



# SAIN<sup>T</sup> ANDREW

Presbyterian Church

Following Christ – Serving in Love  
Engaging the World

## Morning Worship December 11, 2016 Third 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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Frank Carstarphen  
Angie Rees  
Joe McKeown  
Mark Sollie  
Tony Harkins  
Lee Kitchen

Jennie Wall, Moderator Presbyterian Women

### 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 51 Of what advantage to us is Christ's ascension?

Christ physically ascended on our behalf, just as he came down to earth physically on our account, and he is now advocating for us in the presence of his Father, preparing a place for us, and also sends us his Spirit.

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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

Ukrainian Bell Carol-

Mykola Leontovych

\*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!"**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

O Lord, my heart is not lifted up; my eyes are not raised too high.  
*I do not occupy myself with things too great and marvelous for me.*  
But I have calmed and quieted my soul,  
*Like a weaned child with its mother, like a weaned child is my soul within me.*

**\*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 Third Advent 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 proof of God's amazing love is this: that though we are sinners, Christ died for us. Because we have faith in him, we can dare to approach God with confidence. Let us make confession.

**MOMENT FOR PERSONAL CONFESSION**

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Loving Father, we keep fooling around with lesser gods, and invest our energy and imagination and time and wealth in things that cannot satisfy, and pursue activities that leave us empty and unfulfilled. We squander your good gifts without regard to your purpose in giving them, and indulge our own desires rather than seek to meet the needs of others. Forgive us, Lord, for we are ever prone to wander from your ways. Give us hearts that hunger for you alone, that we might be recaptured by your love and renewed by your grace. Fill us with your Holy Spirit, and draw us ever deeper into union with you that our lives may reflect your glory, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.*

## ASSURANCE of FORGIVENESS

Hear the Good News! There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free from the law of sin and death. I declare to you, in the name of Christ, you and I are forgiven.

## HYMN #180

## What Child Is This?

**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)**

MINUTE FOR MISSION

MOMENT for SILENT PRAYER

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

ANTHEM Chinese Silent Night Joe McKeown - solo

**HEARING GOD'S WORD**

Lay Reader: Janet Cravens

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Jeremiah 1:4-8 (p.627)

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Luke 1:26-38 (p.855)

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

What Did Mary Know?

I. The improbable

Luke 1:26-33

John 1:43-46

Deuteronomy 22:23-24

II. The impossible

Luke 1:34-38

Jeremiah 1:4-8

Luke 1:46-55

## **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#192**

Angels We Have Heard on High

**Angels we have heard on high  
Sweetly singing o'er the plains,  
And the mountains in reply  
Echo back their joyous strains.**

*Refrain: Gloria, in excelsis Deo,  
Gloria, in excelsis Deo.*

**Shepherds, why this jubilee?  
Why your joyous strains prolong?  
Say what may the tidings be,  
Which inspire your heavenly song?**

*Refrain*

**Come to Bethlehem and see  
Christ Whose birth the angels sing;  
Come, adore on bended knee,  
Christ, the Lord, the newborn King.**

*Refrain*

**\*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, 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 11- December 17**

<b>Today</b>	9:30 am	Sunday School
	10:15 am	Coffee & Fellowship
	10:45 am	Morning Worship
	4:00 pm	Greene Street Diner
	6:00 pm	Evening Worship with Communion
Monday	7:00 pm	Session Meeting
Tuesday	9:00 am	Presbyterian Women Meeting
	10:30 am	Bible Study (Harrington Park)
Wednesday	12:15 pm	Brown Bag Bible Study-
		Held at the 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)

Lay Readers this month: Janet Cravens

Offering Collectors this month: Gary and Jeanne Stroebel

Attendance Last Week: 71

Greeter of the 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).