

GREETERS FOR SUNDAY MORNING

There's nothing better than a warm "hello" when you arrive at church. We are looking for greeters for the new year who would arrive around 10am and greet at the front entrance until the service begins. This is a great way for families, individuals (anyone!) to get to know the congregation. To volunteer, contact Meredith Blanchard at 856-848-6714 or mab1613@yahoo.com. We appreciate your help.



IF YOUR CHILD/CHILDREN ARE 5 YEARS OLD OR OLDER

Please let them know there is an opportunity for them to participate in the worship service.

Each Sunday, a different child carries the flame into the sanctuary to light the Paschal Candle. If your child would like to be the acolyte on a Sunday morning, please contact Meredith Blanchard at mab1613@yahoo.com or 856-848-6714. Instructions will be given before the service, to each new volunteer. Thank you.



NURSERY SCHOOL REGISTRATION

St. Andrew's Nursery School & Kindergarten began registration for the 2017-18 school year. The School has been voted a winner sixteen times in **The Best Nursery School of South Jersey** contest. SANS began as an outreach of the church in 1966 and continues to provide for children a warm and nurturing environment in which to explore and be creative. St. Andrew's Nursery School & Kindergarten offers six different programs for children ages 18 months through 6 years of age. In addition, we also offer three enrichment programs: The Literacy Lab for 3-year-olds, the Science & Math Academy for 4-year-olds and Kindergarten Enrichment for children enrolled in an outside kindergarten class. Our dedicated and loving teachers ensure that the children enjoy a well-rounded, play based learning environment.

Brochures and registration cards can be found on the table in the Narthex. Details of each program can also be found on the school's website, www.staNurserySchool.com. Please feel free to call the school office (856-429-4470) with any questions.

OFFERING ENVELOPES

Offering envelopes for 2018 are available in the lobby. You will find them on the table in front of the Graf Room. If you used envelopes last year, we prepared a box for 2018. If you would like us to prepare a box of envelopes for you, please contact the church office and we will be happy to do so.



SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE

9am – Study Class for Adults – Graf Room
 10:30am Worship – Nursery Care for infants to 2-year olds – room 201
 10:45am – 3 & 4-year olds-Room 202; Kindergarten - 1st grade-Room 302,
 2nd - 3rd grade-Room 304; 4th - 5th grades-Room 303; 6th - 8th Grades-
 Room 106; 9th – 12th grades-Room 105
 (Please see one of our ushers for location/directions.)

ACTIVITIES FOR THIS WEEK

Sunday		COMMUNION/FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION
	9am	Elizabeth Circle – Conference Room
	Noon	Children's Choir – Choir Room
Monday	6:30pm	Education Committee – Graf Room
	7pm	Bible Study – Lounge
Tuesday	10am	Needlecrafters – Conference Room
Wednesday	9:30am	Bible Study – Lounge
	10am	Little Hands Little Feet – Room 307
	7pm	Staff Parish Relations Committee – Graf Room
Thursday	11:15am	Esther Circle – Restaurant and Graf Room
	6:30pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary

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Sunday	Noon	Children's Choir – Choir Room
Monday		CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
	7pm	Bible Study – Graf Room
Tuesday	7pm	Finance Committee - Lounge
Wednesday	9:30am	Bible Study – Lounge
	10am	Little Hands Little Feet – Room 307
	7pm	Administrative Board – Room 101
Thursday	11:15am	Esther Circle – Restaurant and Graf Room
	6:30pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary



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Megan Falcone, Director, St. Andrew's Nursery School and Kindergarten

St. Andrew's United Methodist Church

JANUARY 7, 2018

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

10:30am

WORDS OF WELCOME

Happy New Year! As we worship God together, let us pray for a fruitful year of ministry to the glory of his name.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP AND WELCOME TO VISITORS

(Prepare Prayer Request: You may write a prayer concern or joy on the cards found in each pew. Ushers will collect the prayer cards in the center aisle as the children come forward for the Children's Message.)

INTROIT

HYMN NO. 347

"Spirit Song"

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Water. Refreshing, cleansing nourishing, life-giving.....

Water. Dangerous, life-threatening, powerful...

Lost....

wandering without purpose, meaning, value, acceptance, or place.

We wander lost. But the Spirit of God descends like a dove upon us.

We hear the ancient words that name and claim us as children of God.

We are cleansed, refreshed, and made new in the love of those words.

The waters rush over us in our baptism.

And we are filled with the Holy Spirit.

OPENING PRAYER

**Holy God, source of all that is good,
 we gather before you seeking your grace and love.**

Be present in our lives.

Fill us with your light.

Be generous with your love.

Count us among your children.

Be compassionate toward our mistakes.

Forgive our failings.

Be gracious with your power.

Strengthen us for your service.

**We ask these things through the name of Jesus Christ
 our Savior, who lives and reigns with you
 and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Genesis 1:1-5

NT page 1

This is the Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S TIME

CHILDREN MAY LEAVE FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

CALL TO PRAYER

MORNING PRAYER & THE 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

SHARING OUR RESOURCES FOR MINISTRY

OFFERTORY "How Far is it to Bethlehem?" arr Molly James
Chancel Choir with Choral Scholar as Conductor

* RESPONSE NO. 94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SCRIPTURE READING Mark 1:4-11 NT page 34
This is the Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE "Taking Our Place in the Will of God" Rev. Work

CELECRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Lord of blessings be with you.

The Lord be with you, also.

Be glad and rejoice, God's people,
lifting your hearts to the Restorer of lives.

We offer them to the God who clothes us in grace.

People of God, come to the Table where you shall eat and be satisfied.

With shouts of joy, we gather to praise the name of God!

Your mouth was filled with laughter,
God of our every moment,
as you sang creation into being.
The heavens rang with shouts of joy,
as fruit-bearing trees sprang up,
as green pastures rippled with wonder.
Crafted in your image, you would
satisfy us with the bounty of grace,
but we chose the destroyer, death, sin.
Prophets and psalmists were sent by you,
longing to restore us to your side,
but we put their words to shame.
So that everyone might be saved,
Jesus came to be with us,
herald of your grace,
bringer of your truth.

With those who lifted thanks by crossed rivers,
with those who offered gratitude for simple gifts,
we join our voice in praising your name:

Holy, holy, holy! God of wonder and delight.

**All creation is filled with your joy.
Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is the One who comes to clothe us in grace.
Hosanna in the highest!**

Holy are you, Restorer of broken lives,
and blessed is Jesus Christ, Mediator of salvation.
Seeing the nightmare of our lives,
he became one of us,
so we might see the dreams you have for us.
Knowing how our hearts overflowed
with fear, bitterness, and worries,
he came with peace and comfort.
Teaching that the body is more than sin,
that life is more than death,

* **HYMN** (*printed in bulletin*) "Down by the Jordan"

* **BENEDICTION**

* **POSTLUDE**

**Those who are able, please stand.*

Serving our church this morning...

Greeter: Barbara Hansen

Acolyte: Makenzie Howlett

Liturgist: Lee Manns

Ushers: Jerry Jones, Connie DiRocco, Dan Proulx, Ken Saunders,
and Rob Thompson

Audio: Tom Bianco III, Mark Corcoran, Dale Osterman



We have a special place for our little ones. Children age 2 and under are invited to explore our nursery in room 301! (Please see one of our ushers for location/directions.) It is professionally staffed by Jennie Armour, a lovely young woman who has been caring for children for many years.

In addition, there is a rocking chair available in the back of the sanctuary so you can comfort your child and remain in the worship service.



We are glad you are here. Please help us get to know you by filling out the "Welcome Visitor" brochure found in the pew rack. Place it in the offering plate. If you have any questions, please ask one of our ushers. Welcome to St. Andrew's.

IN OUR Thoughts and Prayers

Kay Coyle, 3 Thornhill Road, Cherry Hill, NJ 08003; Connie Visconti, 1919 Olney Avenue, Cherry Hill, NJ 08002; Vince Anderer, 130 Whistler Green Court, Marlton, NJ 08053; Barbara Brown, 324 Society Hill, Cherry Hill, NJ 08053; Mary Ann Edgerton, 107 Chelton Parkway, Cherry Hill, NJ 08034; Dorothy Lauer, 19 Snapdragon Lane, Marlton, NJ 08053; Susan Kruse, 1022 Chelton Parkway, Cherry Hill, NJ 08002; Kathryn Phillips, 460 Haddon Ave, Collingswood, NJ 08108.

SHUT-IN IN OUR PRAYERS - SPECIAL REQUEST!!

Bill Olsen, 170 Greentree Road, Apt. 2229, Marlton, NJ 08053

On January 15th, Bill Olsen will celebrate his 90th birthday!! In honor of this special occasion, we would like to shower him with birthday cards. We hope you will join us in acknowledging Bill's 90th birthday!

