



SAIN^T ANDREW

Presbyterian Church

Following Christ – Serving in Love
Engaging the World

Morning Worship October 8, 2017

Sunday School 9:30 am
Sunday Morning Fellowship 10:15 am
Sunday Morning Worship 10:45 am
Sunday Evening Worship 6 pm*
*Every Third Sunday
Wednesday Evening Bible Study 6 pm

Rev. Edward C. Rees IV, Pastor
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WELCOME VISITORS

If you are seeking a Church home, we are always delighted to welcome new members into the Saint Andrew fellowship. If you desire more information about Saint Andrew, please indicate on the friendship pad or speak to the minister after the service.

Catechism Question of the Week

Q 41 What is the Lord's Prayer?

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

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“Accept one another just as Christ accepted you.” (Romans 15:7)
*Please enter the Sanctuary quietly to prepare for worship. Today’s
Scripture readings and hymns are recommended for your silent
meditation and prayer.*

Soli Deo Gloria

Welcome and Announcements

**(Please sign and pass the Friendship Register. If you are the last
person on your row, please tear out the sheet after everyone has
signed and place the sheet in the offering plate.)**

GATHERING OF GOD’S PEOPLE

PRELUDE Rhapsody on a Theme by Paganini
Sergei Rachmaninov

*HYMN #118 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

**A mighty fortress is our God, A bulwark never failing;
Our helper He, amid the flood Of mortal ills prevailing;
For still our ancient foe Doth seek to work us woe;
His craft and power are great, And, armed with cruel hate,
On earth is not His equal.**

**Did we in our own strength confide, Our striving would be losing,
Were not the right Man on our side, the Man of God’s own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is He--
Lord Sabaoth His name, From age to age the same,
And He must win the battle.**

**And though this world, with devils filled, Should threaten to undo us,
We will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to triumph through us.
The prince of darkness grim, we tremble not for him--
His rage we can endure, For lo, his doom is sure:
One little word shall fell him.**

**That word above all earthly powers, No thanks to them, abideth;
The Spirit and the gifts are ours Through Him Who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go, This mortal life also--
The body they may kill; God’s truth abideth still:
His kingdom is forever.**

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 13

How long, O Lord? Will you forget me forever? How long will you hide your face from me?

How long must I take counsel in my soul, and have sorrow in my heart all the day? How long shall my enemy be exalted over me?

But I have trusted in your steadfast love; my heart shall rejoice in your salvation.

I will sing to the Lord because he has dealt bountifully with me.

*OPENING PRAYER

Elder Anne Iverson

*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.

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

LITANY OF LAMENT AND CONFESSION

O Lord God Almighty, at times it seems we are like strangers on this earth, staggered by the hatred, the violence, the cruelty we have unleashed upon one another. We reel in disbelief at the pain and the suffering of the world, and wonder where we might find light in the darkness. Yet we know, Father, that in our own hearts can be found the seed of every sin, every deceit, every evil act. O Lord, if you should count iniquities, who could stand? You alone are good and holy. Hear our cries of repentance and grief, O God. Purify our lives, and through your Holy Spirit give us wisdom, courage, and compassion for these days. We do not ask you to keep us safe, but to keep us faithful, that we may serve Jesus Christ, who, though tempted in every way as we are, remained faithful to you.
Hear our prayer, O Lord.

For the families of all those whose lives have been taken by bloodshed and violence; for the broken hearts of their friends and loved ones; for plans cut short, for words unspoken, for hopes and dreams suddenly crushed by terror;

Hear our prayer, O Lord.

For unsung heroes who stand fast in the face of evil; for those who gave their lives in sacrifice for others; for first responders who do not hesitate to put themselves in harm's way; for their families who watch them leave home knowing they might never return;

Hear our prayer, O Lord.

For those who suffer from mental illness; for those whose hearts are so damaged they have turned away from all sympathy and compassion; for those who feel themselves lost and bereft of friendship and hope;

Hear our prayer, O Lord.

From our own spiritual blindness and pride; from our own envy and hypocrisy; from our own hatred and malice;

O God, deliver us.

From a lack of reverence for truth and beauty; from cold calculation or mere sentimentality; from silently accepting anything that belittles and denigrates others;

O God, deliver us.

From cowardice that refuses to face the truth; from laziness that leaves us complacent; from arrogance that always assumes the fault does not lie within us;

O God, deliver us.

From hollow worship and false idols; from superficial life and self-centered indulgence; from insincere speech and shallow commitments;

O God, deliver us.

From intolerance and prejudice; from tribal pride and casual injustice; from failing to welcome those who are different from us;

O God, deliver us.

For everything in us that may hide your light;

O God, the light of all life, have mercy on us. Amen

ASSURANCE of FORGIVENESS

If God is for us, who can be against us? Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. I declare to you, in the name of Christ, you and I are forgiven.

HYMN#495

It Is Well with My Soul

**When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll-
Whatever my lot, Thou has taught me to say,
It is well, it is well, with my soul.**

***Refrain: It is well, with my soul,
It is well, it is well with my soul.***

**My sin, oh, the joy of this glorious thought-
My sin, not in part, but the whole,
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more:
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!**

Refrain

**And, Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll:
The trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend,
“Even so”- it is well with my soul. *Refrain***

MOMENT for SILENT PRAYER

The Lord's Prayer (Spoken)

ANTHEM My Shepherd Will Supply My Need
 Arranged by Fred Bock
 Rev. Ed Rees, solo

HEARING GOD'S WORD Lay Reader: Cindy Lesniewski

OLD TESTAMENT READING Habakkuk 1:2-4 (p.785)

NEW TESTAMENT READING John 11:17-37 (p.897)

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON How Long, O Lord?

I. The reality of evil

Jeremiah 17:9

Mark 7:20-23

III. The response to evil

Habakkuk 1:2-4

John 11:17-37

Luke 13:1-5

Romans 12:9-21

RESPONDING TO GOD

GATHERING THE PEOPLES' OFFERING

OFFERTORY

***DOXOLOGY**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – The Apostles' Creed**

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 *Spirit*, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; He descended into hell; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and *is seated* on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from *there* he shall come to judge the *living* and the dead. I believe in the Holy *Spirit*; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

GOING WITH GOD INTO THE WORLD

***THE CHARGE**

***HYMN**

Lift Every Voice and Sing

**Lift every voice and sing, 'til earth and heaven ring,
Ring with the harmonies of liberty;
Let our rejoicing rise, high as the listening skies,
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us,
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,
Let us march on 'til victory is won.**

**Stony the road we trod, bitter the chastening rod,
Felt in the days when hope unborn had died;
Yet with a steady beat, have not our weary feet**

**Come to the place for which our fathers sighed?
We have come over a way that with tears has been watered,
We have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered,
Out from the gloomy past, 'til now we stand at last
Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.**

**God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,
Thou who has brought us thus far on the way;
Thou who has by Thy might, Led us into the light,
Keep us forever in the path, we pray.
Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met Thee,
Lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we forget Thee;
Shadowed beneath Thy hand, may we forever stand,
True to our God, true to our native land.**

***BENEDICTION**

*** All who are able, please stand.**

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

Our Homebound Members: Mary Bentley, Louis Cook, Chuck Cornelius, Evelyn Scudder, Eileen Hoehle, Jean Johnson, Nancy Johnson, Ann Heaney, Ed Macuch, Barbara Rinker, Al L'Heureux, Bob Wilson, Joyce Howe, Alice Redmon

Members and Friends: Pat and Duane Seaborn, Louise Taylor, Jete McCutcheon, John Stillwell, Marva Ellison, Harold Gibbs, Ivett Andrews, Flo Mundy and Family, Bill Lee and Family, Betsy Penrow, and Joe Lesniewski

Bobbie Auld, Tracy and Brian Leopard, Betty Zimmerman, Donald Oliver and Family; Rev. Andrew Brunson and Family, Linda Williams, Leonard and Gwen McCrary, Glynn Moore, Greg Scurlock and Family, Pat Ivey and Family, Dorothy and Frank Heckendorn, Steven Beam and Family, Victims of Hurricane Harvey, Victims of Hurricane Irma, the Persecuted Church, those serving in our armed forces, and those who do not yet know Jesus

THIS WEEK AT SAINT ANDREW

October 8- October 14

Today	9:30 am	Sunday School
	10:15 am	Coffee & Fellowship
	10:45 am	Morning Worship
	3:00 pm	Blessing of the Animals
	4:00 pm	Greene St Diner
4:00- 5:00 pm	Christ the King	
Monday	6:30 pm	Session Meeting
	Columbus Day – Office Closed	
Tuesday	9:30 am	Presbyterian Women Study Group
	10:30 am	Bible Study (Harrington Park)
Wednesday	6:00 pm	Brown Bag Fellowship
	6:30 pm	Prayer, Share & Study
	7:15 pm	Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	6:30 pm	Prayer Group (Kershner home)

Lay Readers this month: Joe and Cindy Lesniewski

Offering Collectors this month: Mark and Kay Sollie

Greeter this month:

Attendance Last Week: 74

Fellowship Snacks Provided by:

GAP ITEMS OF THE MONTH

“LUNCHBOX” SNACKS

Please place items in the decorated container in the parlor, remembering that if you forget to bring an item, you are welcome to contribute cash or checks (made payable to GAP Ministries).