

## Litany of Thanksgiving and Dedication

Leader: Gracious God, we offer our thanks for your many blessings,  
For the gift of life and the strength to serve,

**People: Lord, we give you thanks!**

Leader: For the love of family and friends and for your deep love and care,

**People: Lord we give you thanks!**

Leader: For opportunities to give and for resources to contribute,

**People: Lord, we give you thanks!**

**All: Accept, we pray, these offerings and our pledge of stewardship.  
Strengthen our commitment and grant us generous spirits so that  
we may embody your grace and live to your glory, through your  
Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

### The Church Goes to Serve

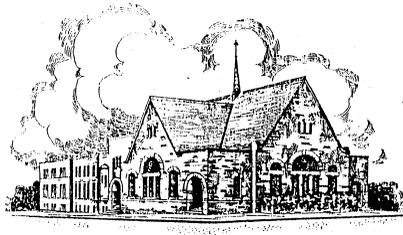
**\*The Closing Hymn #774** "Give Thanks, My Soul, for Harvest" *(Sing to the Lord)*

**\*The Benediction**

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

**The Postlude** Guest Pianist Kathy Sawyer

Welcome to Saint Andrews. We're glad you're here!



### **Saint Andrews United Presbyterian Church**

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# Saint Andrews United Presbyterian Church

**November 20, 2022**

**Stewardship Sunday**

**10:30 AM**

### The Church in Preparation

**The Prelude** Guest Pianist Kathy Sawyer

**Welcome and Announcements**

**The Introit and Time of Centering** Guest Pianist Kathy Sawyer

**The Call to Worship** Karen Pressler

Leader: As the rain pours forth from the heavens,  
soaking the earth so it may produce good things,

**People: So God pours out God's love upon us,  
empowering us to produce the fruits of faithfulness,  
love, joy, and kindness.**

Leader: We have been blessed with many gifts, talents and resources.

**People: God asks us to use these to bring healing, peace, and hope.**

Leader: Come, let us worship  
and celebrate the mighty love and power of God.

**People: Let us lift our hearts and voices  
to sing of God's goodness and grace.**

**The Opening Prayer** *(In Unison)*

**Amazing God, no words can adequately praise you. No response by us can match the love you have shown. You are our strength and our salvation; your grace touches our lives in ways we do not even recognize. Be with us now as we worship you. Gather us in your warm embrace, that our faith may be renewed and our work empowered to the honor and glory of your holy name. Amen.**

**\*The Opening Hymn #765** "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come" *(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)*

Merciful God, we want to express our gratitude but our sin gets in the way. We want to live thankfully, but we're so consumed by what we lack that we overlook what we have received. You have blessed us and you care for us, but we're too busy to notice. Forgive us, Lord. Awaken us to your presence. Open our eyes to the many resources you have given us. Open our hearts to the many opportunities to share, 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**

Philippians 4: 4 - 9  
Luke 17: 11 - 19  
Leader: The word of the Lord.  
**People: Thanks be to God**

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**The Anthem**

"Many Gifts, One Spirit"  
Chancel Choir  
Pianist: Kathy Sawyer

**The Sermon**

"Thankful Hearts" Rev. Merry Meloy

**The Hymn #766**

"Now Thank We All Our God" *(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 we need to give—to express in tangible, material ways what our priorities are, to testify to Christ's saving love by our actions and our choices. This morning, we give witness to Christ's work in this congregation as we pledge our commitment of time, talents, and treasure for 2023. Let us share generously and joyfully as we pledge our stewardship, our offerings, and our lives.

As the offering plates are being passed, please sign and pass the Friendship Registers located at the end of your pews. If you are visiting with us this morning, please help us get to know you by filling out the long, blue card in the pew rack in front of you. Thank you!

**The Offertory**

Pianist Kathy Sawyer

**\*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

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

**Sunday, November 20, 2022**  
**Stewardship Sunday**

9:30 AM – New Members Class  
10:30 AM – Worship  
12:30 AM – Joint Choir Rehearsal and Recording at Covenant

**Monday, November 21, 2022**

**Tuesday, November 22, 2022**

10:00 AM – 2:00 PM – The Alcove at Saint Andrews

**Wednesday, November 23, 2022**

5:00 PM – Community Dinner – Trinity

**Thursday, November 24, 2022**  
**Office Closed**  
**Happy Thanksgiving!**

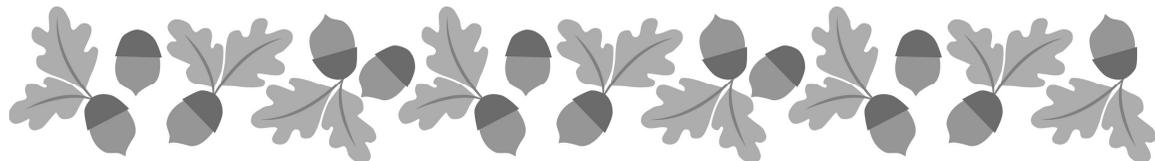
**Friday, November 25, 2022**

**Saturday, November 26, 2022**

10:00 AM – 2:00 PM – The Alcove at Saint Andrews

**Next Sunday, November 27, 2022**  
**First Sunday of Advent**

9:30 AM – New Members Class  
10:30 AM – Worship with Communion  
11:30 AM – Hanging of the Greens



**Worship Leaders**

<b>Ushers:</b> Rick Kelley	Anzie Kelley	Chuck King	Bonnie Martin
<b>Next Week:</b> John Minich	Michele Minich	Karen Pressler	Denny Rodgers
<b>Liturgist:</b> Karen Pressler			<b>Next Week:</b> Bob Eamigh
<b>Sound Tech:</b> Deanna Golden			<b>Next Week:</b> Kevin Moon
<b>Flower Delivery:</b> Stephanie Arienzo			<b>Next Week:</b> Ashley Farrington
<b>Open the Church:</b> Paul Perry			<b>Next Week:</b> Paul Perry
<b>Close the Church:</b> Bonnie Martin			<b>Next Week:</b> Karen Pressler

**The Flowers** today are given by Carol Israel in memory of Rex Mahood and Jim Israel.

**Prayer Requests** can be made by using the pink/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.

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*All in the Family*

*The sympathy and resurrection faith of the congregation go out to the Dreyer Family. Carol's father, Bob Jamison, died last Sunday, November 13, 2022.*



**Happy Birthday to**

Andrew Ripper	November 23
Dan Hawks	November 24

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**Stewardship Sunday**



We'll be dedicating our pledge of giving this morning during worship. If you forgot your Estimate of Giving Card, there are extras in the Narthex.



## Advent Communion

We will be celebrating the Lord's Supper during worship next Sunday, November 27<sup>th</sup>. Join us as we begin our journey through Advent together.



## Hanging of the Greens

Please plan on staying after worship next Sunday, November 27, for our annual "Hanging of the Greens." This is a great opportunity for fun and fellowship as we "deck the halls" together!

## Hunters Sharing the Harvest

Hunters, would you be interested in donating all or part of this season's harvest to the Community Dinner Program here at Saint Andrews? It's easy to do. Simply take your deer to one of the processors listed below and mark Saint Andrews as the recipient. The venison will be ground, wrapped, frozen, and delivered. Please consider the "Hunters Sharing the Harvest" program as a way that we as sportsmen can help those in need in our community. Thank you!

### Meat Processors:

R & B Meats —Herman	724-321-1769
Bim's Boloney—N. Washington	724-894-2569
McKruit's Meat Packing—Cabot	724-352-2988
T.A. Giger—Valencia	724-898-2244
Bob's Deer Processing-Prospect	724-865-2484

Be sure to tell the processor to whom your venison should be donated.

## New Members Class

Our New Members Class meets next Sunday, November 27, at 9:30 am in the Memorial Room. If you're interested in joining the church, or just want to learn more about who we are and what we do, this opportunity is just for you! If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Merry. Thanks!



## November First Sunday Mission Offering

Our First Sunday Mission Offering in November goes to the Samaritan Counseling Center of Western Pennsylvania. The Center is a faith-based, non-profit organization that helps individuals and families find spiritual, emotional and physical healing through professional counseling and educational programs. Samaritan Counselors seek to provide more than a relief from symptoms; they strive to help clients discover and address those factors that are keeping them from becoming the people God intends them to be.

The Center offers a variety of services, including one-on-one counseling for adults, children, adolescents, couples and families, spiritual direction, grief support services, and group seminars. Fees are adjusted according to a client's ability to pay. The Center is funded, in part, by contributions from churches, organizations, individuals, and foundations. Samaritan Counseling has locations in Allegheny, Beaver and Butler Counties.

To help fund this quiet but vital ministry, simply use a "First Sunday Mission Offering" envelope found in the pew racks or mark "First Sunday Mission" in the memo portion of your check. Thank you!

