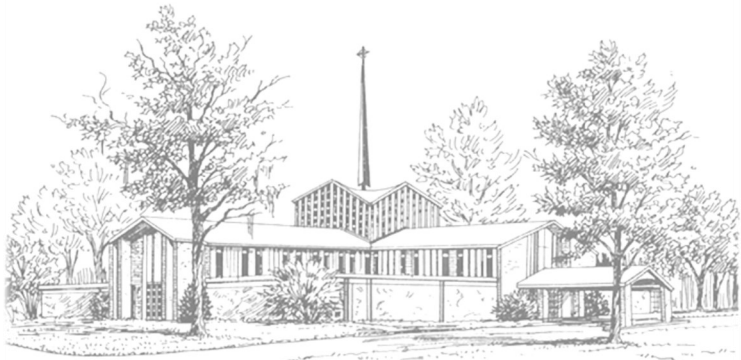


ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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December 11, 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.)

Heavenly Father, fill us with Your love that we may truly love others. Show us how to minister to our hurt and broken world. Empower us to bring life and healing to those in our community. In Jesus' name we pray, amen.

PRELUDE

LIFE AT ST. ANDREW'S

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

MIKE AND ELIZABETH PETIT

† **CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Prepare the way of the Lord.

All: We light this candle in love,

One: The love that Jesus, our Savior, has for us.

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

† **HYMN INSERT**

Love Has Come

BRING A TORCH

Love has come: a light in the darkness! Love shines forth in the Bethlehem skies.

See, all heaven has come to proclaim it; Hear how their song of joy arises:

Love! Love! Born unto you, a Savior!

Love! Love! Glory to God on high.

Love is born! Come share in the wonder. Love is God now asleep in the hay.

See the glow in the eyes of His mother; What is the name her heart is saying?

Love! Love! Love is the name she whispers.

Love! Love! Jesus, Emmanuel.

Love has come and never will leave us! Love is life everlasting and free.

Love is Jesus within and among us. Love is the peace our hearts are seeking.

Love! Love! Love is the gift of Christmas.

Love! Love! Praise to You, God on high!

† INVITATION TO CONFESSION

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of grace and glory, we turn to You in need of a Savior. We turn to the Light because the darkness of the world often overwhelms us. We live as if the Light had never defeated the darkness in the world, or in us. We confess that we ignore the Christ You sent to be among us, to be in us. We've kept the birth of Your Son confined to the Christmas season and do not yearn for His birth each moment in our waiting hearts. Forgive us for not opening our eyes to Your coming. Forgive us for settling for so little, for wanting small gifts from You instead of the miracles You intend. Help us to wonder again at the Good News of Your incarnation. By Your Spirit, rekindle our hope so that the joy of our Savior's birth will fill our hearts, reminding us once again that the darkness can never overcome Your love.

† ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

So, arise, shine; for your light has come!
And the glory of the Lord has risen upon us!

† PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

TIME FOR CHILDREN

ANTHEM

Jesus, the Light of the World

JOEL RANEY

End our darkness, end our night,
Jesus, the light of the world.
Bring to earth God's heavenly light,
Jesus, the light of the world.

We'll walk in the light, beautiful light,
Come where the dewdrops of mercy shine bright,
O, shine all around us by day and by night,
Jesus, the light of the world.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 9:1-7

Pew Bible p. 593

SERMON

Lights

† HYMN 327

O Word of God Incarnate

MUNICH

O Word of God incarnate, O Wisdom from on high,
O Truth unchanged, unchanging, O Light of our dark sky:
We praise You for the radiance That from the hallowed page,
A lantern to our footsteps, Shines on from age to age.

The church from You, dear Savior, Received this gift divine,
And still that light is lifted On all the earth to shine.
It is the chart and compass That, all life's voyage through,
Amid the rocks and quicksands, Still guides, O Christ, to You.

O make Your church, dear Savior, A lamp of purest gold
To bear before the nations Your true light, as of old;
O teach Your wandering pilgrims By this our path to trace,
Till, clouds and storms thus ended, We see You face to face.

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.

† 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

Christ Is the World's True Light

ST. JOAN

Christ is the world's true Light, Its Captain of salvation,
The Daystar clear and bright Of every man and nation;
New life, new hope awakes, Where'er men own His sway:
Freedom her bondage breaks, And night is turned to day.

In Christ all races meet, Their ancient feuds forgetting,
The whole round world complete, From sunrise to its setting:
When Christ is throned as Lord, Men shall forsake their fear,
To plowshare beat the sword, To pruning hook the spear.

One Lord, in one great name Unite us all who own Thee;
Cast out our pride and shame That hinder to enthrone Thee;
The world has waited long, Has travailed long in pain;
To heal its ancient wrong, Come, Prince of Peace, and reign.

† 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
and in loving memory of Joel Martin by the Pate family.

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 a **FELLOWSHIP LUNCH** immediately following today's service. We will decorate Christmas cookies together and enjoy a meal of chicken enchilada soup, tamales, and chips and dips.

If you would like to order Christmas flowers in honor or memory of loved ones, **POINSETTIA ORDER FORMS** are available in the church office and online. Today is the last day to order!

The St. Andrew's Mission and Evangelism team is hosting a **CHRISTMAS DRIVE FOR HENRY'S PLACE**, a day center for the homeless that offers a wide variety of vital services for a vulnerable part of our community. Donations of winter items like hats, scarves, socks, and blankets can be dropped off at the church office until December 18.

The **CASKET EMPTY** materials for our **JOURNEY THROUGH THE BIBLE IN 2023** are available for pickup following worship or in the church office. Limit one set per household to ensure that we have enough for everyone.

We are collecting the **PCUSA CHRISTMAS JOY** offering next week, December 18, during the worship service. Refer to your insert for more information.

PRAYER

MEMBERS: Family of Joan Burnett, Eleanor Alexander, Kay Long, Barbara Abel, Dalton Abel, Shelley Plunkett, Bob Fisher, Bill

McIlrath, Joyce Head, Dave Darchuk

FRIENDS AND FAMILY: Family of 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

Sunday, December 11, 2022

- 9:15AM Sunday School
- 10:30AM Worship
- 11:30AM Fellowship Lunch
- 12:15PM Choir Rehearsal
- 12:15PM Bible Leader Meeting
- 1:30PM Worship Team
- 3:00PM Boy Scouts
- 5:00PM Youth Group
- 7:00PM GTHE Concert

Monday, December 12, 2022

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

Tuesday, December 13, 2022

- 10:00AM PW Lunch and Study
- 5:00PM Finance Team
- 5:15PM Strings After School

Wednesday, December 14, 2022

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

Thursday, December 15, 2022

- 8:30AM MOW Cooks
- 10:00AM MOW Delivers
- 10:00AM Prayer Team

Friday, December 16, 2022

- 6:30PM There's a Solution

Sunday, December 18, 2022

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

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