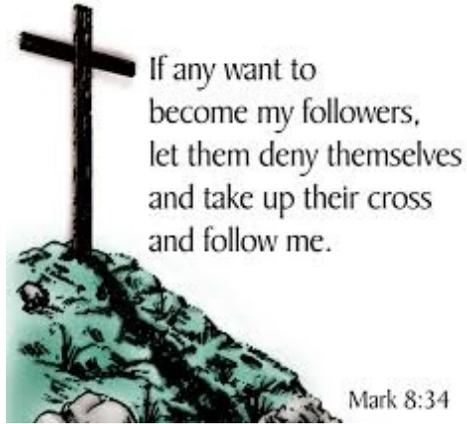


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**September 16,  
2018**

**St. Andrews  
Presbyterian Church**

**11:00 AM**

***“Loving People to New Life in Christ”***

With God's grace, St. Andrews strives to be a growing inclusive community of faith, working together, sharing Jesus' love, and using our gifts to build and nurture a spiritual community.

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**WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME**

PRAYER OF PREPARATION ~ for your personal reflection before worship.

Loving and caring God, we come this morning seeking wisdom and guidance for our lives. Open us to your words of life and love and truth. May we proclaim with our tongues what we know in our hearts. In this time of worship, help us more fully understand what it means to truly be a disciple, a follower of the way of Jesus, a follower of the path of wisdom. May the words of our mouths and the meditation of our hearts be acceptable to you, our rock and our redeemer. Amen.

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

ENTRANCE OF WORSHIP LEADERS

CHORAL INTROIT    Come Now Is the Time to Worship

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## GREETING

St. Andrews Presbyterian Church extends a warm welcome in the name of Christ to all who worship with us today. If you are interested in joining our church family, please speak to one of our elders, or you may call the church office during the week.

Whether you are a first-time visitor or a long-time member, you can help us in our ministry by signing the worship registration pad, placed at the aisle end of your pew.

Please join us for a time of fellowship and some light refreshments in our Fellowship Hall following worship.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS OF OUR LIFE TOGETHER

ORGAN PRELUDE                      It Is Well with My Soul      P. Bliss/Ness Beck

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist:            Wisdom cries out in the streets.

People:              We hear and struggle to understand.

Liturgist:            Come and listen to the words of life and love.

People:              We hear and proclaim our faith in the one who brings life.

Liturgist:            Let us worship the God of life and wisdom whose words guide our life on the right paths.

\*HYMN                                  All People That On Earth Do Dwell                                  No. 385

## CALL TO CONFESSION

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Wisdom cries in the streets, but we do not listen or understand. The words of your law are spoken, but we rarely pay heed or obey. You call us to declare who Jesus is for us, but we can't seem to get the right words out. Our tongues engage before our brains do. We want so much to be a people who are faithful to your word and led by your guidance, but we are so easily distracted by the cacophony of words and sounds. Forgive us when we are quick to speak and slow to understand. Forgive us when we do not hear your wisdom in all the ways you speak to us. Forgive us when we do not even try to truly understand what it means to be your disciples. Lead us back to the path of wisdom and life, that we may truly live. Amen..

## SILENT PRAYERS

## DECLARATION OF GOD'S PARDON

\*RESPONSE OF PRAISE                      Gloria Patri                      Hymnal No. 581

## \*THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

Pastor:            God has provided peace for us as beloved sons and daughters. Let us now bless one another with the peace of God's presence. The peace of Christ be with you.

People:            And also with you.

Pastor:            Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Jesus Loves Me, This I Know

A TIME WITH OUR YOUNGER CHILDREN                                  Pastor Stacey

(Children, please come forward at the singing of "JESUS LOVES ME.")

## SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER HYMN                                  Sanctuary                                  No. 701

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

CHORAL ANTHEM                      In One Accord                      Jack Schrader  
 SCRIPTURE LESSON                Mark 8:27-38                              NT pg. 40  
 SERMON    Rev. Dr. Stacey Shaffer Jones  
 \*HYMN OF RESPONSE    Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said              No. 718

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

CALL FOR THE OFFERING  
 OFFERTORY                      The Gift To Be Simple                      Arr: Douglas Wagner  
  
 DOXOLOGY              Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow              No. 606

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Unison)

God, we hear and we respond to your words of wisdom, your words of call and life. May these gifts, not only of our money, but of our very selves- our words, our thoughts, our actions - be acceptable to you, and help spread your words of life and love. Amen..

WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD TO SERVE

\*HYMN                                      I Danced in the Morning                      No.157  
 \*CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP  
 \*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION  
 \*CHORAL BENEDICTION    As We Leave This Service Lord    Presley/Matson

Extinguishing the candles of worship and taking the light of Christ into the world.

POSTLUDE                      Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart                      A. Messiter/D Wagner

When you see an \* please stand as you are able.

Today's Servants

Pastor                                      Rev. Dr. Stacey Shaffer Jones  
 Organist:                                      Francene Beall  
 Music Director:                              Mark Camacho  
 Liturgist:                                      Gail Estes  
 Ushers:                                      Tad and Gail Estes

PRAYER CONCERNS

Keep these folks in your prayers this week: Rita, Cheryl, Susan and Debbie and their families in Mike's passing, Dick O'Neill (continued therapy), Bob Bodenheimer, (upcoming nerve treatment and sinus surgery), Betty DeShazer (continued treatment for blood clots in lungs), Charles Franks (joy that he is apparently cancer free), Virginia Bohn (lymphedema treatment), Marvin Parks (back to work), Karl Wilmers, Dolores Wilmers, John Lucero, Don and Olga Fluke, Jerry Barton, Sally Shaffer (infection treatment), Kelly Lindenmeyer Jane,(friend of Charles Franks, heart tests), Alan Reynolds' brother (back and walking issues), Those Dianne is mentoring at the Mission

Keep Marine 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Randy Luedke in your prayers, as well as all other active duty and veteran personnel, firefighters, EMTs, and police officers, the victims of violence in our country and the fires and floods . Pray for peace for those countries suffering from war and conflict; the ongoing conflicts and violence in

our own community, all our government officials, the hungry and the homeless.

### Birthdays

Jason Beattie, September 22<sup>nd</sup>

Marvin Parks, September 23<sup>rd</sup>

### Anniversaries

None this week

Thank You

Everyone who stayed last Sunday for our "after church" get together, in Fellowship Hall, got to enjoy Susan William's delicious Cream Cheese Sugar Cookie Bars, which she took the time to make, and a variety of flavored crackers. Spending time with church family and friends is always a lot of fun. Thank you Susan, for providing these great goodies.

Kathy

Fellowship Hall

### Calendar

Today, September 16-

11:00 - Worship

Thursday, September 20 -

7:00 - Choir rehearsal

Friday, September 21-

11:30- Men's and Ladies Lunch, Banjos

Sunday, September 23-

11:00- Worship