

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

3rd Sunday of Advent

December 13, 2020

10:30 am

WE GATHER AS A FAITH COMMUNITY

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

WE AWAIT YOUR COMING
CHRISTINE SINE

Lord Jesus Christ, we await your coming,
We wait filled with hope, knowing your light will shine in the darkness.
We wait anticipating your peace, believing that one day it will fill our world.
We wait with joy, bubbling us in expectation of your birth.
We wait embracing your love, may we reach out to share it with our neighbors.
Lord, we wait, come soon and fill us with your life.

PRELUDE

LIFE AT ST. ANDREW'S

ADVENT WREATH

THE CANDLE OF JOY
Jennifer & Luke Nichols
Isaac, James and Allison

*Please join in
reading aloud
those parts of the
service printed in
bold.*

TO PRAISE THE LIVING GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing.

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped.

Then shall the lame man leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.

And the ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come to Zion with singing.

Everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Let us worship God!

HYMN 106

Prepare the Way, O Zion

Prepare the way, O Zion, your Christ is drawing near!

Let every hill and valley a level way appear.

Greet One who comes in glory, foretold in sacred story.

Refrain: O blest is Christ who came in God's most holy name.

He brings God's rule, O Zion; he comes from heaven above.

His rule is peace and freedom, and justice, truth, and love.

Lift high your praise resounding, for grace and joy abounding.

Refrain

Fling wide your gates, O Zion; your Savior's rule embrace,
and tidings of salvation proclaim in every place.

All lands will bow rejoicing, their adoration voicing.

Refrain

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OPENING PRAYER

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of mercy, light and love, we confess that we have not been people who are quick to pray. When an emergency befalls us, we turn to pleas and prayers which usually begin with the heart-wrenching cry, "Why?". Help us to remember that you are always ready to hear and respond to all our prayers. Remind us that even though we have often failed to witness to your love and live as people of compassion and faith, you love us unconditionally. Forgive our stubbornness and willfulness. Cleanse our souls and spirits and make us truly ready to receive your light. In Jesus' Name, we pray. AMEN.

(Silence for personal confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God!

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

JOHN 14:27

May the peace of Christ, be with you.

And also, with you.

TO EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING

ISAIAH 61:1-4, 8-11

The Word of God for the people of God!

Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

Noel

LAUREN DAIGLE

Alex Musgrove, Alto Soloist

Love incarnate, love divine,
Star and angels gave the sign.
Bow to babe on bended knee,
The Savior of humanity.
Unto us a Child is born,
He shall reign forevermore.

Chorus: Noel, Noel,
Come and see what God has done.
Noel, Noel,

The story of amazing love!
The light of the world, given for us, Noel.

Son of God and Son of man,
There before the world began.
Born to suffer, born to save,
Born to raise us from the grave.
Christ the everlasting Lord,
He shall reign forevermore.

Chorus 2x

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NEW TESTAMENT READING

1 THESSALONIANS 5:14-15
REVELATION 21:3-6

God always blesses the reading and hearing of The Word!

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Break-Through of New Life

REV. JOHN ALEXANDER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN 664

Morning Has Broken

Morning has broken like the first morning; blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!

Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven, like the first dewfall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
sprung in completeness where God's feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning, born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation; praise every morning,
God's recreation of the new day!

CALL TO COMMITMENT AND OFFERING

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

GO OUT INTO THE WORLD TO GLORIFY GOD IN OUR DAILY LIVES

THE CHARGE AND THE BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION HYMN

Love Has Come

Love has come and never will leave us!
Love is life everlasting and free.
Love is Jesus within and among us.
Love is the peace our hearts are seeking.
Love! Love! Love is the gift of Christmas.
Love! Love! Praise to you, God on high!

POSTLUDE

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS were given today to the Glory of God and in memory of
Joel Martin by Martha Pate and family.

WELCOME! God's house is a house of hospitality where all are welcome and visitors are a blessing from the Lord. Please return often. We are a church that ministers to the world in many ways, calling all to faith in Jesus Christ as Lord, and freely sharing his love and forgiveness. We pray for the life and needs of all visitors. Please join us again next Sunday!

THOSE LEADING IN WORSHIP TODAY:

SOUND MARK CHAMPION
LITURGIST CHARLOTTE SCHWARZLOSE
PASTOR REV. JOHN ALEXANDER

LIVE STREAM JOHN BUEHRLE
MUSIC DIRECTOR LEVI DUNCAN
ORGANIST THOMAS FURLOW

POINSETTIAS! Remember or honor someone you love by ordering one. The deadline to order is TODAY. They are \$15 each and order forms can be found on the Sanctuary tables. Remember to specify payments are for Poinsettias.

ADVENT SEASON IS HERE! Advent Adventures Lesson Packets are available in the Sanctuary. For an emailed set, please text 409-656-8744 with your email address.

MUSICAL GIFTS OF CHRISTMAS will be presented next Sunday, December 20th during the Worship service.

JOY OFFERING: This offering addresses the support needed by some of our leaders, including supporting leadership development for communities of color, and providing support for Presbyterian church workers in their time of need. Please give this season as God leads.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE will be a family candlelight service. It will be held Thursday, December 24 at 5:30 pm in the Sanctuary. We hope you will join us for this joyful event.

SESSION MEMBERS are praying for you and the church.

JUNE 14TH WAS OUR FIRST SUNDAY BACK - LIVE: It has been such a blessing to be in worship as church family and friends. Thanks to each of you for following our safety guidelines below. God is our audience! All Glory to God!

- Masks are required on entering, exiting, and moving about in the sanctuary. When seated, masks are optional.
- The congregation is to remain seated during the service even during the singing.
- All songs are printed in the bulletin. A music score is available upon request.
- Passing of the Peace: stand or sit in place and wave SILENTLY, yet ENTHUSIASTICALLY!
- Instruction will be given for the Offering at the appropriate time.

PRAISES & PRAYER LIST

Members: Ruth Jurik, Kay Sutton, Family of Eloise Evans, Bill Roe, Ralph Lunsford, Wallace Bryan, Dorothy Schwarzlose, Bill McIlrath, Bob Fisher, Baby JD Dillard, Rev. Wayne Rhodes, Mac'kia & Katrina, Mary Collier, Elmer Long, Dean Lovejoy, Gary Sitton, Thomas Fisher and Bryan Rao.

Friends and Family: Family of Diane Goetschius, Family of Shirley Spears, Maryann Sweeney, Family of Pat Bell, Barbara Hornbuckle, Tiffany, Newt Cole, Mary Jane Buttrell, Family of Zach Ross, Glenn Helterbran, Family of Pam Smith, Mary Weitzel, Lucie K., Shauntayle & Zach, Erin Lenhart, Mary Kennedy, Eric, Diane P., Billie & Brett Taylor, Katie B., Jean & Ron Williamson, Sam Moore, Courtney Glover, Weston Sitton, Gary Graham, Janie Verderame, Rachel Lawrence, Eric Booker, Evan Johnson, Jill Botkin, Phil Storms, Shawn Kennedy & Lorry, Bill McKeon, Cheryl Bryan, Jennifer Patton, Cindy Woodland, Bob Janecek and Canyon Cassidy.

St. Andrew's Calendar

Sunday, December 13, 2020

10:30 AM Worship
 Rev. John Alexander

Monday, December 14, 2020

12:00 PM Bmt Rainbow Room
 6:00 PM Pastor Search Team Mtg.
 6:15 PM There's A Solution/AA
 6:30 PM La Hacienda Alumni

Tuesday, December 15, 2020

9:30 AM Staff Mtg
 6:30 PM Session Mtg

Wednesday, December 16, 2020

5:30 PM Board of Trustees Mtg
 6:00 PM Webelos Den Mtg

Friday, December 18, 2020

~ OFFICE CLOSED ~
 6:15 PM There's A Solution/AA

Sunday, December 20, 2020

10:30 AM Worship
 "Musical Gifts of Christmas"
 Rev. John Alexander

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Organist/Pianist.....Thomas Furlow
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