

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Christmas Eve ☆ December 24, 2022 ☆ 6:30PM



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. Come, let us adore Christ the Lord!

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.)

Holy God, give us ears to hear and hearts to trust the promises You offer in the baby born to us, we pray. Amen.

PRELUDE

Star of Bethlehem

JOHN WILLIAMS

LIFE AT ST. ANDREW'S

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Brian, Tori, William, and Zachary Armstrong

† CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Joy to the world, the Lord is come!

All: We light this candle because Jesus, the light of the world, was born for us,

One: And He brightens all things.

All: Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!

† HYMN

O Come, All Ye Faithful

DAVID CHERWIEN

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant! O come, ye, O come, ye, to Bethlehem.

Come and behold Him, born the King of angels;

Chorus: O come let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

The highest, most holy, Light from Light eternal, Born of a virgin, a mortal He comes;

Son of the Father now in flesh appearing! (Chorus)

Sing choirs of angels, sing in exultation! Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above:

"Glory to God in the highest." (Chorus)

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, Born this happy morning; Jesus to Thee be all glory given!

Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing. (Chorus)

† PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

A TIME OF STORY AND SONGS

Based on *What God Wants for Christmas* by Amy L. Bradford

BOX 1 SPECIAL MUSIC

GABRIEL
The Angel Gabriel

arr. John Leavitt

The angel Gabriel from heaven came, His wings as drifted snow, his eyes as flame:
“All hail,” said he, “thou lowly maiden Mary, Most highly favored lady!” Gloria!

“For known a blessed mother thou shalt be, All generations laud and honor thee,
Thy Son shall be Emmanuel, by seers foretold, Most highly favored lady!” Gloria!

Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head, “To me be as it pleaseth God,” she said.
“My soul shall laud and magnify His holy name.” Most highly favored lady, Gloria!

Of her Emmanuel, the Christ, was born in Bethlehem, all on a Christmas morn,
And Christian folk throughout the world will ever say, “Most highly favored lady, Gloria!”

BOX 2 SPECIAL MUSIC

MARY
Breath of Heaven: Mary's Song

arr. Michael Barrett

I have traveled many moonless nights. Cold and weary with a Babe inside,
And I wonder what I've done. Holy Father, You have come and chosen me now to carry Your Son.

I am waiting in a silent prayer. I am frightened by the load I bear.
In a world as cold as stone, Must I walk this path alone? Be with me now; be with me now.

Breath of Heaven, hold me together. Be forever near me, Breath of Heaven;
Breath of Heaven, lighten my darkness. Pour over me Your holiness, for You are holy, Breath of Heaven.

Do You wonder as You watch my face, If a wiser one should have had my place?
But I offer all I am, for the mercy of Your plan. Help me be strong, Help me be; help me. (Chorus)

BOX 3 † HYMN

JOSEPH
God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen

God rest you merry, gentlemen, let nothing you dismay, for Jesus Christ our Savior was born on Christmas Day,
To save us all from Satan's power when we were gone astray:

O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy; O tidings of comfort and joy!

From God our heavenly Father a blessed angel came, And unto certain shepherds brought tidings of the same,
How that in Bethlehem was born the Son of God by name.

O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy; O tidings of comfort and joy.

The shepherds at those tidings rejoiced much in mind, and left their flocks a-feeding in tempest, storm, and wind,
And went to Bethlehem straightway, this blessed babe to find.

O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy; O tidings of comfort and joy.

But when to Bethlehem they came, where at this infant lay, they found Him in a manger, where oxen feed on hay;
His mother Mary, kneeling, unto the Lord did pray.

O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy; O tidings of comfort and joy.

Now to the Lord sing praises, all you within this place, and with true love and charity each other now embrace;
This holy tide of Christmas all others doth efface.

O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy; O tidings of comfort and joy!

BOX 4
SPECIAL MUSIC

BABY JESUS
This Holy Night with O Holy Night

arr. Gary Rhodes

This holy night, His glory is with us. His light shines around us, His love is so near.
Filling our hearts with the wonder of Christmas. This holy night, our Savior is born.
This holy night, Jesus is here.

O holy night! The stars are brightly shining; It is the night of the dear Savior's birth.
Long lay the world in sin and error pining, Till He appeared and the soul felt its worth.
A thrill of hope, the weary world rejoices, For yonder breaks, a new and glorious morn!

Fall on your knees! O hear the angel voices! O night divine! O night when Christ was born!
O night! O holy night, O night divine!

Christ is the Lord! O praise His name forever! His pow'r and glory evermore proclaim!
His pow'r and glory evermore proclaim!

BOX 5
SPECIAL MUSIC

SHEPHERDS
While by My Sheep

While by my sheep I watch'd at night, Glad tidings brought an angel bright;
How great my joy, great my joy, Joy, joy, joy! Joy, joy, joy!
Praise we the Lord in heaven on high, Praise we the Lord in heaven on high!
There shall be born, so He did say, In Bethlehem a child today.
There shall He lie, in manger mean, Who shall redeem the world from sin!
Lord evermore to me be nigh, Then shall my heart be filled with joy!

BOX 6
INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

WISE MEN
Offering baskets are located on the chancel steps.

**During the offertory, ushers will pass out gifts to the congregation.
Hold onto these until Box 7. When instructed, we will open them together.**

OFFERTORY

Magi Song: God with Us

Todd Agnew

We saw a star and followed it from the east, We've come so far to get here.
We held one hope that we might find a King, How could we know that He would be
God with us, Immanuel, come to us, The King of Israel abides with us.
In this little Boy who could know we'd find The eternal One born into time,
This Baby Child is God with us.

We brought Him gold and frankincense and myrrh, When riches untold He left behind.
We brought our best to celebrate a King Who'd left His throne so He could be
God with us, Immanuel, come to us, The King of Israel abides with us.
In this little Boy who could know we'd find Mortal and mystery somehow intertwined,
In all our wisdom we came to seek a king, But how do you prepare to meet the Lord?
In all my wildest hopes I never even dreamed Who this star was truly pointing toward,
What this star was truly shining for.
Star of wonder, Star of might, Star with royal beauty bright!
Westward leading still proceeding, Guide us to thy perfect light.

God with us, Immanuel, come to us, The King of Israel abides with us.
In this little Boy who could know we'd find The Creator born Redeemer of mankind
And the hand of God is reaching out for mine. This Baby Child is God with us,

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

BOX 7
† HYMN

WHAT GOD WANTS
Joy to the World

arr. Douglas J. Benton

Joy to the world! The Lord is come; Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare Him room, And heaven and nature sing,
And heaven and nature sing,
And heaven, and heaven, and nature sing.

Joy to the earth! The Savior reigns; Let all their songs employ;
While fields and floods, Rocks, hills, and plains,
Repeat the sounding joy, Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrow grow, Nor thorns infest the ground!
He comes to make His blessings flow Far as the curse is found,
Far as the curse is found,
Far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace, And makes the nations prove
The glories of, the glories of His righteousness, And wonders of His love,
And wonders of His love,
And wonders, and wonders of His love.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 2:15-20

Pew Bible p. 880

SERMON

Nativity

CHRISTMAS PRAYER

LIGHTING OF THE CHRISTMAS CANDLES

† SINGING OF CAROLS

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

MENDELSSOHN

Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King:
Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all ye nations, rise, join the triumph of the skies;
With th' angelic hosts proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings, risen with healing in His wings.
Mild He lays His glory by, born that we no more may die,
Born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth.
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

Angels We Have Heard on High

GLORIA

Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains.
Gloria in excelsis Deo, gloria in excelsis Deo.

Away in a manger, no crib for His bed, The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head.
The stars in the sky looked down where He lay, The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

The First Noel

FIRST NOWELL

The first Noel the angel did say Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep, On a cold winter's night that was so deep.
Noel, noel, noel, noel, born is the King of Israel!

And let us all with one accord Sing praises to our heavenly Lord
That hath made heaven and earth of nought And with His blood our life hath bought.
Noel, noel, noel, noel, born is the King of Israel!

† BENEDICTION

† SENDING SONG

Silent Night, Holy Night!

SILENT NIGHT

Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright, Round yon virgin mother and child!
Holy Infant, so tender and mild, Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight, Glories stream from heaven afar,
Heavenly hosts sing, "Alleluia; Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born."

Silent night, holy night! Son of God, love's pure light Radiant beams from Thy holy face,
With the dawn of redeeming grace, Jesus, Lord at Thy birth, Jesus, Lord at Thy birth.

Silent night, holy night! Wondrous star, lend thy light; With the angels let us sing,
Alleluia to our King; Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born.

CHRISTMAS EVE VOCALISTS AND INSTRUMENTALISTS

Cole Crawford
Ashley Dockens
Georgiana Dockens
Renee Franklin
Darryl Furlow
Jacob Furlow
Joshua Furlow
Andrew Gautreaux
Martha Giarratano
Mason Hendrix
Noelle Maldonado
Valera Messer
Alyssa Millner
Cameron Montgomery
Mason Montgomery
Janet Myers
Greta Ott

Nicholas Pfister
Will Poppe
Abigail Purifoy
Roma Newton Richie
Ian Roberts
Carley Rose
Eric Rose
Caleb Roubieu
Heriberto Sanchez, Jr.
Jillian Sanchez
Lauren Sanchez
Kelli Sandidge
Joe Segelke
Linda Sparkman
Richard Vandertulip, Jr.
Patricia Williamson

*Special thanks to Tori Armstrong, Lynn Burnside, Meghan Cobb, Chase Hoyt, Melissa Hoyt, and Susan Reese
for the many hours they spent making tonight's interactive nativity possible.*

ST. ANDREW'S POINSETTIA DEDICATIONS

*The poinsettias around the sanctuary
were given to the glory of God and in
loving memory of:*

Adney and Betty Jo Vaughan

by Mike, Barbara, and Daniel Dove

Annie Lou Todd

by Mike, Barbara, and Daniel Dove

Al and Lois Fisher

by Judy and Bob Fisher

Betty Haisten

by Charlotte Schwarzlose

Bill and Betty Libby

by Judy and Bob Fisher

Bill and Marjorie Ford

by Paul and Becky Ford

Bob and Lille Shepherd

by Paul and Becky Ford

Bud and Jane Hebert

by Paul and Becky Ford

Challes Donabo

by Bruce and Lynn Partain

Cindy Jo Woodland

by Linda Sparkman and Family

Connie and Billy McCroskey

by the Raumaker and Neyland Families

Connor Smith

by the PW Sunday Circle

Daughter, Karen Weid

by Bobbie Weid

David and Carolynn Bailey

by Gay Hill and Laura Bridges

Doris and Ken Raumaker

by the Raumaker and Neyland Families

Doris Miller

by Bruce and Lynn Partain

Dorothy Jo Hebert (Mother of Jo Ann Russo)

by Mark and Jo Ann Russo

Doug and Reba Dove

by Mike Barbara, and Daniel Dove

Elenn Lewis

by Janet, Stephanie, and Staci

Elizabeth and Henry Creeger

by the Petit Family

Ellie Puckett

by the PW Sunday Circle

Emry and Eulah Kerr

by Mike and Julie Glenn

G. Bruce Kimmel

by Vivian Hulsopple

George and Lois Boyd

by Linda Sparkman and Family

George Brown

by the Pate Family

Ginny Kennedy

by Vivian Hulsopple

Gordon Bruce Brown

by Glenda Buckley

Grams, PopPop, and Snowball

by Tara Thompson

Ivey Partain

by Bruce and Lynn Partain

Jack and Jackie Uehlinger

by Dan and Janna Caywood

Jack and Nancy Glenn

by Mike and Julie Glenn

Janie Steinhagen

by Mark Steinhagen

Jim Towers

by his family

Joan Caywood

by Dan and Janna Caywood

Joan Caywood and Dale Buehrle

by Howard and Pat Caywood

Joel Martin

by the Pate Family

Johnnie and Ruth Jurik

by Susan and Jessica Meitzen

Josee Schwartz

by the PW Sunday Circle

Linda Farnsworth

by the PW Sunday Circle

Loving husband, Charles

by Bobbie Weid

Lydia Johnson Brown and Blanche Buckley

by Glenda Buckley

Malim Sue Spivey

by Karen Spivey

Marion and George Fulton

by their family

Mary Alice Clark

by Rachel Clark

My beloved husband, Jim Buckley

by Glenda Buckley

My Dad and Sister
by Keith Weid
Nancy Landholt
by the PW Sunday Circle
Nolan and Pearl Boyd
by Linda Sparkman and Family
Our Brother, Edward Jameson
by Valera and Martha
Our Parents
by Jerry and Judy Phillips
Our Parents and Sisters
by John and Jan Pember
Our parents: Madelyn and Zeke Warrick, Jukie Burnside
by Bruce and Lynn Burnside
Peter Wells
by Andy and John Quigley
Phil and Betty Boyd Storms
by Linda Sparkman and Family
Rev. Brent Fisher
by Bruce and Lynn Partain
Robert Leo Kennedy, Jr.
by Vivian Hulsopple
Ruth and Johnnie Jurik
by Janet, Stephanie, Staci, JP, and Gavin
Sal and Lollie Russo
by Mark and Jo Ann Russo
Sue and Paul Petit
by the Petit Family
Vickie Kimmel Garland
by Vivian Hulsopple

In honor of:

Bruce and Lynn Burnside
by Sara Burnside
Chester Clark
by Rachel Clark
Christmas Blessings and much appreciation for Pastor Tara and Melissa Hoyt's excellent job in caring for St. Andrew's!
by Lynn and Bruce Burnside
Christmas Blessings for Thomas Furlow and Rachel Clark sharing their musical talents with St. Andrew's!
by Lynn and Bruce Burnside
Danny and Janna Caywood
by Howard and Pat
Jan Pember
the best Sunday School teacher ever, by Judy Phillips
John and Suzy Buehrle
by Howard and Pat Caywood

Kenneth and Nancy Miguez
by Rachel Clark
Mrs. Betty Wells
by Sara Burnside
My daughters, Lynette Buckley and Jennifer Patton and their families
by Glenda Buckley
Norma Murphy
by the PW Sunday Circle
Our children and grandchildren: Sara Brooke, Blair, Margaret, Hays, and Mary Margaret
by Bruce and Lynn Burnside
Our daughter-in-law, Ashley Britt Partain
by Bruce and Lynn Partain
Our grandchildren, Nevin, Gracelyn, and Britton
by Bruce and Lynn Partain
Our Kids and Grandkids
by Liz and Bob Webb
Our mothers, Daphene Partain and Nell Moore
by Bruce and Lynn Partain
Our sons, Nevin, Turner, and Will
by Bruce and Lynn Partain
Paige, Rhett, and Gwen Paddick
by Bruce and Lynn Partain
Pastor Tara Thompson
by Mark Steinhagen
Pastor Tara Thompson
by Andy and John Quigley
Peyton and Clay Richardson; and Beckett, Chandler, and Harper Lenhart
by Steve and Libby Richardson
Sara Hope Burnside
by Bruce and Lynn Burnside
Stoney, Ellen, Mae Martin, and Marietta Petit
by Ditto and Pops (Mike and Elizabeth Petit)
The Choir and Musicians
by Judy and Bob Fisher
The Members and Friends of St. Andy's
by Pastor Tara
The Staff of St. Andy's
by Pastor Tara
Will, Jett, Savannah, and Carlisle Petit
by Ditto and Pops (Mike and Elizabeth Petit)

If any poinsettia dedications have been unintentionally omitted, please contact the church office.

Please use the **C O N N E C T** 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.

CHILDREN'S BULLETINS and **LARGE PRINT BIBLES AND HYMNALS** are available on the sanctuary tables.

MASKS AND HAND SANITIZERS are available at the entrances for everyone's comfort and convenience.

JOIN US TOMORROW, on Christmas morning, for carols and pastries in the parlor! We will meet at 9:30AM for a special time of singing and fellowship. There will be no Sunday school and no other activities.

THE CHURCH OFFICE will be closed on Monday, December 26, and will close at 12:30PM on December 29 for New Year's.

Materials for St. Andrew's 2023 **JOURNEY THROUGH THE BIBLE** are available in the church office and after Sunday worship. You can also sign up to join one of our discussion groups, which will begin meeting the week of January 9, 2023:

Weekday Groups

- **Monday Morning Group**, for adults, is led by Pat Caywood and meets at 10:00am in the Parlor.
- **Tuesday Evening Group**, for adults, is led by Howard & Sally Nichols, Julie Odle, and Karen Spivey and meets at 6:30pm at the church.

Sunday Morning Groups

- **Discovery Class**, for adults, is led by Bruce Partain and Harry Watts and meets in the library.
- **Pew Sisters**, for adult women, is led by Charlotte Schwarzlose and meets in Room 2.
- **Fellowship Class**, for adults, is led by Jan Pember and meets in Room 3.

ST. ANDREW'S CALENDAR

Sunday, December 25, 2022

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

9:30AM Carols in the Parlor

Monday, December 26, 2022

OFFICE CLOSED

6:30PM La Hacienda

6:30PM There's a Solution

Thursday, December 29, 2022

OFFICE CLOSING AT 12:30PM

8:30AM MOW Cooks

10:00AM MOW Delivers

10:00AM Prayer Team

Friday, December 30, 2022

6:30PM There's a Solution

Saturday, December 31, 2022

NEW YEAR'S EVE

Sunday, January 1, 2023

NEW YEAR'S DAY

10:30AM Worship

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

THANKS BE TO GOD

for His indescribable gift

2 CORINTHIANS 9:15