



SAIN^T ANDREW Presbyterian Church

Following Christ – Serving in Love
Engaging the World

Morning Worship December 25, 2016 Christmas Day

Sunday School 9:30 am
Sunday Morning Fellowship 10:15 am
Sunday Morning Worship 10:45 am
Sunday Evening Worship 6 pm
Wednesday Brown Bag Bible Study 12:15 pm
Wednesday Evening Bible Study 6 pm

Rev. Edward C. Rees IV, Pastor
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WELCOME VISITORS

If you are seeking a Church home, we are always delighted to welcome new members into the Saint Andrew fellowship. If you desire more information about Saint Andrew, please indicate on the friendship pad or speak to the minister after the service.

Catechism Question of the Week

Q 53 What is God?

God is the creator and sustainer of everyone and everything. He is eternal, infinite, and unchangeable in his power and perfection, goodness and glory, wisdom, justice, and truth. Nothing happens except through him and by his will.

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“Accept one another just as Christ accepted you.” (Romans 15:7)
*Please enter the Sanctuary quietly to prepare for worship. Today’s
Scripture readings and hymns are recommended for your silent
meditation and prayer.*

Soli Deo Gloria

Welcome and Announcements

**(Please sign and pass the Friendship Register. If you are the last
person on your row, please tear out the sheet after everyone has
signed and place the sheet in the offering plate.)**

GATHERING OF GOD’S PEOPLE

PRELUDE Christmas Time is Here (A Charlie Brown Christmas)

By Vince Guaraldi

*HYMN #193

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:

O come, let us adore Him,

O come, let us adore Him,

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

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,

O sing, all ye citizens of heaven above,

Glory to God, all glory in the highest;

O come, let us adore Him,

O come, let us adore Him,

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

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning;

O Jesus, to Thee be all glory given;

Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing:

O come, let us adore Him,

**O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord.**

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

from Ps. 98

O sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things!

His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.

He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God!

***OPENING PRAYER**

Elder Jeanne Stroebel

***GLORIA PATRI**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end.

Amen. Amen.

Lighting of the Christ Candle

(Children may leave at this time for Children's Church or stay in worship with their parents)

OPENING OUR HEARTS TO GOD

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

The angel said to Joseph, "You shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." Trusting in the salvation that is ours through faith in Christ, let us make confession.

MOMENT FOR PERSONAL CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of grace and truth, in Jesus Christ you came among us as light shining in the darkness. We confess that we have not welcomed the light, nor trusted the Good News to be good. We have closed our eyes to the glory in our midst, expecting little and hoping for less. Forgive our doubt and renew our hope, so that we may receive the fullness of your grace, that everything in our lives might bear witness to the One who is Immanuel, God With Us, Jesus Christ, who is our only Savior and Lord of all. Amen.

ASSURANCE of FORGIVENESS

Hear the Good News! The Lord himself has promised, "I will never leave you nor forsake you" and in the coming of Jesus Christ that promise has been fulfilled. Know that because Christ is truly Immanuel, God With Us, that God is for us, and through Christ all our sins have been forgiven, now and forever.

HYMN # #184

Hark, the Herald Angels Sing

**Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King:
Peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,
Join the triumph of the skies;
With the angelic host proclaim,
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King!"**

**Christ, by highest heaven adored,
Christ, the everlasting Lord!
Late in time behold Him come,
Offspring of the Virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;
Hail th' incarnate Deity,
Pleased as man with men to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel.
Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King!"**

**Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace!
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings,
Risen with healing in His wings.
Mild He lays His glory by,**

**Born that man no more may die;
Born to raise the sons of earth,
Born to give them second birth.
Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King!"**

Responsive Reading

Isaiah 9:2-7

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;

Those who dwell in a land of deep darkness, on them light has shined.

You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy;

They rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as they are glad when they divide the spoil.

For the yoke of his burden and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of the oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

For every boot of the tramping warrior in battle tumult and every garment rolled in blood will be burned as fuel for the fire.

For to us a child is given, to us a son is given.

And the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom,

To establish it and uphold it with justice and righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

Hymn #180

What Child Is This, Who Laid to Rest?

**What Child is this, who, laid to rest,
On Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet
While shepherds watch are keeping?**

Refrain:

***This, this is Christ the King,
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
Haste, haste to bring Him laud,
the Babe, the Son of Mary!***

**Why lies He in such mean estate
Where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here
The silent Word is pleading.**

(Refrain)

**So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh;
Come, peasant, king, to own Him;
The King of kings salvation brings;
Let loving hearts enthrone Him.**

(Refrain)

Litany for Christmas

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God; Alleluia!

Shout to the Lord, all the earth; Alleluia!

O Christ, splendor of God's eternal glory, the mighty Word sustaining the universe: Renew our lives by your presence.

Lord, have mercy.

O Christ, born into the world in the fullness of time for the liberation of all creation: Release all into your promised freedom.

Lord, have mercy.

O Christ, begotten of the Father before all time, born in a stable at Bethlehem: May your church be a sign of hope and joy.

Lord, have mercy.

O Christ, truly God and truly human, born to a people in fulfillment of their expectations: Fulfill all our desires in you.

Lord, have mercy.

O Christ, born of the Virgin Mary, child of wonder and splendor, mighty God of all ages, Prince of Peace:

May the whole world live joyfully in your peace and justice.

Lord, have mercy.

Almighty and unseen God, the coming of your light into the world has brightened weary hearts with peace. Teach us to proclaim the coming of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. For we make our prayer in the name of our Savior Jesus Christ, who taught us when we pray to say:
Lord's Prayer (spoken)

Solo

A Hallelujah Christmas
(Music, Leonard Cohen; Words, Cloverton)
Rev. Ed Rees, Tenor

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading

Lay Reader: Janet Cravens

Luke 2:1-20

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

A Christmas Story

RESPONDING TO GOD

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

GATHERING THE PEOPLES' OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*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**

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – John 1:1-8;14**

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as the only Son of the Father, full of grace and truth.

GOING WITH GOD INTO THE WORLD

***THE CHARGE**

***HYMN#171**

Joy to the World

**Joy to the world! the Lord is come: Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare Him room, And heaven and nature sing,
And heaven and nature sing, And heaven, and heaven and nature sing.**

**Joy to the world! the Savior reigns: Let men 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.**

***BENEDICTION**

*** All who are able, please stand.**

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

Our Homebound Members: Mary Bentley, Louis Cook, Chuck Cornelius, Evelyn Scudder, Eileen Hoehle, Jean Johnson, Nancy Johnson, Ann Heaney, Ed Macuch, Barbara Rinker, Al L'Heureux

Members & Friends: Pat and Duane Seaborn, Louise Taylor, Mary Elrod, Jete McCutcheon, Joyce Howe, Bobbie Auld, John Stillwell, Eddie Rees, Marva Ellison, Malik Elijah Worrell and Family, Ivett Andrews and family, Margaret Taylor (Traci Westin's grandmother), Rodney Ivey and Family, Rev. Jerod Lowry and his wife Molly, and their children, Rev. Robert Hunt; Tracy and Brian Leopard, Harold Gibbs, Bonnie Annis' daughter, Melissa, Betty Zimmerman, Margie Bailey, Kathryn Yates, the family of Don Bunch, Dakota and Olivia Kelly, Charlie Macuch and family, Karen Hickman, the family of Katie Rogers, the family of Gabriella Velasquez, the family of Doug Mullinax, Gerald Cauble; Martha Brainerd; the Turner family; Linda Willis; Susan Dover and family; family of Rocky Evans, Mike Dickens, Joe and Cindy Lesniewski's son, Kevin, Sandra Plastridge's brother, Steve; the Persecuted Church, those serving in our armed forces, and those who do not yet know Jesus

THIS WEEK AT SAINT ANDREW
December 25- December 31

Today 9:30 am Sunday School
 10:15 am Coffee & Fellowship
 10:45 am Morning Worship

Monday 1:30 pm Bibliomaniacs
 Office Closed

Thursday 6:30 pm Prayer Group (Kershner home)

Lay Readers this month: Janet Cravens
Offering Collectors this month: Gary and Jeanne Stroebel
Attendance Last Week: 78
Greeters this Month: Bob and Sandra Plastridge; Sheila Tucker

GAP ITEMS OF THE MONTH
CANNED FRUIT

Please place items in the decorated container in the parlor, remembering that if you forget to bring an item, you are welcome to contribute cash or checks (made payable to GAP Ministries).