

# ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY  
1st Sunday of Christmas

December 27, 2020      10:30 am

## WE GATHER AS A FAITH COMMUNITY

### PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Lord of mercy and joy, You have given to us the blessing of your Son Jesus who will make known your presence, forgiveness, and love to each one of us. Be with us this day and keep our hearts and minds open to receive your love and peace. Enable each of us to be people of joy and hope as we encounter others. We ask this in Jesus' Name. Amen.

### PRELUDE

### LIFE AT ST. ANDREW'S

## TO PRAISE THE LIVING GOD

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Praise God for coming to dwell among us, Immanuel.  
The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all.

**Let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts;**

**Let the word of Christ dwell in us richly.**

Let all creation worship our wondrous God!

**Praise God for coming to dwell among us, Immanuel.**

### HYMN 140

*Once in Royal David's City*

**Once in royal David's city stood a lowly cattle shed,  
where a mother laid her baby in a manger for his bed:  
Mary was that mother mild; Jesus Christ, her little child.**

**He came down to earth from heaven who is God and Lord of all,  
and his shelter was a stable, and his cradle was a stall;  
with the poor and meek and lowly, lived on earth our Savior holy.**

**Jesus is our childhood's pattern; day by day like us he grew;  
he was little, weak and helpless; tears and smiles like us he knew;  
and he feels for all our sadness, and he shares in all our gladness.**

**And our eyes at last shall see him, through His own redeeming love;  
for that child so dear and gentle is our Lord in heaven above;  
and he leads his children on to the place where he is gone.**

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## CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God, in great love you have claimed us as your children. We confess that we have not loved you as we should. We have not loved our brothers and sisters as you intend. We have not participated fully in your purposes and plans; we grow weary and give up when the way is hard. Do not be ashamed of us, we pray, but strengthen us in our time of testing. Set us free from fear that we may wholly trust in you. Help us to praise you by living in harmony and peace. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, who shared our flesh and blood.**

*(Silence for personal confession)*

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Declare with me the good news of the gospel.

**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

**Thanks be to God!**

### PASSING OF THE PEACE

May the peace of Christ, be with you all.

**And also, with you.**

### TO EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### GOSPEL READING

LUKE 2:8-20  
THE MESSAGE

**The Word of God for the people of God!**

Thanks be to God!

### ANTHEM

*Mary Did You Know*  
Zoey Henderson, Soprano Soloist

MARK LOWRY

Mary, did you know that your baby boy will one day walk on water?  
Mary, did you know that your baby boy will save our sons and daughters?

Did you know that your baby boy has come to make you new?  
This child that you've delivered will soon deliver you.

Mary, did you know that your baby boy will give sight to a blind man?  
Mary, did you know that your baby boy will calm a storm with His hand?

Did you know that your baby boy has walked where angels trod?  
When you kissed your little baby you've kissed the face of God.

Mary, did you know? Mary, did you know?

The blind will see, the deaf will hear and the dead will live again,  
The dead will live, the deaf will speak praises of the Lamb

Mary, did you know that your baby boy is Lord of all creation?  
Mary, did you know that your baby boy will one day rule the nations?

Did you know that your baby boy is heaven's perfect Lamb?  
This sleeping child you're holding is the great 'I Am'

Mary did you know?

### EPISTLE READING

PHILIPPIANS 4:4-9  
THE MESSAGE

God always blesses the reading and hearing of The Word!

**Thanks be to God!**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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**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

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

HYMN 132

*Good Christian Friends, Rejoice*

**Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;  
give ye heed to what we say: Jesus Christ was born today;  
ox and ass before him bow, and he is in the manger now.  
Christ is born today! Christ is born today!**

**Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;  
now ye hear of endless bliss: Jesus Christ was born for this!  
He has opened heaven's door, and we are blest forevermore.  
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!**

**Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;  
now ye need not fear the grave: Jesus Christ was born to save!  
Calls you one and calls you all to gain his everlasting hall.  
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!**

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

CHARGE AND BLESSING

BENEDICTION

*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

**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.

THOSE LEADING IN WORSHIP TODAY:

*SOUND* MARK CHAMPION  
*LITURGIST* SUZY BUEHRLE  
*PASTOR* REV. MARGARET DESMOND

*LIVE STREAM*  
*MUSIC DIRECTOR*  
*ORGANIST*

JOHN BUEHRLE  
 LEVI DUNCAN  
 THOMAS FURLOW

**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 on Christmas Eve 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!

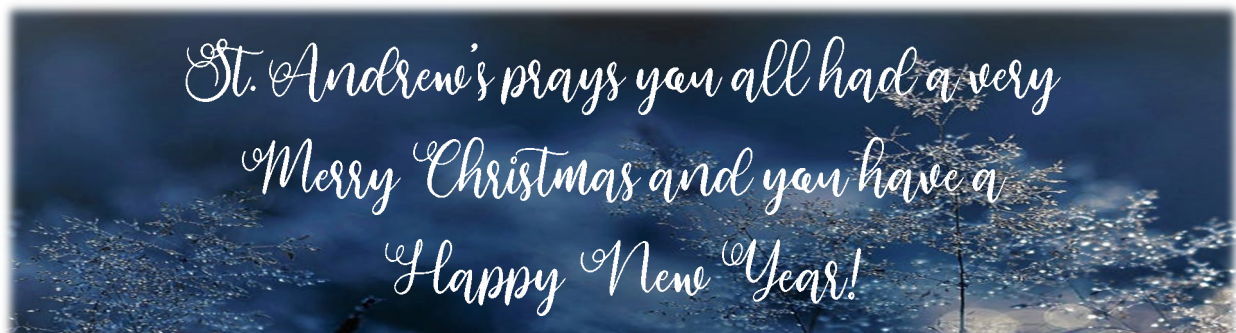
- Masks are required on entering, exiting, and moving about in the sanctuary. When seated, masks are optional.
- The congregation is to remain seated during the service even during the singing.
- All songs are printed in the bulletin. A music score is available upon request.
- Passing of the Peace: stand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

**HOSPITAL TODAY EMAIL** is now being handled by Martha Giarratano. She can be reached at either mgjar2@hotmail.com or (409) 347-0940 between 8 am and 9:30 pm. If she does not answer, please leave a message and she will get back to you as soon as she can.

**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 Buttrel, 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 Calendar**

**Sunday, December 27, 2020**

10:30 AM Worship  
 Rev. Margaret Desmond

**Monday, December 28, 2020**

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

**Tuesday, December 29, 2020**

9:30 AM Staff Mtg

**Thursday, December 31, 2020**

12:00 PM OFFICE CLOSING

**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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