

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

Please note that all text in **bold** is spoken in unison.
† Worshipers are asked to stand in body or spirit.

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!

December 24, 2023

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

6:30PM

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

Everlasting God, as we await Your coming, may tonight be filled with peace and free of any distractions that lead my heart away from You. On this Christmas Eve, let me be present in each moment and may my eyes be open to signs of Your love all around me. Amen.

PRELUDE

Christmas Medley

arr. by Charles J. Torian, Jr.

WELCOME

CHORAL INTROIT

The Holy Child of Mary

arr. Joseph M. Martin

The holy Child of Mary, O Son of perfect grace,
You are peace and love sent from above. You are worthy of our praise.

The stars that shine in heaven, the snow upon the trees,
Are pure and bright and filled with light, but none compares with Thee.

Every valley is exalted, each mountain made low.
The crooked and the broken are now all made whole.

The wonder of heaven has come to our night.
The Son born of Mary is God's perfect light; noel, noel.

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O holy night of wonders, O night when Christ came down.
Let the earth rejoice with tuneful noise and a jubilation sound.

† CALL TO WORSHIP

based on Luke 2:10-15

One: Rejoice! I bring good news for all people.

Many: Unto us a child is born. Alleluia!

One: Tonight the angels sing on earth:

Many: Glory to God in the highest!

All: Come, let us worship Christ the newborn King!

† HYMN

Angels We Have Heard on High

arr. Joan J. Pinkston

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

Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?
Say what may the tidings be, which inspire your heavenly song?
Gloria in excelsis Deo, gloria in excelsis Deo!

Come to Bethlehem, and see Him whose birth the angels sing;
Come adore on bended knee Christ, the Lord, the newborn King.
Gloria in excelsis Deo, gloria in excelsis Deo!

† PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

TIME FOR CHILDREN

Mortimer's Christmas Manger

by Karma Wilson and Jane Chapman

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Paul and Jamie Goebel

One: We light this candle in honor of Christ Jesus.

All: The Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

ANTHEM

The Coventry Carol

arr. Mark Hayes

Lully, lullay, Thou little tiny Child, bye, bye, lully, lullay.
O sisters too, how may we do, for to preserve this day.
This poor Youngling, for whom we do sing, bye, bye, lully, lullay?
Herod, the king, in his raging, charged he hath this day,
His men of might, in his own sight, all children young to slay.
Then woe is me, poor Child, for Thee, and ever mourn and say,
For Thy parting nor say nor sing, bye, bye, lully, lullay.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 2:1-7

Pew Bible p. 880
Large Print p. 1560

SERMON

Make Room for Jesus

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 straight-way, 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.

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

OFFERTORY

Carol of the Bells

arr. David McKay and Jeffery Ames

Christmas is here, bringing good cheer,
 To young and old, meek and the bold,
 With joyful ring all caroling.

Hark! How the bells, sweet silver bells,
 All seem to say, throw cares away.
 One seems to hear words of good cheer
 From everywhere, filling the air.

Oh, how they pound, raising the sound,
O'er hill and dale, telling their tale.
Gaily they ring, while people sing,
Songs of good cheer, Christmas is here!

Merry, merry, merry, merry Christmas!
On, on they send, on without end, Their joyful tone to every home.

† HYMN 592

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow
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.

OLD HUNDREDTH

† PRAYER OF DEDICATION

† LIGHTING OF THE CHRISTMAS CANDLES

† CAROL SING

A Festival of Carols

arr. John Bolin

Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come
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.

ANTIOCH

Angels from the Realms of Glory
Angels, from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er all the earth;
Ye who sang creation's story now proclaim Messiah's birth:
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ the newborn King!

REGENT SQUARE

It Came upon the Midnight Clear
It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old,
From angels bending near the earth, to touch their harps of gold:
Peace on the earth, good will to men, from heaven's all gracious King.
The world in solemn stillness lay to hear the angels sing.

CAROL

O Come, All Ye Faithful
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!
O come, let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him,
O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

ADESTE FIDELES

O Holy Night
Fall on your knees! O hear the angel voices!
O night divine, O night when Christ was born! O night divine, O night, o night divine!
Christ is the Lord! O praise His name forever!
His power and glory evermore proclaim! His power and glory evermore proclaim!

CANTIQUE DE NOEL

† BENEDICTION

† SENDING HYMN

Silent Night, Holy Night

STILLE NACHT

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.

Thank you for worshipping with us this Christmas Eve!

CHRISTMAS EVE VOCALISTS AND INSTRUMENTALISTS

Adriana Avalos
Aidan Collins
Jeff Courts
Krista Courts
Cole Crawford
Frances Cunningham
Darryl Furlow
Jacob Furlow
Joshua Furlow
Martha Giarratano
Tammy Furlow Grey
Mason Hendrix
Devonta Hicks
Jake Hollier
Bekah Jones
Gary Jones
Andrew Kier
Valera Messer
Alyssa Millner
Cameron Montgomery
Mason Montgomery

Dorothy Moorefield
Janet Myers
Paula Nichols
Greta Ott
Audrey Parigi
Nicholas Pfister
Judy Phillips
Alfred Pierson
Susan Pierson
Ana Plake
Caleb Roubieu
Heriberto Sanchez
Jillian Sanchez
Lauren Sanchez
Kelli Sandidge
Chad Savage
Dietrich Schilberg
Joe Segelke
Linda Sparkman
Ella Williamson
Ethan Williamson

St. Andrew's thanks the Symphony of Southeast Texas for the use of their instruments this Christmas Eve.

ST. ANDREW'S

POINSETTIA DEDICATIONS

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

Amy Kennedy

by Vivian Hulsopple

Betty and Bill Libby

by Judy and Bob Fisher

Betty and Phil Storms

by Linda Sparkman

Betty Haisten

by Charlotte Schwarzlose

Bill McIlrath

by Andy and John Quigley

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by Audrey Parigi

Bruce Irvine; Fran and Sandy Irvine

by Kathe Hendricks, Alex Irvine, and Kit Garven

Doris and Ken Raumaker

by Geren Raumaker

Dorothy Jo Hebert, Mother of Joann

by Mark and JoAnn Russo

G. Bruce Kimmel

by Vivian Hulsopple

George and Lois Boyd

by Linda Sparkman

Ginny Kennedy

by Vivian Hulsopple

Grams and PopPop (Ann and Thomas Thompson)

by Tara Thompson

Henry and Elizabeth Creeger

by the Petit Family

Jack and Jackie Uehlinger

by Dan and Janna Caywood

Jane Hebert

by Paul and Becky Ford

Janice and Irwin Grillot

by Mary (Missy) Beach

Janie

by Mark Steinhagen

Jim Tower

by His Family

Jimmy Adams

by Debra, Andrew, Shannon, Aiden, Julia, Lyndsey,
Eric, Ruby, and Emerald

Joan Caywood

by Dan and Janna Caywood

Johnnie and Ruth Jurik

by Susan and Jessica Meitzen and Hunter, Brooklyn,
and Gibson

Lois and Albert Fisher

by Judy and Bob Fisher

**Lydia Johnson Brown, Blanche Buckley,
and Gordon Brown**

by Glenda Buckley

Madelyn and "Zeke" Warrick and "Jukie" Burnside

by Lynn and Bruce Burnside

Marion and George Fulton

by Their Family

My Beloved Husband, Jim Buckley

by Glenda Buckley

Nancy Hale

by Andy and John Quigley

Nolan and Pearl Boyd

by Linda Sparkman

**Our Earthly Fathers: Roy Brent Fisher
and Ivey M. Partain**

by Bruce and Lynn Partain

Our Grandparents and Great-Grandparents

by Brian, Tori, William, and Zachary Armstrong

Our Parents and Sisters

by Jan and John Pember

Our Parents: Bill and Betty Odle and Leonard Russell

by Steve and Julie Odle

**Our Parents: Bill and Marjorie Ford
and Bob and Lillie Shepherd**

by Paul and Becky Ford

Patricia Petit Streater

by the Petit Family

Paul and Sue Petit

by the Petit Family

Peter Wells

by Andy and John Quigley

Robert Leo Kennedy, Jr.

by Vivian Hulsopple

Ruth and Johnnie Jurik

by Audrey Parigi

Sal and Lolly Russo

by Mark and JoAnn Russo

Snowball (Hope Heckel)

by Tara Thompson

Susie Champion and Bill McIlrath

by Karen Spivey

Susie Champion

by Andy and John Quigley

Vickie Kimmel Garland

by Vivian Hulsopple

William and Connie McCroskey

by Geren Raumaker

In honor of:

Bruce Partain, Harry Watts, and all of the CASKET

EMPTY Leaders

by Mike and Elizabeth Petit

Charlotte Schwarzlose

by Hayes and Hank Schwarzlose

Craig, Leslie, Lauren, and Sarah Pember

by Jan and John Pember

Great-Grandchildren: Hays and Mary Margaret Burnside

by Sara Burnside

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by Lynn and Bruce Burnside

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by Sara Burnside

**My Daughters: Lynette Buckley and Jennifer Patton,
and their families**

by Glenda Buckley

My Granddaughter: Sara Brooke Burnside

by Sara Burnside

My Mother: Pat Richard

by Julie and Steve Odle

**Our Children and Grandchildren: the Allens,
the Bairds, and the Everetts**

by Ron and Maggie Everett

Our Children, Grandchildren, and Great-Grandchildren

by Paul and Becky Ford

Our Children: Anna and Randy, Katie and Paige

by Stan and Diane Ruth

Our Choir

by Judy and Bob Fisher

**Our Grandchildren: Nevin Brice Partain, Gracelyn
Partain, Britton Partain, and Evelyn Partain**

by Bruce and Lynn Partain

Our Mothers: Nell Moore and Daphene Partain

by Bruce and Lynn Partain

Our Musicians

by Judy and Bob Fisher

**Our Precious Grandchildren: Oliver, Isabelle,
and Zoe Odle**

by Steve and Julie Odle

**Our Sons and Daughters-in-Law: Nevin and Paige
Partain, Will and Ashley Partain, and Turner Partain**

by Bruce and Lynn Partain

Pastor Tara

by Judy and Bob Fisher

Pastor Tara

by Mark Steinhagen

**Pastor Tara, Katrina, and our wonderful music
department**

by Lynn and Bruce Burnside

**Peyton and Clay Richardson, and Beckett, Chandler,
and Harper Lenhart**

by Steve and Libby Richardson

SAPC Members and Friends

by Pastor Tara

Sara Brooke Burnside and Blair and Margaret Burnside

by Lynn and Bruce Burnside

Sara Hope Burnside

by Bruce and Lynn Burnside

Sydney Thompson

by Greta Ott

The Angelic Voices of St. Andrew's Choir

by Audrey Parigi

The Church Staff

by Pastor Tara

If any poinsettia dedications have been erroneously
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 prayer requests or areas of interest. If you are a visitor, please also include your contact information and help us get to know you better! You can place completed cards in the offering baskets.

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY BULLETINS and large print **BULLETINS, BIBLES, AND HYMNALS** are available on the sanctuary tables.

THE CHURCH OFFICE will be closed tomorrow, Christmas Day, and will close at 12:30PM on Thursday, December 28. It will be open from 8:30AM-4:30PM on December 26 and 27.

There will be **NO SUNDAY SCHOOL, CHOIR PRACTICE, OR YOUTH GROUP** on December 31, New Year's Eve.



CHURCH STAFF

Tara Thompson, Pastor

Thomas Furlow, Music Director

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Joyce Stillwell, Admin Assistant

Patricia Williamson, Pianist

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**“Glory to
God in the
highest
heaven, and
on earth
peace to
those on
whom His
favor rests.”**

Luke 2:14

