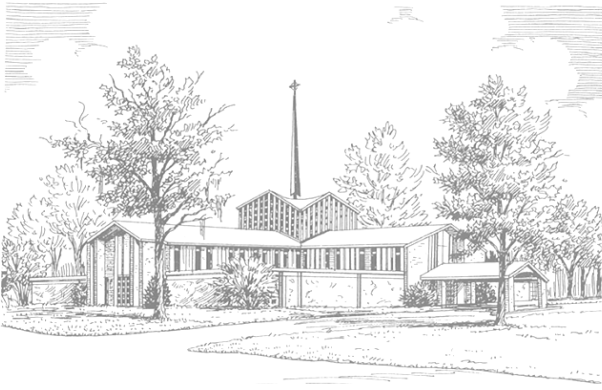


ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Today's service is adapted from
"The Whole Story of Christmas" by Betsy Arkema,
Reformed Worship, September 2012.

December 26, 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.)

God of stable, stars, and surprises, of light and hope and new life, open us to Your grace, that we might hear again the song of the angels, and respond with a song in our hearts, and in our lives. Amen.

PRELUDE

LIFE AT ST. ANDREW'S

NARRATOR

Charlotte Schwarzlose

HYMN #22

Angels, from the Realms of Glory

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!

All creation, join in praising God the Father, Spirit, Son,
Evermore your voices raising, To the eternal Three in One:
Come and worship, come and worship, Worship Christ, the newborn King!

NARRATOR

LESSON 1

GENESIS 1:1, 26-28

Judy Fisher

HYMN #309

Of the Father's Love Begotten

Of the Father's love begotten, Ere the worlds began to be,
He is Alpha and Omega, He the source, the ending He,
Of the things that are, that have been, And that future years shall see,
Evermore and evermore!

O ye heights of heaven adore Him; Angel hosts, His praises sing;
Powers, dominions, bow before Him, And extol our God and King;
Let no tongue on earth be silent, Every voice in concert ring,
Evermore and evermore!

NARRATOR

LESSON 2 Genesis 3:14-19 Bob Webb

NARRATOR

LESSON 3 Isaiah 9:2, 6-7; 7:14 Paige Neyland

HYMN #9 *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

O come, O come, Emmanuel, And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here, Until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel!

O come, Thou Dayspring, come and cheer,
Our spirits by Thine advent here;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, And death's dark put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel!

NARRATOR

LESSON 4 Isaiah 11:1-3a Ashley Dockens

LESSON 5 Galatians 4:4-5a Aidan Collins

NARRATOR

LESSON 6 Luke 1:26-38 Gloria Blanco

NARRATOR

HYMN #60 *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.

LESSON 7 Luke 2:15-19 Susan Reese

MARY MONOLOGUE Baleigh Hancock,
Haley Schwarzlose

SPECIAL MUSIC *Mary, Did You Know?* LOWRY, GREENE

NARRATOR

SPECIAL MUSIC *Born to Die* BEBO NORMAN

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING Shelley Plunkett

† 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

NARRATOR

† HYMN #40

Joy to the World!

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 world! the Savior reigns: Let us our 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 REFLECTION

Rev. Tara R. Thompson

PASTORAL PRAYER

† HYMN #29

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

Go, tell it on the mountain, Over the hills and ev'rywhere;
 Go, tell it on the mountain, That Jesus Christ is born!

While shepherds kept their watching, O'er silent flocks by night,
 Behold throughout the heavens, There shone a holy light.
 Go, tell it on the mountain, Over the hills and ev'rywhere;
 Go, tell it on the mountain, That Jesus Christ is born!

The shepherds feared and trembled, When lo above the earth,
 Rang out the angel chorus, That hailed the Savior's birth.
 Go, tell it on the mountain, Over the hills and ev'rywhere;
 Go, tell it on the mountain, That Jesus Christ is born!

Down in a lowly manger, The humble Christ was born,
 And God sent us salvation, That blessed Christmas morn.
 Go, tell it on the mountain, Over the hills and ev'rywhere;
 Go, tell it on the mountain, That Jesus Christ is born!

† BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Hallelujah Joy Medley

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 **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.

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: Tammy Markum, 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 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 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

Tuesday, Dec 28, 2021

1:30PM Property Team

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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8:30AM to 4:30PM