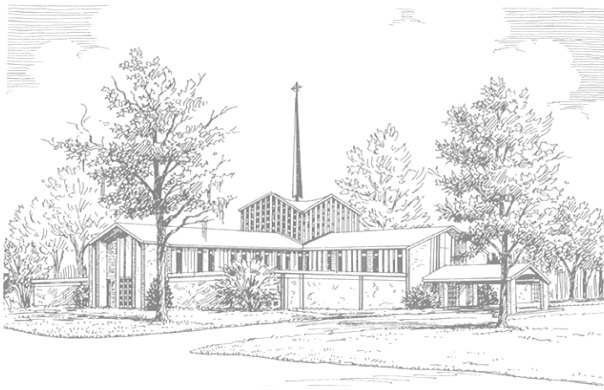


ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



December 24, 2021

6:30PM

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.)

Help us shine as the radiant body of Christ that we may be light for a gloomy, broken world. Amen.

PRELUDE

Christmas Medley for Brass and Organ

CHARLES J. TORIAN JR.

LIFE AT ST. ANDREW'S

CHORAL INTROIT

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

BRENDA AUSTIN

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Chris & Emily Allen
Aaron & Andrew

ADVENT SONG

1. Kin - dle this flame of hope. May it burn bright and true.
2. God's realm is our de - sire, where peace and jus - tice reign.

Light-ing the way that is of God, the jour - ney we pur - sue.
Hea - ven and earth com - bined as one, when Christ shall come a - gain.

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TRENTHAM
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† CALL TO WORSHIP

One: On this holiest of nights,

Many: We come, our hearts filled with wonder, joining the shepherds in awe.

One: On this most silent night,

Many: We come, our hopes and dreams joining those of Mary and Joseph.

One: On this night of carols and candlelight,

Many: We come, our glad songs joining with the choirs of angels over us.

All: Come, let us adore Jesus, our Lord!

† HYMN

O Come, All Ye Faithful

DAVID CHERWIEN

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.

Refrain:

O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord!

The highest, most holy, Light from Light eternal,
Born of a virgin, a mortal He comes!
Son of the Father, now in flesh appearing! [Refrain]

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

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! [Refrain]

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL READING

Luke 2:1-7

Pew Bible NT Pg. 58

† PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

TIME FOR CHILDREN

"The Christmas Lizard"

CORY EDWARDS

GOSPEL READING

Luke 2:8-20

Pew Bible NT Pg. 58

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

ANTHEM

This Holy Night with O Holy Night

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 our dear Savior's birth.
Long lay the world in sin and error pining, Til 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! His pow'r and glory evermore proclaim!
O holy night! O night divine.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 9:2-7

Pew Bible OT Pg. 638

SERMON

Radiant Tree

Rev. Tara R. Thompson

† HYMN

Joy to the World

DOUGLESS J. BENTON

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.

No more let sins and sorrows grow, Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make His blessings flow far as the curse is found,
Far as the curse is found, Far as, far as the curse is found.

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.

PASTORAL PRAYER

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

LIGHTING OF THE CHRISTMAS CANDLES

† CAROL SING (INSERT)

*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing
Angels We Have Heard on High
Away in a Manger
The First Noel*

† BENEDICTION

† SENDING SONG

Silent Night, Holy Night!

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! 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.

The Session believes the best approach to assuring everyone's continued well-being is to encourage face masks on entering, exiting, and moving about. The middle transept is open seating, yet the north and south transepts are still roped to allow for physical distancing if preferred. During the Passing of the Peace, remain in place and greet those around you. ***Thanks to each of you for your cooperation.***

Please use the **CONNECT** 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.

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

Discovery Class for adults meets in the Library. They are studying *While We Wait*.

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: Bobbie Wied, 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: Paul Harborth, Gordon Pate, Mary Ellen Myers, Chris Leblanc, Jack Tarpy, 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.

We thank the following individuals for sharing their gift of music with us today:

Instrumentalists

Esteban Chavez - French Horn
 Cole Crawford - Tuba
 Darryl Furlow - Timpani
 Mason Hendrix - Oboe/Cymbals
 Evan Linscombe - Trombone
 Paula Nichols - Piano
 Ana Plake - Flute
 Caleb Roubieu - Trumpet
 Kelli Sandidge - Flute
 Joe Segelke - Trombone
 Ethan Williamson - Trumpet

Vocalists

*Isaiah Jackson - Tenor
 Lorenzo Johnson - Bass
 Mason Hendrix - Bass
 Alyssa Millner - Alto
 *Cameron Montgomery - Bass
 Mason Montgomery - Tenor
 *Elizabeth Nimmons - Soprano
 Ana Plake - Soprano
 Bert Sanchez - Tenor
 Lauren Sanchez - Soprano
 Kelli Sandidge - Alto
 *Sarah Scott - Soprano
 *Kaitlin Sleydon - Alto
 *SAPC Scholarship Singer

St. Andrew's Calendar

Friday, Dec 24, 2021

OFFICE CLOSED
 6:30PM Christmas Eve Service

Sunday, Dec 26, 2021

9:15AM Sunday School
 10:30AM Worship

Monday, Dec 27, 2021

OFFICE CLOSED
 10:00AM Monday Morning Group
 6:30PM There's A Solution/AA
 6:30PM La Hacienda Alumni

Wednesday, Dec 29, 2021

5:30PM SAPC Handbell Rehearsal

Thursday, Dec 30, 2021

8:30AM MOW Cooks
 10:00AM MOW Delivers
 10:00AM Prayer Team
 12:30PM Office Closes

Friday, Dec 31, 2021

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

Sunday, Jan 2, 2021

9:15AM Sunday School
 10:30AM Worship
 11:45AM Choir Rehearsal
 3:00PM Boy Scouts Troop 221
 5:00PM Youth Group

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Day School Director.....Deanna Weitzel

Music Director.....Thomas Furlow

Accompanist/Pianist.....Rachel Clark

8:30AM to 4:30PM