

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

THE HEART OF CHRISTMAS Galatians 4:4-7



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, 2025

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

6:30PM

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

Loving God, help us remember the birth of Jesus so that we can share in the angels' song, the shepherds' joy, and the wise men's worship. Amen.

PRELUDE

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

arr. Dan Forrest

WELCOME

Luke 2:1-7

CHORAL INTROIT

Sing We Now of Christmas

arr. John Leavitt

Sing we now of Christmas, Noel sing we here. Hear our grateful praises to the Babe so dear.

Sing we Noel, the King is born, Noel! Sing we now of Christmas, sing we all Noel!

Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Angels called to shepherds, "Leave your flocks at rest, Journey forth to Bethl'hem, Find the lambkin blest."

From the eastern country came kings from afar, Bearing gifts to Bethl'hem, Guided by a star.

† **CALL TO WORSHIP**

based on Luke 2:1-20

One: On this holiest of nights,

Many: We come, joining the shepherds in wonder.

One: On this most silent night,

Many: We come, joining Mary and Joseph with hope and dreams.

One: On this night of carols and candlelight,

Many: We come, joining with the choirs of angels in glad songs.

All: We come to worship Christ, the newborn King!

† HYMN

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

arr. David McKay

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

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 the angelic host 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 man no more may die,
Born to raise the sons of earth, Born to give them second birth.
Hark, the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King."
Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Choral Ending: Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Charles, Haley, Hayes, Hank and Heidi Schwarzlose

ADVENT SONG

With Empty Hearts, We Wait

Frombach and Dengler

With empty hearts the world awaits the Promised One from heav'n above. O come! O come!
The One who floods our empty hearts with endless peace and lasting love. O come! O come!

**Come, O come, Immanuel into this broken world. Come free us as God once did, His captive people, Israel.
For we are captive to our sins and long to be set free. Come, O come, Immanuel. Live in our hearts eternally.**

With empty hearts the world awaits the One who comes to make things new. O come! O come!
Our empty hearts will overflow with joy and hope with life anew. O come! O come!

TIME FOR CHILDREN

How the Grinch Lost Christmas

by Alastair Heim

ANTHEM

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! O holy night! O night divine.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Galatians 4:4-7

Pew Bible p. 1003
Large Print p. 1771

SERMON

The Heart of Christmas

† 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.

PASTORAL PRAYER

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

O Come, All Ye Faithful

arr. Dan Forrest

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.

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest!

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning;
Jesus, to Thee be all glory giv'n!
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing!

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

LIGHTING OF THE CHRISTMAS CANDLES

† CAROL SING

Christmas Sing-a-long Medley

arr. Cothorn and Barnes

Angels We Have Heard on High

GLORIA

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!

The First Noel

THE FIRST NOEL

The first Noel, the angels 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.

Away in a Manger

MUELLER

Away in a manger no crib for a 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.

O Little Town of Bethlehem

ST. LOUIS

O little town of Bethlehem how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting Light;
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

Joy to the World!

ANTIOCH

Joy to the world! The Lord is come: Let earth receive her King;
Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room, And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n and nature sing, And heav'n and heav'n 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.

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

† 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!

CHRISTMAS EVE VOCALISTS AND INSTRUMENTALISTS

Chloe Arrieta
Adriana Avalos
John Chappell
Kayse Chappell
Jeff Courts
Krista Courts
Cole Crawford
Linda Cullums
Frances Cunningham
Lauryn Dean-Serrano
Sabrina Dean-Serrano
Scott Deppe
Darryl Furlow
Jacob Furlow
Joshua Furlow
Martha Giarratano
Tami Goss
Mason Hendrix
Devonta Hicks
Jake Hollier
Bekah Jones
Gary Jones
Brenda Legendre
Noelle Maldonado
Chris Martin
Ebony Martin

Valera Messer
Alyssa Millner
Cameron Montgomery
Kyleigh Montgomery
Mason Montgomery
Dorothy Moorefield
Janet Myers
Paula Nichols
Greta Ott
Audrey Parigi
Turner Partain
Leslie Pember
Nicholas Pfister
Ed Richie
Roma Newton Richie
Caleb Roubieu
Jillian Sanchez
Lauren Sanchez
Kelli Sandidge
Dietrich Schilberg
Linda Sparkman
Asher Williamson
Benjamin Williamson
Eli Williamson
Ella Williamson

ST. ANDREW'S POINSETTIA DEDICATIONS

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

In loving memory of:

Amy Butler
by Mike and Julie Glenn

Amy Kennedy
by Vivian Hulsopple

Ben E. Jameson
by daughters, Martha and Valera

Betty Boyd and Phil Storms
by Linda Sparkman

Beverly and Richard Harrel
by Barbara and Michael Warren

Bobby Kennedy
by Vivian Hulsopple

Brian Kennedy
by Vivian Hulsopple

Bruce Irvine
by Kathe Hendricks, Alex Irvine, Kit Garven

Bruce's parents, Ivey Partain and Daphene Partain
by Bruce and Lynn Partain

Carol Platt Ayres
by Michael and Kathie Platt

Catherine Grace Kanyan
by the Wiemers family

Connie and Billy McCroskey
by the Raumaker and Neyland families

Cynthia Jo Woodland
by Linda Sparkman

David Cobble, Daddy and Granddaddy
by Craig, Leslie, Lauren, and Sarah Pember

Doris and Ken Raumaker
by the Raumaker and Neyland families

Fran and Sandy Irvine
by Kathe Hendricks, Alex Irvine, Kit Garven

G. Bruce Kimmel
by Vivian Hulsopple

George and Lois Boyd
by Linda Sparkman

George Brown and Joel Martin
by their daughter, Martha Pate

George Van Gilder
by James and Georgia Wright

Ginny Kennedy
by Vivian Hulsopple

Grams and PopPop (Ann and Thomas Thompson)
by their granddaughter, Tara Thompson

Henry and Elizabeth Creeger
by the Petit family

Jack and Jackie Uehlinger
by Janna and Dan Caywood

James Sweeney
by Maryann Sweeney

Jason Richey
by Mike and Julie Glenn

Jim Towers
by his family

Jim's mother, Blanche Buckley
by Glenda Buckley

Joan Caywood
by Dan, Janna, and Howard Caywood

Joan Madigan
by Barbara and Michael Warren

Johnnie and Ruth Jurik
by Jessica and David and all our kids

LC Platt Jr.
by Michael and Kathie Platt

Linda Farnsworth, Nancy Hale, Nancy Landholt, Norma Murphy, Ellie Puckett, Josee Schwartz, & Connor Smith
by the PW Sunday Circle

Lynn's father, Brent Fisher
by Bruce and Lynn Partain

Marion and George Fulton
by their family

Mother of JoAnn Russo, Dorothy Hebert
by Mark and JoAnn Russo

My beloved husband, Jim
by Glenda Buckley

My brother, Gordon Brown
by Glenda Buckley

My mother, Lydia Johnson Brown
by Glenda Buckley

Nolan and Pearl Boyd
by Linda Sparkman

Our brother, Edward Paul Jameson
by Valera and Martha

Our dear friend, Jane Hebert
by Paul and Becky Ford

Our grandparents and great-grandparents
by the Armstrongs

Our mother, Alice Miller
by Barbara and Michael Warren

Our mother, Geraldine
by Barbara and Michael Warren

Our parents and sister
by Jan and John Pember

Our parents, Jukie Burnside, Madelyn and Zeke Warrick
by Bruce and Lynn Burnside

Our parents, Nolan and Elva Harborth, Eugene and Dorothy Phillips
by Jerry and Judy Phillips

Our parents, Bob and Lillie Shepherd, Bill and Marjorie Ford
by Paul and Becky Ford

Pat Buehrle Caywood
by Howard Caywood

Pattie Don Platt
by Michael and Kathie Platt

Paul and Sue Petit
by the Petit family

Peter Wells
by Andy and John Quigley

Ralph and Grace Ruth, Dorothy Gisclar Crain, and Jim and Dotti Crain
by Stan and Diane Ruth

Robert and Virginia Broach
by their daughter, Sandra LaBorde

Roger Harano, D.Min.
by Audrey Harano Parigi

Ruth and Johnnie Jurik, Glenn Lewis
by Janet, Stephanie, and the Sandwells

Sal and Lolly Russo
by Mark and JoAnn Russo

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

Vickie Kimmel Garland
by Vivian Hulsopple

Wilma Spreckles and Les Smith
by Barbara and Mike Warren

In honor of:

All those who have willingly served communion this year
by Leslie Pember

All the wonderful people at St. Andrew's
by Glenda Buckley

Blair and Margaret Burnside
by Sara Hope Burnside

Bob and Judy Fisher
by Audrey Harano Parigi

Courageous Sam F. Parigi, PhD
by Audrey Harano Parigi

Karen Spivey
by Vivian Hulsopple

Lynn and Bruce Burnside
by Sara Hope Burnside

Lynn's mother, Nell Moore
by Bruce and Lynn Partain

Meals on Wheels cooks and drivers
by Anonymous

My daughters, Lynette and Jennifer
by Glenda Buckley

My granddaughter, Sara Brooke Burnside
by Sara Hope Burnside

My great-grandchildren, Mary Margaret and Hays
by Sara Hope Burnside

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

Our children, Jennifer, Jon, Janet, and Jacques
by Jerry and Judy Phillips

Our children, Sara Brooke, Blaire, and Margaret
by Bruce and Lynn Burnside

Our daughters in law, Ashley B. and Paige
by Bruce and Lynn Partain

Our grandchildren, Erin, William, and Elizabeth
by Jerry and Judy Phillips

Our grandchildren, Hays and Mary Margaret
by Bruce and Lynn Burnside

Our grandchildren, Nevin B., Gracelyn, and Evelyn
by Bruce and Lynn Partain

Our mother, Doreen Braun Jameson
by Valera and Martha

Our sons, Nev, Turner, and Will Partain
by Bruce and Lynn Partain

Pastor Tara, Joyce, and Katrina
by Bruce and Lynn Burnside

SAPC Members and Friends
by Pastor Tara Thompson

Sara Hope Burnside
by Bruce and Lynn Burnside

St. Andrew's Choir
by Vivian Hulsopple

Stoney, Ellen, Mae Martin, and Etta
by Ditto and Pops

The Church and Day School Staff
by Pastor Tara Thompson

The Congregation
by Judy and Bob Fisher

Peyton, Clay, Beckett, Chandler, and Harper
by their grandparents, Libby and Steve Richardson

Thomas, Rachel, and all musicians
by Bruce and Lynn Burnside

Will, Jett, Savannah, and Carlisle
by Ditto and Pops

William, Samuel, James, Cyril, and Sadie
by Bill and Sara Turner

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.

Join us this Sunday, December 28, 2025 at 10:30AM for a **WORSHIP SERVICE OF LESSONS & CAROLS** adapted from "The Whole Story of Christmas" by Betsy Arkema.

The **CHURCH OFFICE** will be closed tomorrow, Christmas Day, and will resume normal business hours on Monday, December 29.

The **CHURCH OFFICE** will close at 12:30PM on Wednesday, December 31 and be **CLOSED** all day on Thursday, January 1, 2026. The office will resume normal business hours on Monday, January 5, 2026.

CHURCH STAFF

Tara Thompson, Pastor
Thomas Furlow, Music Director
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Patricia Williamson, Pianist

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**Today in
the town
of David a
Savior has
been born
to you;
He is the
Messiah,
the Lord.**

Luke 2:11

