



SAIN^T ANDREW

Presbyterian Church

Following Christ – Serving in Love
Engaging the World

Morning Worship December 18, 2016 Fourth 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 52 What hope does everlasting life hold for us?

It reminds us that this present fallen world is not all there is; soon we will live with and enjoy God forever in the new city, in the new heaven and the new earth, where we will be fully and forever freed from all sin and will inhabit renewed, resurrection bodies in a renewed, restored creation.

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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 Allemande From Suite in G Major
By J.S. Bach Paul Brantley, cello

*HYMN #190

Angels from the Realms of Glory

**Angels from the realms of glory,
Wing your flight o'er all the earth,
Ye who sang creation's story,
Now proclaim Messiah's birth;
Come and worship, Come and worship,
Worship Christ the new-born King.**

**Shepherds, in the fields abiding,
Watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with man is now residing,
Yonder shines the infant light;
Come and worship, Come and worship,
Worship Christ the new-born King.**

**Wise men, leave your contemplation,
Brighter visions beam afar,
Seek the great Desire of nations;
Ye have seen His natal star;
Come and worship, Come and worship,
Worship Christ the new-born King.
Saints before the altar bending,
Watching long in hope and fear,
Suddenly the Lord, descending,**

**In His temple shall appear;
Come and worship, Come and worship,
Worship Christ the new-born King.**

***CALL TO WORSHIP** from Ps. 103

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits;

Who forgives all your iniquity; who heals all your diseases;

Who redeems your life from the pit, and crowns you with steadfast love and mercy.

***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 Fourth Advent Candle

(Children may be excused for Children's Church)

OPENING OUR HEARTS TO GOD

CALL TO CONFESSION

Come now, let us reason together, says the Lord. Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be white as snow; though they be red as crimson, they shall become like wool. Trusting in the mercy of God, 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 your good creation, and refuse your justice, your peace, and your reconciliation. In your mercy, forgive us. Grant us wisdom to seek you and welcome your way, that we may set our hearts on the things that will endure when Christ comes to judge the world. Amen.

ASSURANCE of FORGIVENESS

Hear the Good News! This saying is true, and you can bet your life on it: Jesus Christ came into this world to save sinners like me and you. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold! – all things are made new. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, you and I are forgiven.

HYMN #169

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

**O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel!**

**O come, Thou Day-spring, come and cheer
Our spirits by Thine advent here;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
And death's dark shadows put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel!**

**Oh, come, Thou Wisdom from on high,
And order all things, far and nigh;
To us the path of knowledge show,
And cause us in her ways to go.
Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel!
O come, Desire of nations, bind
In one the hearts of all man-kind;
Bid Thou our sad divisions cease,
And be Thyself our King of peace.
Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel!**

MINUTE FOR MISSION

MOMENT for SILENT PRAYER

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

ANTHEM No Eye Has Seen Words by Amy Grant
Music by Michael W. Smith

HEARING GOD'S WORD Lay Reader: Janet Cravens
OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 103:13-18
NEW TESTAMENT READING Matthew 1:18-25

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

SERMON Father of the Year

I. God as Father

Matthew 1:18-19

Psalm 103:13-18

John 1:1-13

II. God with Us

Matthew 1:20-25

John 1:14-18

Philippians 2:5-11

RESPONDING TO GOD

GATHERING THE PEOPLES' OFFERING

OFFERTORY Minuet From Suite in G Major

By J.S. Bach

*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 #205

Go, Tell It on the Mountains

[Chorus:]

*Go, tell it on the mountains,
Over the hills and everywhere.
Go, tell it on the mountains
That Jesus Christ is born!*

**While shepherds kept their watching
O'er silent flocks by night,
Behold, throughout the heavens
There shone a holy light.**

[chorus]

**The shepherds feared and trembled
When lo! Above the earth**

**Rang out the angel chorus
that hailed our Savior's birth.**

[chorus]

**Down in a lowly manger
The humble Christ was born,
And brought us God's salvation
That blessed Christmas morn.**

[chorus]

***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, Betty Zimmerman, Margie Bailey, Kathryn Yates, the family of Don Bunch, Dakota and Olivia Kelly, Charlie Macuch and family, Karen Hickman, Mary Ann Rimbey, 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, victims of Ohio State University, those affected by wildfires; the Persecuted Church, those serving in our armed forces, and those who do not yet know Jesus Christ.

THIS WEEK AT SAINT ANDREW
December 18- December 24

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| Today | 9:30 am | Sunday School |
| | 10:15 am | Coffee & Fellowship |
| | 10:45 am | Morning Worship |
| | 6:00 pm | Service for Wholeness |
| Tuesday | 10:30 am | Bible Study (Harrington Park) |
| | 2:00 pm | Knitting Circle |
| Wednesday | 6:00 pm | Christmas Caroling (Harrington Park) |
| | 7:15 pm | Choir Rehearsal |
| Thursday | 6:30 pm | Prayer Group (Kershner home) |
| Friday | | Office Closed |
| Saturday | 4:15 pm | Sing-A-Long and Holiday Treats |
| | 5:00 pm | Festival of Lessons and Carols |

Lay Readers this month: Janet Cravens

Offering Collectors this month: Gary and Jeanne Stroebel

Attendance Last Week: 83

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).