

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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November 27, 2022

10:30AM

WELCOME! What a delight that you are here! We hope you will experience the love of Jesus and the joy of community in this time of worship. If we can be of help to you, please let us know. We would love to assist you in finding ways to get involved and grow in your faith.

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

Please note that all text in **bold** is spoken in unison.

† Worshipers are asked to stand in body or spirit.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION (You are invited to pray this prayer in silence.)

Lord, help us to love You anew this holiday season. Renew within us a right spirit that we may see You more fully. In Jesus' name we pray, amen!

PRELUDE

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

SARAH SCOTT

LIFE AT ST. ANDREW'S

† **CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Prepare the way of the Lord.

All: We light this candle in hope,

One: The hope of our coming Savior, Jesus.

All: Come, let us adore Christ, our Lord.

† **HYMN 8**

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

TRURO

Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates,
Behold, the King of glory waits;
The King of kings is drawing near;
The Savior of the world is here!

Fling wide the portals of your heart;
Make it a temple, set apart
From earthly use for heaven's employ,
Adorned with prayer, and love, and joy.

Redeemer, come! I open wide
My heart to Thee; here, Lord abide.
Let me Thy inner presence feel;
Thy grace and love in me reveal.

† INVITATION TO CONFESSION

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, always with us, always coming, we confess that we do not know how to prepare for Your Advent. We have forgotten how to hope in miracles; we have ignored the promise of Your kingdom; we get distracted by all the busyness of this season. Forgive us, God. Grant us the simple wonder of the shepherds, the intelligent courage of the Magi, and the patient faith of Mary and Joseph that we may journey with them to Bethlehem and find the good news of a child born for us. Now, in the quiet of our hearts, we ask You to make us ready for His coming.

† ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Thanks be to the Advent God, who comes among us!
In Jesus Christ, we are made right with God.

† PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

TIME FOR CHILDREN

SPECIAL MUSIC

It Is Well

TORI KELLI

Teach me how to love You, Show me how to trust You
More than with my words or with a song
No, it's not been easy, To live life down on my knees
But with faith I know I'll carry on

There is more to see than with my eyes, But fear sometimes can leave me paralyzed,
I realize that I'm not in control, Yet it is well with my soul

The enemy's against me, Arrows all around me
Never knew the fight would last so long
In seasons of depression, I plead for Your protection
Make me right, I'm tired of being wrong

Every time there's hope, it seems to die, And the voices all around me feed that lie
Everything I see tells me to let go, Yet it is well with my soul
This fight I'm in is not of flesh and blood, The weapons that I need are in Your love
Lord, don't You ever let me go, You make it well with my soul

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 1:18-25

Pew Bible p. 827-828

SERMON

Preparations

† HYMN 20

Watchman, Tell Us of the Night

ABERSTWYTH

Watchman, tell us of the night, What its signs of promise are.
Traveler, o'er yon mountain's height, See that glory-beaming star.
Watchman, does its beauteous ray Aught of joy or hope foretell?
Traveler, yes; it brings the day, Promised day of Israel.

Watchman, tell us of the night, Higher yet that star ascends.
Traveler, blessedness and light, Peace and truth its course portends.
Watchman, will its beams alone Gild the spot that gave them birth?
Traveler, ages are its own; See, it bursts o'er all the earth.

Watchman, tell us of the night, For the morning seems to dawn.
Traveler, darkness takes its flight, Doubt and terror are withdrawn.
Watchman, let your wanderings cease; Hasten to your quiet home.
Traveler, lo, the Prince of Peace, Lo, the Son of God is come!

† PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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 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.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

[GIVE ONLINE](#)

† HYMN 592

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD HUNDREDTH

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

† HYMN INSERT

Trust and Obey

TRUST AND OBEY

When we walk with the Lord In the light of His Word,
What a glory He sheds on our way! While we do His good will,
He abides with us still, And with all who will trust and obey.

Chorus: Trust and obey, For there's no other way
To be happy in Jesus, But to trust and obey.

Not a shadow can rise, Not a cloud in the skies,
But His smile quickly drives it away; Not a doubt nor a fear,
Not a sigh nor a tear Can abide while we trust and obey. (Chorus)

Not a burden we bear, Not a sorrow we share,
But our toil He doth richly repay; Not a grief nor a loss,
Not a frown nor a cross But is blest if we trust and obey. (Chorus)

But we never can prove The delights of His love
Until all on the altar we lay; For the favor He shows
And the joy He bestows Are for them who will trust and obey. (Chorus)

Then in fellowship sweet We will sit at His feet,
Or we'll walk by His side in the way; What He says we will do,
Where He sends we will go; Never fear, only trust and obey. (Chorus)

† BENEDICTION

† SENDING SONG

Emmanuel

EMMANUEL

Emmanuel, Emmanuel,
His name is called Emmanuel.
God with us, revealed in us,
His name is called Emmanuel.

POSTLUDE

The flowers today were given to the glory of God by Bob and Judy Fisher.
We thank Sarah Scott for sharing her gift of music with us in worship today.

Masks and hand sanitizers are available at the entrances
for everyone's comfort and convenience.

ST. ANDREW'S CALENDAR

Please use the **CONNECT** cards in the pews to let us know about areas of interest, prayer requests, and volunteer opportunities. If you are a **VISITOR**, please include your address, phone number, email, and other information that will help us get to know you better. Completed cards can be placed in the offering baskets.

The **NURSERY** is located near the sanctuary and is available for children ages 0-4 during worship. **CHILDREN'S BULLETINS** and **LARGE PRINT BULLETINS, BIBLES, AND HYMNALS** are available on the sanctuary tables.

Join us for **MEET AND GREET** in the Parlor immediately following the worship service!

ADVENT begins today. Advent devotionals are available at the Gladys and Courtyard entrances.

If you would like to order Christmas flowers in honor or memory of loved ones, **POINSETTIA ORDER FORMS** can be found in your bulletin, in the church office, and online. The deadline for orders is December 11.

Join us for a **FELLOWSHIP LUNCH** immediately following the service on December 11. We will decorate Christmas cookies together and enjoy a meal of chicken enchilada soup, tamales, and chips and dips.

Sunday, November 27, 2022

- 9:15AM Sunday School
- 10:30AM Worship
- 11:30AM Meet and Greet
- 11:45AM Choir Rehearsal
- 3:00PM Boy Scouts

Monday, November 28, 2022

- 10:00AM Monday Group
- 5:30PM Strings After School
- 6:30PM La Hacienda
- 6:30PM There's a Solution

Tuesday, November 29, 2022

- 5:30PM Strings After School

Wednesday, November 30, 2022

- 9:30AM Dayschool Chapel
- 5:30PM Handbell Rehearsal

Thursday, December 1, 2022

- 8:30AM MOW Cooks
- 10:00AM MOW Delivers
- 10:00AM Prayer Team
- 6:00PM GTHE Rehearsal

Friday, December 2, 2022

- 6:30PM There's a Solution

Sunday, December 4, 2022

- 9:15AM Sunday School
- 10:30AM Worship
- 11:30AM Meet and Greet
- 11:45AM Choir Rehearsal
- 3:00PM Boy Scouts
- 5:00PM Youth Group



MEMBERS: Family of Bill Clark, Bobby Thompson, Eleanor Alexander, Kay Long, Barbara Abel,

Dalton Abel, Shelley Plunkett, Bob Fisher, Bill McIlrath, Joyce Head, Dave Darchuk

FRIENDS AND FAMILY: Patty Flores-Ramer, Tina and Bob Workman, Erin Lenhart, Jack Dillard, Janie Niederstadt Verderame, Mary Kennedy, Rachel Lawrence, Jill Botkin, Thomas Fisher, Paul Harborth, Nick Bynum, Jerry Linn, Karen Thompson Butler, Esmee Foster

CHURCH STAFF

Tara Thompson, Pastor
Melissa Hoyt, Office Administrator
Deanna Weitzel, Day School Director
Thomas Furlow, Music Director
Rachel Clark, Admin Assistant/Pianist

Office: Monday -Thursday
8:30AM - 4:30PM