

St. Andrews Presbyterian Church



“Wisemen Still Seek Him”

Mark Missman

Artist

January 4, 2026

Epiphany of the Lord

January 4, 2025

10:30 A.M.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

"Prelude in G Major"
"Kings of Orient"
"Be still and know that I am God."
(Please use this time to prepare for worship in silence.)

J.S.Bach
John Barr
Psalm 46:10

WORDS OF WELCOME AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISCIPLESHP

PASSING THE PEACE *"...I was a stranger and you welcomed me."* *Matthew 25:35b*
The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**
(The people may greet each other in the spirit of Christ.)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist

Liturgist: In a refugee child playing under a star,

Women: In an anonymous young man requesting baptism . . .

Men: In a wandering preacher refreshed by water from a woman's hand . . .

All: God was waiting to be recognized and known, to change the world.

Liturgist: In the small routines of everyday life,

Women: In the bumpy discomfort of struggle and transition . . .

Men: In the timeless grace of hospitality, and the gifts of bread and wine . . .

All: God is waiting to be recognized and known, to change our world.

Liturgist: Let us worship God.

OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN 151

"We Three Kings of Orient Are"
(Verses 1, 2, & 5)

THREE KINGS OF ORIENT

*CONFESSION AND PARDON

Even when God's light gives us a clear path to follow, we find ourselves wandering in the wilderness. We do not need to hide from the light, because we can come before God with every part of our lives, that we may be restored to God's way for us. Let us pray:

Holy Refugee of Israel, we would like to believe that we would be like the magi, that we would protect the innocent child, that we would stand up to power. But too often we have turned away from those who need us. Too often we have bent to the powers that be, resigning ourselves to the way it has always been. Forgive our lack of action, guide us back to your purposes, and help us be brave enough to do your will. Amen.

Silent Confession

*KYRIE

**You are the Lord, giver of mercy,
You are the Christ, giver of mercy,
You are the Lord, giver of mercy.**

God calls to us from wherever we are. God's love shines like a beacon. **God's voice echoes in our souls, "You are forgiven!" Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Amen.**

THE WORD

CHILDREN'S TIME

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Traditional)

(Page 35, *Glory to God Hymnal*)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Isaiah 60:1-6

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 2:1-12

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

"This Child Has That Power"

THE RESPONSE

*HYMN 150

"As with Gladness Men of Old"

DIX

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison)

The Nicene Creed Ecumenical)

NICENE CREED

Let us confess the faith of the universal church.

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

*GLORIA PATRI (Hymn 606)

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

"As with Gladness Men of Old"

Leavitt

*DOXOLOGY/Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow (606)

*PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

THE EUCHARIST

THE INVITATION TO THE TABLE

THE PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING

(Responsive, Congregation please read **bold** print.)

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is truly right and our greatest joy,...who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

You are holy, O God of majesty,...Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us...All glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever. Amen.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE SHARING OF THE MEAL

(To receive communion when you come forward, please open your hands and a portion of bread will be given to you to partake.

If you prefer gluten free, please tell the server. Then pick up a small cup from the tray and partake. As you return to your seat, there will be a basket in which you can place your cup. If you would like a server to come to you, please raise your hand.)

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We give you thanks, O God, for the gifts of this table – precious, prayerful, and poignant – like gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Lead us forth by your light to share the gifts of your grace with people everywhere, giving glory, honor, and praise to Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

THE SENDING

*HYMN 152

"What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright"

PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

*BENEDICTION (Responsive)

The Shepherd of Israel,
placed a star to enlighten the wise and sent a child to topple the tyrant.
**May we be wise enough to seek God among the least of God's children,
and genuine enough to trade our treasure for the gift of our Savior's joy!
Amen.**

POSTLUDE

Finale on "Puer nobis"

Burkhardt

PARTICIPANTS IN WORSHIP

The Rev. Dr. Anne Hébert, Pastor
Melissa Havlin, Liturgist
Sally and Dennis Keeney, Ushers
Gerard and Diane Mahoney, Bob Ortwein, Greeters
Suzie and Bill Anderson, Communion Preparers
Diane Pharr, Online Digital Greeter
Michael Beery, Music Director
Lawrence Smith, Organist



Coming in January

The Ten Commandments are more than a list of ancient rules. In *Words of Love*, Eugenia Anne Gamble dives into each of the Ten Commandments and examines their application for modern-day Christians, going beyond the letter of the law to a spiritual truth pointing us toward wholeness and well-being.

Watch for signup information in the coming weeks.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY

<p>Today 9:00 Adult Ed Bible Study 10:30 Worship 11:30 Coffee Hour 4:00 A.A./Al-Anon Serenity Group</p> <p>Monday, January 5 2:00 Grief Group 3:30 Adult Ed Mtg</p> <p>Tuesday, January 6 11:30 Prayer Vigil for Gaza 1:00 Worship & Music Mtg</p> <p>Wednesday, January 7 10:00 Prayer Shawl Knitting Group 12:30 Centering Prayer Group NO Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>Thursday, January 8 2:00 Adult Ed- "Words of Love"</p> <p>Friday, January 9 9:00 Men's Breakfast @ Platte River Inn</p> <p>Sunday, January 11 9:00 Adult Ed Bible Study 10:30 Worship 11:30 Coffee Hour 3:00 Piano Recital—Dr. Coonrod 4:00 A.A./Al-Anon Serenity Group</p>																												
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<p>MILITARY: All of our US Military deployed and their families.</p> <p>INTERNATIONAL PEACEMAKERS : Rev. Jerome Bizimana & the people of Rwanda Rev. Butros Zaour & family & Majd Lahham, Damascus, Syria</p> <p>MISSION CO-WORKERS: Mark Adams & Miriam Maldonado Escobar, & their children: Cindy Yessenia, Anna Flor & Nathan—Frontera de Cristo; Douglas AZ Efi Latsoudi & Lesvos Solidarity, Greece</p>	<p>MEMBERS AND FRIENDS</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Bob Nelson</td> <td>The Navin Family</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Tim Bergstrom</td> <td>Tim, Sarah, Tilly and Family</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Britta Baarstad</td> <td>John Navin</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Joel Hough</td> <td>Linda Koch</td> </tr> <tr> <td>John Warren Robey</td> <td>Evelyn Sengelaub</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Kristin Lehoullier</td> <td>Laura and Bryan Sheffield</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Suzie Anderson</td> <td>Martha Campbell</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Tamara Cas</td> <td>Gwen Baarstad</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Cathy Lane</td> <td>Dottie Patterson</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Tim Quist</td> <td>Andrew Heglin</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Austen Rauch</td> <td>Bobbie Edwards</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Cynthia Vaughn</td> <td>John Sappington</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mike Perry</td> <td>Joyce Kirshner</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Sharron Smith</td> </tr> </table>	Bob Nelson	The Navin Family	Tim Bergstrom	Tim, Sarah, Tilly and Family	Britta Baarstad	John Navin	Joel Hough	Linda Koch	John Warren Robey	Evelyn Sengelaub	Kristin Lehoullier	Laura and Bryan Sheffield	Suzie Anderson	Martha Campbell	Tamara Cas	Gwen Baarstad	Cathy Lane	Dottie Patterson	Tim Quist	Andrew Heglin	Austen Rauch	Bobbie Edwards	Cynthia Vaughn	John Sappington	Mike Perry	Joyce Kirshner		Sharron Smith
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SAVE THE DATE

The Arts on the Hill Ministry Team announces the first concert of the New Year, Sunday **January 11th at 3 P.M.** at St. Andrews.

Dr. Michael Coonrod, Pianist and retired Interlochen piano instructor of 46 years, presents a solo piano recital featuring Schubert, Brahms, Liszt and Chopin.

