

# 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, 2024

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**

*The Angel Gabriel*  
*O Come, All Ye Faithful*

arr. John Leavitt  
arr. Dan Marvin

**WELCOME**

**CHORAL INTROIT**

*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!  
O come, O come Emmanuel!

† CALL TO WORSHIP

based on Luke 2:10-14

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!

Choral ending: In excelsis gloria, in excelsis Deo, gloria!

† PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you all.

**And also with you.**

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

David, Hallei, and Dorisa Neely

ADVENT SONG

*Light the Advent Candle*

arr. Ruth E. Schram

As we light the Advent candle with the light of Christ burning bright,  
Faithfully we wait for His coming; faithfully it shines through the night.  
In our humble hearts, a fire burns as well;  
Hear the prayer these flames would tell. (x2)  
O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel.

Choral Ending: Hear the humble prayer these flames would tell. Come, O come, Emmanuel.

TIME FOR CHILDREN

*"The Best Christmas Pageant Ever"*

by Barbara Robinson

ANTHEM

*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)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 2:8-20

Pew Bible p. 880  
Large Print p. 1560-1561

SERMON

The Gift of Jesus

† HYMN

*Good Christian Friends, Rejoice!*

arr. Neil Harmon

Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;  
Give ye heed to what we say: Jesus Christ is born today.  
Ox and ass before Him bow, and He is in the manger now.  
Christ is born today! Christ is born today!

Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;  
Now ye hear of endless bliss: Jesus Christ was born for this!  
He has opened heaven's door, and we are blest forevermore.  
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!

Choral Interlude: Good Christian friends, rejoice!

Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;  
Now ye need not fear the grave; Jesus Christ was born to save!  
Calls you one and calls you all to gain His everlasting hall.  
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

Choral Ending: Good Christian friends, rejoice! Christ the Lord, is born today.

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

*Love Came Down at Christmas*

arr. Taylor Scott Davis

Love came down at Christmas, love all lovely, love divine;  
Love was born at Christmas; star and angels gave the sign.

Worship we the Godhead, love incarnate, love divine;  
Worship we our Jesus, but wherewith for sacred sign?  
Love shall be our token; love be yours and love be mine;  
Love to God and all men, love for plea and gift and sign.

† 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*

ANTIOCH

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.

*Angels from the Realms of Glory*

REGENT SQUARE

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!  
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ the newborn King!

*It Came upon the Midnight Clear*

CAROL

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.

*O Come, All Ye Faithful*

ADESTE FIDELES

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!

*O Holy Night*

CANTIQUE DE NOEL

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!

Choral Ending: Let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

† BENEDICTION

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!*

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## CHRISTMAS EVE VOCALISTS AND INSTRUMENTALISTS

Adriana Avalos  
Susan Blackwell  
Jeff Courts  
Krista Courts  
Cole Crawford  
Renee Franklin  
Benjamin Furlow  
Darryl Furlow  
Jacob Furlow  
Joshua Furlow  
Andrew Gautreaux  
Martha Giarratano  
Tami Goss  
Mason Hendrix  
Devonta Hicks  
Jake Hollier  
Bekah Jones  
Gary Jones  
Andrew Kier  
Brenda Legendre  
Valera Messer  
Alyssa Millner  
Cameron Montgomery

Kyleigh Montgomery  
Mason Montgomery  
Sharon Moore  
Dorothy Moorefield  
Janet Myers  
Paula Nichols  
Audrey Parigi  
Turner Partain  
Leslie Pember  
Nicholas Pfister  
Judy Phillips  
Susan Pierson  
Caleb Roubieu  
Jillian Sanchez  
Lauren Sanchez  
Kelli Sandidge  
Chad Savage  
Dietrich Schilberg  
Linda Sparkman  
Chris Stiles  
Dana Timaeus  
Ethan Williamson  
Dalton Woody

# ST. ANDREW'S POINSETTIA DEDICATIONS

The poinsettias around the sanctuary were given to the glory of God

## In loving memory of:

**Amy Kennedy**

by Vivian Hulsopple

**Amy Lynn Butler**

by Mike and Julie Glenn

**Betty and James Turner**

by Jennifer and Luke Nichols

**Betty Boyd Storms**

by Linda Sparkman

**Beverly and Richard Harrel**

by Barbara and Michael Warren

**Bobby Kennedy**

by Vivian Hulsopple

**Bruce Irvine**

by Kathe Hendricks, Alex Irvine & Kit Garven

**Cindy Woodland**

by Linda Sparkman

**Connie and Billy McCroskey**

by the Raumaker and Neyland Families

**Connor Smith**

by PW Sunday Circle

**Doris and Ken Raumaker**

by the Raumakers

**Dorothy Hebert**

by Mark and JoAnn Russo

**Ed and Mary Lib Fischer**

by Margot Fischer

**Elizabeth and Henry Creeger**

by the Petit Family

**Ellen and Howard Nichols**

by Jennifer and Luke Nichols

**Ellie Puckett**

by PW Sunday Circle

**Fran and Sandy Irvine**

by Kathe Hendricks, Alex Irvine & Kit Garven

**G. Bruce Kimmel**

by Vivian Hulsopple

**George and Lois Boyd**

by Linda Sparkman

**Ginny Kennedy**

by Vivian Hulsopple

**Grams & PopPop (Ann & Thomas Thompson)**

by their granddaughter, Tara Thompson

**J.H. "Jukie" Burnside**

by Lynn and Bruce Burnside

**Jack Woodworth**

by the Woodworth and Nichols Families

**Jack and Jackie Uehlinger**

by Dan and Janna Caywood

**James Sweeney**

by Maryann Sweeney

**Jim Towers**

by his family

**Joan Caywood**

by Howard, Dan and Janna Caywood

**Joan Madigan**

by Barbara and Michael Warren

**Josee Schwartz**

by Sunday Circle

**Ken Nichols**

by the Nichols Family

**Kenneth Nichols**

by the Nichols Family

**Linda Farnsworth**

by PW Sunday Circle

**Lolly and Sal Russo**

by Mark and JoAnn Russo

**Love of my life, Jim Buckley**

by Glenda Buckley

**Madelyn and Zeke Warrick**

by Lynn and Bruce Burnside

**Marion and George Fulton**

by their family

**Mark Steinhagen**

by Margot Fischer

**My Father, George Brown**

by Martha Pate

**My Mother, Joel Martin**

by Martha Pate

**My mother: Lydia Brown, my brother: Gordon Brown,  
my mother-in-law: Blanche Buckley**

by Glenda Buckley

**Nancy Hale**

by PW Sunday Circle

**Nancy Landholt**

by PW Sunday Circle

**Nolan and Pearl Boyd**

by Linda Sparkman

**Norma Murphy**

by Andy Quigley

**Norma Murphy**

by PW Sunday Circle

**Our Dear Friend, Jane Hebert**  
by Paul and Becky Ford

**Our Fathers: Brent Fisher and Ivey Partain**  
by Bruce and Lynn Partain

**Our Grandparents**  
by Brian, Tori, William and Zachary Armstrong

**Our Parents**  
by Judy and Bob Fisher

**Our Parents**  
by Jan and John Pember

**Our Parents: Bill and Marjorie Ford, Bob and Lillie Shepherd**  
by Paul and Becky Ford

**Pat Caywood**  
by Howard D. Caywood

**Pat Caywood**  
by Howard, Dan and Janna Caywood

**Peter Wells**  
by Mr. and Mrs. John Quigley

**Reed Nichols**  
by the Woodworth and Nichols Families

**Ruth and Johnnie Jurik and Glenn N. Lewis**  
by Janet, Stephanie and the Sandwell Family

**Shelley Plunkett**  
by Lee Plunkett

**Snowball (Hope Heckel)**  
by her great-granddaughter, Tara Thompson

**Sue and Paul Petit**  
by the Petit Family

**Val Rayzor**  
by Sally and Howard Nichols

**Vickie Kimmel Garland**  
by Vivian Hulsopple

### **In honor of:**

**All who have served communion this year**  
by Leslie Pember

**Craig, Leslie, Lauren and Sarah Pember**  
by Jan and John Pember

**Dan and Janna Caywood**  
by Howard D. Caywood

**Doreen Jameson**  
by Martha and Valera

**Gerald Fisher**  
by Judy and Bob Fisher

**Karen Spivey**  
by Vivian Hulsopple

**Katrina and Joyce**  
by Lynn and Bruce Burnside

**Lynn and Bruce Burnside**  
by Sara Hope Burnside

**My daughters: Lynette Buckley and Jennifer Patton, and their families**  
by Glenda Buckley

**My friends: Sherry Edmund, Barbara and Dalton Abel, Beth Ann Mistrot**  
by Glenda Buckley

**My granddaughter: Sara Brooke Burnside**  
by Sara Hope Burnside

**Our children, 7 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren**  
by Paul and Becky Ford

**Our Church Staff**  
by Pastor Tara

**Our family**  
by Bob and Liz Webb

**Our grandchildren: Nevin Partain, Gracelyn Partain, Britton Partain, Evelyn Partain**  
by Bruce and Lynn Partain

**Our granddaughters: Savannah, Carlisle, Mae Martin and Etta**  
by Ditto and Pops

**Our mothers: Nell Moore and Daphene Partain**  
by Lynn and Bruce Partain

**Pastor Tara**  
by Barbara and Michael Warren

**Phoebe and Penelope Johnson**  
by Callie and Andrew Johnson

**SAPC Members and Friends**  
by Pastor Tara

**Sara Brooke, Blair, Margaret, Hays, and Mary Margaret Burnside**  
by Lynn and Bruce Burnside

**Sara Hope Burnside**  
by Lynn and Bruce Burnside

**Shelley Plunkett's Children and Grandchildren**  
by Lee Plunkett

**St. Andrew's Choir**  
by Vivian Hulsopple

**Tara Thompson**  
by Lynn and Bruce Burnside

**The Meals on Wheels Cooks**  
by Anonymous

**Thomas Fisher**  
by Bob and Judy Fisher

**Thomas Furlow and our wonderful musicians**  
by Lynn and Bruce Burnside

**Thomas Furlow and the choir**  
by Barbara and Michael Warren

We sincerely apologize if any poinsettia dedications were inadvertently misspelled or omitted.

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 be open from 8:30AM-4:30PM on December 26.

The office will **CLOSE** at 12:30PM on Tuesday, December 31 and be **CLOSED** all day on Wednesday, January 1, 2025. The office will resume normal business hours on Thursday, January 2, 2025.

Join us this Sunday, December 29, 2024 at 10:30AM for a **WORSHIP SERVICE OF LESSONS & CAROLS** adapted from "To Us a Child Is Born: A Service of Scripture, Song, and Symbol" by John D. Paarlberg.

#### CHURCH STAFF

Tara Thompson, Pastor  
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**But the  
angel said  
to them,  
“Do not be  
afraid. I  
bring you  
good news  
that will  
cause great  
joy for all  
the people.”**

*Luke 2:10*