

***The Hymn #180** “While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks” Christmas

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

The Prayer of Confession *(In Unison)*

God, you are both tender and mighty – a shepherd we can trust. You call to us and gather us. You feed us and bid us rest in your care. Still, we fear the world around us and fail to seek your help. We struggle stupidly against you – refusing your comfort and ignoring your commands. Renew us and restore us, Lord of hosts. Show us the light of your face, that we may be saved. 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

Scripture Readings

Luke 2: 8 – 15

N.T. p. 58

Leader: The word of the Lord
People: Thanks be to God

Anthem

“Prepare the Way” Chancel Choir
Featuring Solos by Betty Judson and Kyle Golden

The Message to Young Christians

Janice King

The Congregation Sings in Response #602 “Song of Zechariah”

Blest be the God of Is-rael, Who comes to set us free;
Who vis-ists and re-deems us, Who grants us lib-er-ty.
The proph-ets spoke of mer-cy, Of free-dom and re-lease;
God shall fu-fill that prom-ise
And bring the peo-ple peace.

The Sermon

“What is Peace?” Rev. Fred Young

***The Hymn #195** “I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day” Waltham

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

In thanks for all God's gifts, and in response to the needs of so many of God's children, we now gather all that we have brought to share, praying that these resources will accomplish much good in Jesus' name. Let us bring before the Lord 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. Thank you!

The Offertory “God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen” Canticleer Ringers

***The Congregation Sings in Response** “Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates”

Re – deem – er, Come! I o – pen wide
My heart to Thee; here, Lord, a – bide.
Let me Thy in – ner pres – ence feel;
Thy grace and love in me re – veal.

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

Ever-giving God, in this season of sharing, we offer ourselves to you with joy. As you gave the wondrous gift of your child Jesus to teach, and transform us, so use our gifts of wealth, self, and service to help bring about your reign on earth, through the grace of Christ. Amen.

This Week at Saint Andrews United Presbyterian Church

Sunday, December 18, 2011
4th Sunday of Advent

9:15 AM – Sunday School
10:30 AM – Worship
6:00 PM – Youth Christmas Party at the White House

Monday, December 19, 2011

Tuesday, December 20, 2011

Wednesday, December 21, 2011

5:00 PM – Community Dinner – Meridian UPC	6:30 PM – Chimes & Cherubs
5:00 PM – K ICK Music Rehearsal	6:45 PM – Joy Ringers & Canticleer Ringers
8:00 PM – Narcotics Anonymous	7:15 PM – Chancel Choir

Thursday, December 22, 2011

Friday, December 23, 2011

Saturday, December 24, 2011
Christmas Eve

6:30 PM – Christmas Eve Music Prelude
7:00 PM – Candlelight Service

Next Sunday, December 25, 2011
Christmas Day

No Sunday School
10:30 AM – Worship, “The Christmas Story in Word, Symbol, and Song”

Reports for Sunday, December 11, 2011

2011 Budgeted Operating Income to Date (Envelopes): \$ 153,846.15
Operating Income (Envelope Giving) to Date: \$ 162,511.84
Ahead of Budget: \$ 8,665.69
Special Giving to Date: \$ 63,900.53
Worship Attendance for December 11, 2011: 82



Worship Leadership

Ushers: Don Eyth	Anzie Kelley	Rick Kelley	Susan Race
Acolyte: Alyssa Ripper		Next Week: Kyle Hawks	
Liturgist: Bonnie Martin		Next Week: Pastor Merry	
Children's Sermon: Janice King		Next Week: Pastor Merry	
Children's Church: Elizabeth & Abigail Haughey		Next Week: No Children's Church	
Flower Delivery: Mary Ann Hazlett		Next Week: All Deacons	
Open the Church: Travis Grossman		Next Week: Jon McKay	
Close the Church: Thalia McGrady		Next Week: Pastor Merry	

The Flowers today are given by Lila Albert in memory of the M^cGrath and Albert Families and by Elizabeth and Abigail Haughey in celebration of the wedding anniversary of their parents, Jim and Lori.

Prayer Requests can be made by using the purple prayer request cards found in the pew racks. Please 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: Please use the left front entrance to the sanctuary and follow the hallway to the right. 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 pre-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.

Christmas Eve Music Rehearsal



REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

The Chancel Choir and Canticleer Ringers will meet this Wednesday, December 21, for a Christmas Eve rehearsal. The practice times are listed below:

6:30 PM Chimes and Cherubs
6:45 PM Bells - Joy Ringers and Canticleer Ringers
7:15 PM Chancel Choir

There will be no music rehearsals on Thursday.



Join Us for Worship on Christmas Eve

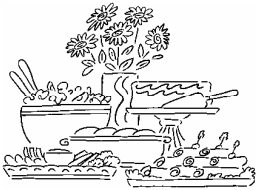
Our Candlelight Christmas Eve Service begins at 7:00 pm on Saturday, December 24th. Bring the family and come early! Special music begins at 6:30 pm.



Christmas Day Worship

Christmas morning worship will be informal with lots of carols. Come as you are in your sweats, jeans, or jammies for “The Christmas Story in Word, Symbol, and Song”. The service begins at our regular time, 10:30 am. Rev. Jim Swanson and Covenant United Presbyterian Church will be joining us. Please welcome them as we celebrate Christ’s birth together.

Just Because Luncheon



- ❖ Beat the Winter Blues Luncheon?
- ❖ After Christmas Luncheon?
- ❖ Time to Rest and Let Somebody Else Cook Luncheon?
- ❖ How about...we don’t really have to have a reason; Just Because!!!

Please join us after worship on Sunday, January 8 in the Memorial Room for fellowship and lunch, *Just Because!!* A warm plate of lasagna will be provided along with salad and rolls and drinks. Please bring a dessert or side dish to share if you are able. After the luncheon, we’ll spend a few minutes taking down the Christmas decorations (it doesn’t take very long). Even if you can’t stay to help, please come for lunch. Plan on joining your church family...not for any special reason...*Just Because!!*

All In The Family



The sympathy and resurrection faith of the congregation go out to Amy Monteleone’s Family. Amy died on Friday, December 2, 2011.



The sympathy and resurrection faith of the congregation go out to the Bonnett Family. Terri’s brother, Bradley Wardle, died on Sunday, December 4, 2011.



December 18	Mary Lindenberg
December 19	James McGrady
December 19	Margy Tebay
December 23	Stephanie Cupps
December 23	Karen Pressler

New Offering Envelopes



Our new offering envelopes for 2012 are in the Narthex. Please pick up your envelopes after worship. They are arranged alphabetically and are sitting on the pew. Thank you!

WINTER CLEAN-UP



Save the date! The Property Team and Board of Deacons are looking for help straightening, dusting, and cleaning the church sanctuary on Saturday, January 14th. We’ll gather around 9:00 am and finish by noon. There will be jobs for everyone, from our youngest to our oldest helpers. So mark your calendars and plan on coming out for a morning of good work and great fellowship.