

# ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

CHRISTMAS EVE  
FAMILY CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

Thursday, December 24, 2020 5:30 pm



*"For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."*

Isaiah 9:6

*Please remain seated during the service until our closing carol, Silent Night.*

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

PRELUDE

*Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring*

BACH

WELCOME

ADVENT WREATH

THE CANDLES OF HOPE, PEACE, JOY, LOVE AND THE CHRIST CANDLE  
Leslie & Craig Pember  
Lauren & Sarah

CALL TO WORSHIP

Why are you here?

**We heard of a child that would be born to save us.**

Who told you?

**God told us He would send a Savior.**

What will you do if you find Him?

**We will join the shepherds and angels and magi, bowing down to worship Christ the Lord!**

CAROL

*O Come, All Ye Faithful*

**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!**

**True God from true God, Light from light eternal,**

**Born of a virgin, a mortal he comes; Very God, begotten, not created!**

**Refrain**

**Sing, choirs of angels; sing in exultation; sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!**

**Glory to God, all glory in the highest!**

**Refrain**

**Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning;**

**Jesus, to thee be all glory given; Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing!**

**Refrain**

MEDITATIVE PRAYER

CALL TO CONFESSION

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of grace and truth, you give the gift of yourself,  
but we take no notice as we are caught up in our own gifts given and received.  
You offer us new life in the baby born in Bethlehem,  
but we make sentimental that birth and we reject new life.  
Your light comes into the world but we dwell in the darkness,  
you come to us as a human yet we cannot see you in the human lives around us.  
Forgive what we have been, help us amend who we are, and direct who we shall be.**  
*(Silence for personal confession)*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

JOHN 3:16

Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel.  
**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.  
Thanks be to God!**

TIME FOR CHILDREN

*(Children may ring their jingle bells upon each mention of Jesus' name during the story.)*

CAROL

*Away In A Manger*

**Away in a manger, no crib for his bed  
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head .  
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,  
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.**  
**The cattle are lowing; the poor baby wakes,  
but little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes.  
I love thee, Lord Jesus; look down from the sky,  
and stay by my side until morning is nigh.**  
**Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask thee to stay  
close by me forever and love me, I pray.  
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care,  
and fit us for heaven to live with thee there.**

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

MESSAGE

CHRISTMAS JESUS **IS** EASTER JESUS

JULIE ODLE

CHRISTMAS ANTHEM

*How Many Kings*

DOWNHERE

Follow the star to a place unexpected would you believe,  
after all we've projected a child in a manger?  
Lowly and small, the weakest of all unlikeliest hero, wrapped in his mother's shawl  
Just a child is this who we've waited for?  
Cause how many kings step down from their thrones?  
How many lords have abandoned their homes?  
How many greats have become the least for me?  
And how many gods have poured out their hearts  
To romance a world that is torn all apart?  
How many fathers gave up their sons for me? Only one did that for me  
Bringing our gifts for the newborn Savior all that we have, whether costly or meek  
Because we believe  
Gold for his honor, and frankincense for his pleasure and myrrh for the cross He will suffer  
Do you believe? Is this who we've waited for?  
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## 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.**

### CHRISTMAS ANTHEM

*O Holy Night*

ADOLPHE ADAM

O holy night, the stars are brightly shining, it is the night of the dear Saviour'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, Oh hear the angel voices!  
O night divine! O night when Christ was born.  
O night, O holy night, O night divine.

Truly He taught us to love one another; his law is Love and His gospel is Peace;  
chains shall he break, for the slave is our brother, and in his name all oppression shall cease,  
sweet hymns of joy in grateful Chorus raise we; let all within us praise his Holy name!

Christ is the Lord, oh praise His name forever!  
His pow'r and glory, evermore proclaim!  
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### CALL TO OFFERING

*Our Christmas Eve Offerings will support two important ministries: Some Other Place Soup Kitchen, here in Beaumont, and the Presbyterian Christmas Joy Gift which helps retired church workers and college students.*

### PRAYER OF DEDICATION

### CHARGE AND BLESSING

*(The ushers will light your candles at this time.)*

\*CAROL

*Silent 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! 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.**

*(Extinguish your candle with care and drop them in the designated baskets at the exits.)*

**WELCOME!** God's house is a house of hospitality where all are welcome and where 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 tonight. All blessings of hope, peace, joy, and love be yours in the light of the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ. Merry Christmas!

THOSE LEADING IN WORSHIP TODAY:

*SOUND* MARK CHAMPION  
*LIVE STREAM* JOHN BUEHRLE  
*LITURGIST* SHELLEY PLUNKETT  
*PASTOR* JULIE ODLE, CRE

*MUSIC DIRECTOR & SOLOIST* LEVI DUNCAN  
*ORGANIST, PIANIST, & SOLOIST* THOMAS FURLOW  
*VIOLINIST* JACOB FURLOW  
*PIANIST* PAULA NICHOLS

**CHRISTMAS EVE OFFERINGS** support two important ministries. They are Some Other Place Soup Kitchen, here in Beaumont, and the Presbyterian Christmas Joy Gift which helps retired church workers and college students. Please give this season as God leads.

**CONTRIBUTIONS** for 2020 need to be turned in or postmarked by December 31, 2020 in order to be counted for the 2020 year. Anything that comes in after this time will go towards the 2021 year. Thank you again for your generous and faithful giving to the Kingdom of God.

**SESSION MEMBERS** are praying for you and the church.

**OFFICE CLOSURES:** The church office closed at 12:00 pm today and will re-open on Tuesday, December 29. It will close again at 12:00 pm on Thursday, December 31 and will re-open on Tuesday, January 5, 2021.

**THANKS** to each of you for following our safety guidelines below. 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!
- Instructions will be given for the Offering at the appropriate time.

**PRAISES & PRAYER LIST**

**Members:** Family of Dorothy Schwarzlose, Family of Bea Peters, Dalton Abel, Ruth Jurik, Kay Sutton, Family of Eloise Evans, Bill Roe, Ralph Lunsford, Wallace Bryan, 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:** Bill Taylor, Family of Austin Evans, Family of Diane Goetschius, Family of Shirley Spears, Family of Pat Bell, Barbara Hornbuckle, Tiffany, Newt Cole, Mary Jane Buttrell, Glenn Helterbran, Mary Weitzel, Lucie K., Shauntaryle & Zach, Erin Lenhart, Mary Kennedy, Eric, Diane P., Billie & Brett Taylor, Katie B., Jean & Ron Williamson, 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 wishes you and yours  
a very Merry Christmas!*

**St. Andrew's Calendar**

**Friday, December 25, 2020**

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

**Sunday, December 27, 2020**

10:30 AM Worship  
Rev. Margaret Desmond

**Monday, December 28, 2020**

~ OFFICE CLOSED ~

**Tuesday, December 29, 2020**

9:30 AM Staff Mtg

**Thursday, December 31, 2020**

12:00 PM OFFICE CLOSES

**Friday, January 1, 2021**

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

**Sunday, January 3, 2021**

~ COMMUNION SUNDAY ~  
10:30 AM Worship  
Rev. Margaret Desmond

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**Director of Music Ministry**.....Levi Duncan  
**Organist/Pianist**.....Thomas Furlow