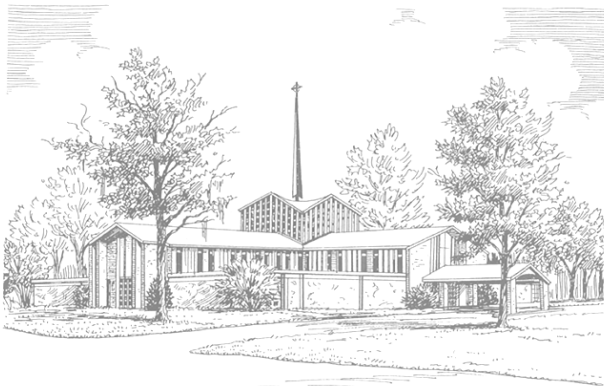


ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



December 12, 2021

10:30AM

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. If we can be of help to you, please let us know. We would love to assist you in finding ways to get involved and grow in your faith.

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

Please note 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.)

Almighty God, grant us the wisdom that comes from waiting, and teach us the patience that leads to godliness as our Savior draws near. Amen.

PRELUDE

Bell Processional

FREY

LIFE AT ST. ANDREW'S

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Julie & Zoe Odle, Pat Richard

ADVENT SONG

1. Kin - dle this flame of hope. May it burn bright and true.
Light-ing the way that is of God, the jour - ney we pur - sue.

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TRENTHAM
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† **CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: May the Lord make His holy face to shine upon us in this time of Advent worship.

All: With preparation and in expectation, let us worship the Lord.

Come, Thou long expected Jesus, Born to set Thy people free;
 From our fears and sins release us; Let us find our rest in Thee.
 Israel's strength and consolation, Hope of all the earth Thou art;
 Dear desire of every nation, Joy of every longing heart.

Born Thy people to deliver, Born a child and yet a King,
 Born to reign in us forever, Now Thy gracious kingdom bring.
 By Thine own eternal Spirit Rule in all our hearts alone;
 By Thine all sufficient merit Raise us to Thy glorious throne.

† INVITATION TO CONFESSION

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION

When our faith is rooted deeply in You, O God, our lives reflect Your kingdom values, but sometimes our lives become so entangled with the values of the world, that Your values take second place. Forgive us, and help us to trust in Your promises. Merciful God, strip our hearts and minds of all that prevents our lives being firmly rooted in You. May our lives bear fruit worthy of our faith in You, as we watch and wait for Your breaking into our world once more, in the person of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

† ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
Glory be to God!

† PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

TIME FOR CHILDREN

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS AND THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

HYMN 498

Child of Blessing, Child of Promise

KINGDOM

Child of blessing, child of promise, Baptized with the Spirit's sign,
 With this water God has sealed you Unto love and grace divine.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

PSALM READING

Psalm 121

This is the Word of God for the people of God!
Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

Bring Us Hope

SCHRAM

Bring us hope, bring us love, Bring us peace from above
 Bring us hope.

Bring us light, take our darkness away
 Bring us light, turn our night into day
 Bring us hope, bring us love, Peace and joy from above,
 Bring us hope.

Hope to replace our hopelessness, Love to refill our emptiness,
 Peace in the midst of our distress, Oh, how we need Your joy
 Bring us hope.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 11:1-10

Pew Bible OT Pg. 640-641

SERMON

Promised Tree

Rev. Tara R. Thompson

† HYMN

Lo! How a Rose E'er Blooming

ES IST EIN' ROS'

Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming From tender stem hath sprung!
 Of Jesse's lineage coming As men of old have sung.
 It came, a Flow'ert bright, Amid the cold of winter When half-spent was the night.

Isaiah 'twas foretold it, The Rose I have in mind:
 With Mary we behold it, The virgin mother kind.
 To show God's love aright She bore to men a Savior When half-spent was the night.

This Flow'r, whose fragrance tender With sweetness fills the air,
 Dispels with glorious splendor The darkness everywhere.
 True man, yet very God, From sin and death He saves us And lightens every load.

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

[GIVE ONLINE](#)

† HYMN 592

Doxology

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

† HYMN 38

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 all, From heaven's all-gracious King"
The world in solemn stillness lay, To hear the angels sing.

Still through the cloven skies they come, With peaceful wings unfurled,
And still their heavenly music floats O'er all the weary world:
Above its sad and lowly plains They bend on hovering wing,
And ever o'er its Babel sounds The blessed angels sing.

And ye, beneath life's crushing load, Whose forms are bending low,
Who toil along the climbing way With painful steps and slow,
Look now! for glad and golden hours Come swiftly on the wing:
O rest beside the weary road, And hear the angels sing.

For lo, the days are hastening on, By prophet bards foretold,
When with the ever-circling years Comes round the age of gold;
When peace shall over all the earth Its ancient splendors fling,
And the whole world give back the song Which now the angels sing.

† BENEDICTION

† SENDING SONG

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

O come Thou Rod of Jesse, free Thine own from Satan's tyranny
From depths of hell Thy people save, And give them vict'ry ov'r the grave.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee O Israel.

POSTLUDE

Fantasy on Hyfrydol

HOPSON

*We thank St. Andrew's Handbells
for sharing their gift of music in worship this morning.*

The Session believes the best approach to assuring everyone's continued well-being is to encourage face masks on entering, exiting, and moving about. When seated face masks are optional so long as physical distancing is practiced. ***Thanks to each of you for your cooperation.***

The following are our current safety guidelines for group gatherings.

- During the Passing of the Peace, remain in place and greet those around you.
- Kitchen: 6 to 8 people at a time. Masks and gloves to be worn. Disinfect all surfaces before leaving. Use disposable cups, plates, and utensils.
- Fellowship Hall: Maximum 12 tables with 6 chairs. Servers to wear gloves. Stage area 3 tables with 6 chairs if needed. Overflow in the breezeway areas.
- Parlor: Maximum 4 tables with 6 chairs.
- Outside food and drink: No buffet or family style. Individual servings or served by gloved volunteers.
- Overall: Hand sanitizer must be provided for all gatherings.

Please use the **C O N N E C T** cards in the pews to communicate with us about areas of interest, prayer requests, and volunteer opportunities. If you are a **VISITOR**, please include your address, telephone number, email address and other information that will help us to get to know you better. Completed cards can be placed in the offering baskets.

The **CHANCEL FLOWERS** are given to the glory of God and in memory of Joel Martin by the Pate family.

Advent **DEVOTIONALS** are now available on the sanctuary tables. No matter who, there's one for you!

Celebrate National Gingerbread House day by coming to our December **FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON TODAY** immediately following worship.

Please join the Golden Triangle Handbell Ensemble in the return of their **CHRISTMAS CONCERT**, "We All Need A Little Christmas." They will be performing at 7:00pm **TONIGHT** in the Sanctuary.

Presbyterian Women will have their December **BIBLE STUDY** and **SALAD LUNCHEON** on Tuesday, December 14. Bible Study will be at 10am with the luncheon to follow. Please join us!

There will be a **HAPPY BIRTHDAY JESUS** party and dinner on December 19 at 5pm in the fellowship hall for children, youth and families.

Next week, we will be collecting the **CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING**, one of four special offerings of the PCUSA.

We offer **SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES** for all ages at 9:15am.

Discovery Class for adults meets in the Library. They are studying *Seeing Gray: Where Faith & Politics Meet*.

Pew Sisters is for adult women. They meet in room 2 and are studying *While We Wait*.

Fellowship Class is for adults. They meet in room 3 and are studying *Incarnation: Rediscovering the Significance of Christmas*.

Grace & Men's Class is for adults. They meet in the Study and are studying *The Present Word*.

Youth Class is for 6th-12th grades. They meet in the Youth Center and are studying *Echo the Story*.

Children's Class is for PreK-5th grades. They meet in Journey Room 304 and are studying *Dig In: Bible in One Year*.

MONDAY MORNING GROUP is studying the Book of Acts. Join us tomorrow at 10am in the Parlor.



Members: Joyce Head, Sara Hope Burnside, Julie Odle, Betty Haisten, Susie Champion, Susie Feagin, Esmee Foster, Ruth Jurik, Bill McIlrath, Murray Anderson, Kay Sutton, Barbara & Dalton Abel, Bob Fisher, Mackia & Katrina.

Friends and Family: Mary Ellen Myers, Family of Jim Smylie, Chris Leblanc, Logan Hoy, Jack Tarp, Sterling Smith, Jerry Linn, Bernice Plunkett, Carol Vasil, Thomas Fisher, June Helterbran, Melony Roffler, Darrell Lowe, Della & Mark Phillips, Karen Butler, Gary Dry, George Brown, Erin Lenhart, Mary Kennedy, Billie & Brett Taylor, Rev. Wayne Rhodes, Janie Verderame, Rachel Lawrence, Jill Botkin, Cindy Woodland.

St. Andrew's Calendar

Sunday, Dec 12, 2021

- 9:15AM Sunday School
- 10:30AM Worship
- 11:45AM Church Luncheon
- 12:30PM Choir Rehearsal
- 3:00PM Boy Scouts Troop 221
- 5:00PM Youth Group
- 7:00PM Golden Triangle Handbell Ensemble Christmas Concert

Monday, Dec 13, 2021

- 10:00AM Monday Morning Group
- 5:30PM Strings After School
- 6:30PM There's A Solution/AA
- 6:30PM La Hacienda Alumni

Tuesday, Dec 14, 2021

- 10:00AM PW Bible Study/Luncheon
- 5:00PM Finance Team
- 5:30PM Strings After School
- 6:30PM Session Meeting

Wednesday, Dec 15, 2021

- 9:30AM Day School Chapel
- 5:30PM Handbell Rehearsal
- 5:30PM Trustees Meeting

Thursday, Dec 16, 2021

- 8:30AM MOW Cooks
- 10:00AM MOW Delivers
- 10:00AM Prayer Team
- 11:00AM Day School Program
- 6:30PM Pack 221 Pack Meeting

Friday, Dec 17, 2021

- OFFICE CLOSED
- 6:30PM There's A Solution/AA

Sunday, Dec 19, 2021

- 9:15AM Sunday School
- 10:30AM Worship
- 12:00PM Choir Rehearsal
- 3:00PM Boy Scouts Troop 221
- 5:00PM Happy Birthday Jesus Party

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8:30AM to 4:30PM