

***The Prayer of Dedication**

Gracious God, with praise and thanksgiving for your many blessings, we dedicate these offerings and our lives to your service. Help us to be alert to the needs around us. Help us to be aware of those who live in fear and hopelessness. Show us ways to lift their burdens, Lord. Show us ways to help. Amen.

***The Communion Hymn #5** "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence" (Presby Hymnal)
(Verses 2 – 4)

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

The Invitation to the Lord's Table

Communion Prayer

The Words of Institution

Sharing of 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

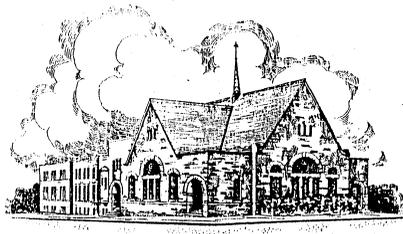
***The Closing Hymn #8** "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates" (Presby Hymnal)

***The Benediction**

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

The Postlude

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 27, 2022

1st Sunday of Advent

10:30 AM

Communion Sunday

The Church in Preparation

The Prelude

Guest Musician Melanie Rodgers

Welcome and Announcements

The Lighting of the Advent Wreath: The Hope Candle

Leader: Advent is a season of watching and waiting.

People: We wait for Christmas and the celebration of Christ's birth.

Leader: We wait for the day when Christ will come again and God's reign will be complete,

People: The prophet Isaiah tells us, "For darkness shall cover the earth and thick darkness the peoples;

Leader: But the Lord will arise upon you and his glory will appear over you."

People: We light this candle to proclaim the coming of God's light into the world;

Leader: for in this light, there is hope.

All: Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord. Let us worship God!

The Chancel Choir Sings in Response "A Candle Shines"

The Opening Prayer (In Unison)

Ever-present God, Christ taught us that he would return suddenly and unexpectedly. Empower us to wait with patient anticipation for the coming of your Son. Guide us into true readiness. Wake us up; shake off the cobwebs of our complacency. Plant your hope within us so that we may live in faithful expectation, through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

***The Opening Hymn #360** "Christ Is Coming!" (Please See Insert)

(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)*

God who is with us, and God who is on the way, we confess that we do not wait or watch for you. Our energies and attention are focused on other things—on too crowded schedules, on the demands of work and family, on fulfilling the desires of our often selfish hearts. Sometimes, we forget that you are with us. Often, we forget that you will come again. Forgive us, Lord. Awaken us to your will and fit us for your coming, so that we may watch for you with confidence and hope, 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

Isaiah 2:1 - 5

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Matthew 24:36 - 44

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Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

The Sermon

Rev. Merry Meloy

The Hymn #286

“View the Present Through the Promise”

(Sing to the Lord)

The Church Responds

***The Affirmation of Faith – The Nicene Creed (Ecumenical)**

All: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

All: We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

Piano Side: For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.

Pulpit Side: For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

Piano Side: On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated on the right hand of the Father.

Pulpit Side: He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

All: We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father (and the Son), who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. 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

God has enriched our lives with blessings too numerous to count. God calls us to share those blessings in witness to Christ’s boundless love and healing grace. Inspired by Christ’s selfless generosity, let us bring to God our tithes and offerings.

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

“How Great His Love”

Chancel Choir

Accompanist Melanie Rodgers

Musical Response #5 “Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence” *(Presby Hymnal)*

Let all mortal flesh keep silence, And with fear and trembling stand;

Ponder nothing earthly minded, For with blessing in His hand,
Christ our God to earth descendeth, Our full homage to demand.

This Week at Saint Andrews United Presbyterian Church

Sunday, November 27, 2022
1st Sunday of Advent

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

Monday, November 28, 2022

6:30 PM – Livestream Training

Tuesday, November 29, 2022

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

Wednesday, November 30, 2022

5:00 PM – Community Dinner – East Butler

Thursday, December 1, 2022

6:15 PM – Canticleer Ringers
7:30 PM – Chancel Choir

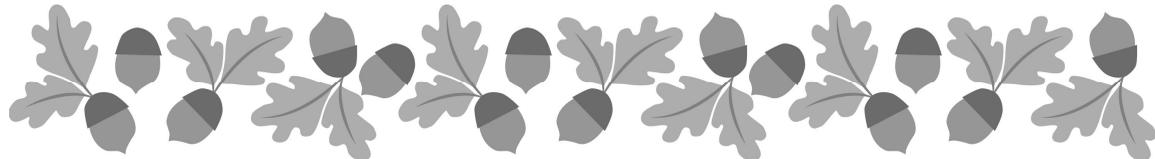
Friday, December 2, 2022

Saturday, December 3, 2022

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

Next Sunday, December 4, 2022
2nd Sunday of Advent

9:30 AM – New Members Class
10:30 AM – Worship
12:00 PM – Sunday Lunches (Provided by Karen Pressler and Joanna Sickels)



Worship Leaders

Ushers: John Minich Michele Minich Karen Pressler Denny Rodgers
Next Week: Ben Grossman Dawn Grossman Dale Hutchison Andrew Ripper
Liturgist: Bob Eamigh **Next Week:** Lori Love-Franke
Sound Tech: Kevin Moon **Next Week:** Travis Grossman
Flower Delivery: Ashley Farrington **Next Week:** Barb Hutchison
Open the Church: Paul Perry **Next Week:** Paul Perry
Close the Church: Karen Pressler **Next Week:** Dawn Grossman

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.

All in the Family

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



Happy Birthday to

Terri Bonnett

November 29

Estimate of Giving Cards



It's not too late to hand in your estimate of giving for 2022. Just put it in the offering plate or mail it to the church office. If you lost your card, there are extras in the narthex. Thank you.



Hanging of the Greens

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

New Members Class

Our New Members Class meets next Sunday, December 4, 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!

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.



Brass Ensemble Concert



Slippery Rock University's Brass Ensemble will present a concert this Friday, December 2, at Covenant Presbyterian Church (230 E. Jefferson Street). The music begins at 7:30 pm. The concert is free. There will be a Free Will Offering to benefit Covenant Presbyterian Church.



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!





Poinsettia Order For Christmas Eve 2022



If you would like to place a poinsettia in the sanctuary on Christmas Eve, please complete this order form and return it with payment to the church office (201 E. Jefferson St., Butler, PA 16001) no later than Monday, **December 12th**. It is important for us to have your information by this date so that we can include your poinsettias in our order and your information in the bulletin. Thank you! (Note: Poinsettias will be red, 6" pot).

The poinsettias you order are yours to take with you following the Christmas Eve worship service. The Deacons will take any poinsettias left after the service to our homebound members. Please note which option you prefer:

- I will be taking my Poinsettia(s) home.
 The Deacons may deliver my Poinsettia(s) to a Homebound Member

Number of Poinsettias _____ x \$8.50 per plant

Amount of payment \$ _____

For the Bulletin: *Please print*
Given in:

“memory” _____

“honor of” _____

“celebration, thanksgiving, appreciation, etc.” _____

“other” _____

Given by: _____

Phone: _____

Reminder: Payment must accompany order.