



SAIN^T ANDREW

Presbyterian Church

Following Christ – Serving in Love
Engaging the World

Morning Worship November 27, 2016 First Sunday of Advent

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 49 Where is Christ now?

Christ rose bodily from the grave on the third day after his death and is seated at the right hand of the Father, ruling his kingdom and interceding for us, until he returns to judge and renew the whole world.

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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

Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming
~15th Century German Carol

*HYMN

Watchman, Tell Us of the Night

**Watchman, tell us of the night, What its signs of promise are:
Traveler, o'er yon mountain's height, See that glory-beaming star!
Watchman, does its beauteous ray Aught of joy or hope foretell?
Traveler, yes; it brings the day, Promised day of Israel.**

**Watchman, tell us of the night; Higher yet that star ascends:
Traveler, blessedness and light, Peace and truth its course portends.
Watchman, will its beams alone Gild the spot that gave them birth?
Traveler, ages are its own; And, it bursts o'er all the earth!**

**Watchman, tell us of the night, For the morning seems to dawn:
Traveler, darkness takes its flight; Doubt and terror are withdrawn.
Watchman, let thy wanderings cease; Hie thee to thy quiet home.
Traveler, lo, the Prince of Peace, Lo, the Son of God is come!**

*CALL TO WORSHIP

from Ps. 24

Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.

Who is this King of glory? The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle!

Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.

Who is this King of glory? The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory!

*OPENING PRAYER

Elder Bill Cravens

*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.

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Hanging of the Chrismons

Lighting of the First Advent Candle

OPENING OUR HEARTS TO GOD

CALL TO CONFESSION

Despite all our best efforts, we still fall far short of God's best intention for our lives, and find ourselves stuck in habitual patterns of sin and selfishness. But in Christ God has promised that if we confess our sins, he will remember them no more, and set us free from guilt and shame. Let us make confession.

MOMENT FOR PERSONAL CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Lord our God, you are coming in power to bring all nations under your rule. We confess that we have not expected your kingdom, for we live casual lives, ignoring your promised judgment. We accept lies as truth, exploit our neighbors, abuse the earth, and refuse your justice and peace. In your mercy, Father, forgive us. Grant us the wisdom to welcome your way, and to seek things that will endure when Christ comes to judge the world, for we ask it in his name. Amen.

ASSURANCE of FORGIVENESS

Hear the Good News! The Lord himself promises, "The one who conquers will be clothed in white garments, and I will never blot his name out of the book of life." (Rev.3:5) I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, you and I are forgiven.

HYMN ##168

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

**Come, Thou long expected Jesus
Born to set Thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us,
Let us find our rest in Thee.
Israel's Strength and Consolation,
Hope of all the earth Thou art;
Dear Desire of every nation,
Joy of every longing heart.**

**Born Thy people to deliver,
Born a child and yet a King,
Born to reign in us forever,
Now Thy gracious kingdom bring.
By Thine own eternal Spirit
Rule in all our hearts alone;
By Thine all sufficient merit,
Raise us to Thy glorious throne.**

MINUTE FOR MISSION

MOMENT for SILENT PRAYER

PRAYERS of THE PEOPLE with the LORD'S PRAYER (Hymn #440)

ANTHEM

Advent Message

By: Martin How

HEARING GOD'S WORD

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Lay Reader: Mario Lett

Isaiah 2:1-5 (p.567)

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Matthew 24:36-51(p. 830)

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Thy Kingdom Come

I. The King is coming

Matthew 24:36-44

Mark 13:32-37

2 Peter 3:1-10

II. So what?

Matthew 24:45-51

2 Peter 3:11-13

Isaiah 2:1-5

RESPONDING TO GOD

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 – The Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy *Spirit*, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; He descended into hell; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and *is seated* on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from *there* he shall come to judge the *living* and the dead. I believe in the Holy *Spirit*; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

GOING WITH GOD INTO THE WORLD

***THE CHARGE**

***HYMN#313**

The King Is Coming

**The marketplace is empty, No more traffic in the streets,
All the builders' tools are silent, No more time to harvest wheat;
Busy housewives cease their labors, In the courtroom no debate,
Work on earth is all suspended As the King comes thro' the gate.**

**O the King is coming, The King is coming!
I just heard the trumpets sounding, And now His face I see;
O the King is coming, The King is coming!
Praise God, He's coming for me!**

**Happy faces line the hallways, Those whose lives have been redeemed,
Broken homes that He has mended, Those from prison He has freed;
Little children and the aged Hand in hand stand all aglow,
Who were crippled, broken, ruined, Clad in garments white as snow.**

**O the King is coming, The King is coming!
I just heard the trumpets sounding, And now His face I see;
O the King is coming, The King is coming!
Praise God, He's coming for me!**

**I can hear the chariots rumble, I can see the marching throng,
The flurry of God's trumpets Spells the end of sin and wrong:
Regal robes are now unfolding, Heaven's grandstand's all in place,
Heaven's choir now assembled, Start to sing "Amazing Grace!"**

**O the King is coming, The King is coming!
I just heard the trumpets sounding, And now His face I see;
O the King is coming, The King is coming!
Praise God, He's coming for me!**

***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, Jennie and David Wall's granddaughter, Ruthie, Rev. Jerod Lowry and his wife Molly, and their children, Rev. Robert Hunt; Tracy and Brian Leopard, Harold Gibbs, Bonnie Annis' daughter, Melissa, Mark Sollie, Betty Zimmerman, Margie Bailey, Kathryn Yates, Don Bunch and Family; the Persecuted Church, those serving in our armed forces, and those who do not yet know Jesus Christ.

THIS WEEK AT SAINT ANDREW
November 27- December 3

Today	9:30 am	Sunday School
	10:15 am	Coffee & Fellowship
	10:45 am	Morning Worship
	12:00 pm	Nature Committee Meeting
	6:00 pm	Evening Worship with Communion Hanging of the Green
Monday	1:30 pm	Bibliomaniacs
Tuesday	10:30 am	Bible Study (Harrington Park)
	2:00 pm	Knitting Circle
Wednesday	12:15 pm	Brown Bag Bible Study *Augusta Mall Food Court
	6:00 pm	Brown Bag Fellowship
	6:30 pm	Prayer, Share & Study
	7:15 pm	Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	6:30 pm	Prayer Group (Kershner home)
Saturday	10:30 am	Defibrillator training class Hunt Bldg

Lay Readers this month: Mario Lett

Offering Collectors this month: Tony and Caren Harkins

Attendance Last Week: 97

Greeters this month: Bill and Janet Cravens

GAP ITEMS OF THE MONTH
CANNED MEATS AND CANNED VEGETABLES

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).