openings

Would you like to donate the chancel flowers for one or more worship services? The Flower Calendar is in the Narthex. Please sign up for a Sunday or two. Don't forget to tell us if the flowers are in honor or in memory of someone, or if they are to commemorate an important date. We still have openings on:



September 15  
October 6  
October 13  
October 20

November 3  
November 24  
December 8  
December 22



The flowers you donate are yours to take home after the worship service, or you may leave them and a Deacon will take them to one of our homebound members. The cost is \$40. 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 13<sup>th</sup>. 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!