

# 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

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!

based on Luke 2:1-20

† HYMN

*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*  
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!

arr. David McKay

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. Cothern 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, 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	Valera Messer
Adriana Avalos	Alyssa Millner
John Chappell	Cameron Montgomery
Kayse Chappell	Kyleigh Montgomery
Jeff Courts	Mason Montgomery
Krista Courts	Dorothy Moorefield
Cole Crawford	Janet Myers
Linda Cullums	Paula Nichols
Frances Cunningham	Greta Ott
Lauryn Dean-Serrano	Audrey Parigi
Sabrina Dean-Serrano	Turner Partain
Scott Deppe	Leslie Pember
Darryl Furlow	Nicholas Pfister
Jacob Furlow	Ed Richie
Joshua Furlow	Roma Newton Richie
Martha Giarratano	Caleb Roubieu
Tami Goss	Jillian Sanchez
Mason Hendrix	Lauren Sanchez
Devonta Hicks	Kelli Sandidge
Jake Hollier	Dietrich Schilberg
Bekah Jones	Linda Sparkman
Gary Jones	Asher Williamson
Brenda Legendre	Benjamin Williamson
Noelle Maldonado	Eli Williamson
Chris Martin	Ella Williamson
Ebony Martin	

# 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 **CONNECT** 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  
Rachel Stiles, Organist  
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