



# SAIN<sup>T</sup> ANDREW

Presbyterian Church

Following Christ – Serving in Love  
Engaging the World

## Morning Worship December 4, 2016 Second 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 50 What does Christ's resurrection mean for us?

Christ triumphed over sin and death by being physically resurrected, so that all who trust in him are raised to new life in this world and to everlasting life in the world to come. Just as we will one day be resurrected, so this world will one day be restored. But those who do not trust in Christ will be raised to everlasting death.

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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

The Coventry Carol/We Three Kings-Traditional

\*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.**

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

from Ps. 22

The poor will eat and be satisfied; they who seek the Lord will praise him;  
*All the ends of the earth will remember and turn to the Lord,*  
And all the families of the nations will bow down before him,  
*For dominion belongs to the Lord and he rules over the nations.*

\*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.**

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

LIGHTING OF THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE

CALL TO CONFESSION

If we say that we're not sinners, we're fooling no one but ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, the Lord is faithful and just to forgive us, and heal us from all our unrighteousness. Trusting in the mercy of God, let us make confession.

MOMENT FOR PERSONAL CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Gracious God, we know too well the darkness of our own hearts. We know too well the shallowness of our relationships, the insincerity of our good works, the unsteadiness of our walk with you. We fear that others will discover our hypocrisy, and that at some point, they – and even you – will turn away from us. Help us to know the deep assurance of your grace, the eternal promise of your love for us in Jesus Christ. Through the Holy Spirit, let that love transform us into people who have been set free to love one another in his name. Amen*

## ASSURANCE of FORGIVENESS

Hear the Good News! The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting, and as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, you and I are forgiven.

\*HYMN ##166

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

**Let all mortal flesh keep silence, And with fear and trembling stand;  
Ponder nothing worldly minded, For with blessing in His hand,  
Christ our God to earth descendeth, Our full homage to demand.**

**King of kings, yet born of Mary, As of old on earth He stood,  
Lord of lords, in human nature, In the body and the blood,  
He will give to all the faithful His own self for heavenly food.**

**At His feet the six winged seraph; Cherubim with watchful eye,  
Veil their faces to His Presence, As with ceaseless voice they cry,  
“Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Lord most high!”**

MINUTE FOR MISSION

MOMENT for SILENT PRAYER

PRAYERS of THE PEOPLE with the LORD’S PRAYER (spoken)

ANTHEM In Dulci Jublio (In Sweetest Joy Now Sing)

German 14<sup>th</sup> century carol Arr. by Martin Duke

**HEARING GOD’S WORD**

Lay Reader: Janet Cravens

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 11:1-9 (p.575)

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Matthew 3:1-12 (p.808)

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

I. Repentance vs. religion

Matthew 3:1-10

2 Corinthians 7:8-10

II. Wandering with God

Matthew 3:11-12

Matthew 4:1-11

Isaiah 11:1-9

**RESPONDING TO GOD**

**CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

(We share at the Lord's Table by intinction – dipping the bread in the cup. Please come forward to participate. If you wish to be served where you are seated, please inform one of the Elders. Gluten- free bread is arranged in the center of the plate. All baptized persons who seek to be faithful followers of Jesus Christ are welcome to partake.)

**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 – Question #1 from the Heidelberg Catechism**

**Q: What is your only comfort, in life and in death?**

**A: That I belong, body and soul, in life and in death, not to myself but to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ, who at the cost of His own blood has fully paid for all my sins and has completely freed me from the dominion of the devil; that He protects me so well that without the will of my Father in heaven not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, that everything must fit His purpose for my salvation. Therefore, by His Holy Spirit, He also assures me of eternal life, and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for Him.**

**GOING WITH GOD INTO THE WORLD**

**\*THE CHARGE**

**\*HYMN**

**God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen**

**God rest ye merry, gentlemen Let nothing you dismay,  
Remember, Christ, our Saviour Was born on Christmas day;  
To save us all from Satan's power When we were gone astray,  
O tidings of comfort and joy, Comfort and joy;  
O tidings of comfort and joy.**

**From God our Heavenly Father A blessed Angel came;  
And unto certain Shepherds Brought tidings of the same:  
How that in Bethlehem was born The Son of God by Name.  
O tidings of comfort and joy, Comfort and joy;  
O tidings of comfort and joy.**

**"Fear not then," said the Angel, "Let nothing you affright,  
This day is born a Saviour Of a pure Virgin bright,  
To free all those who trust in Him From Satan's power and might."  
O tidings of comfort and joy, Comfort and joy;  
O tidings of comfort and joy.**

**Now to the Lord sing praises, All you within this place,  
And with true love and brotherhood Each other now embrace;  
This holy tide of Christmas All others doth deface.  
O tidings of comfort and joy, Comfort and joy;  
O tidings of comfort and joy.**

**\*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, 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 4- December 10**

<b>Today</b>	9:30 am	Sunday School
	10:15 am	Coffee & Fellowship
	10:45 am	Morning Worship with Communion
	6:00 pm	<a href="#">Blue Christmas Worship</a>
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	7:00 am	Men's Bible Study (Cracker Barrel on Belair Rd.)
	10:30 am	Christmas treats for Copeland Elementary
	6:30 pm	Prayer Group (Kershner Home)

Lay Reader this month: Janet Cravens

Offering Collectors this month: Gary and Jeanne Stroebel

Attendance Last Week: 77

Greeters this month: Bob and Sandra Plastridge

**GAP ITEMS OF THE MONTH**  
**CANNED FRUITS**

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).