

St. Andrews Presbyterian Church



January 8, 2023

1st Sunday of Epiphany

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10:30 A.M.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

"We Three Kings"

arr. RANEY

"Be still and know that I am God."

Psalm 46:10

(Please use this time to prepare for worship in silence.)

WORDS OF WELCOME AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISCIPLESHIP

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

They came to worship.

They followed a star and came to worship the Christ Child.

They came in hope, looking for Immanuel and the signs of "God-with-us."

They came with questions, asking "Where is he?"

So we come with questions and doubts, hope and faith, seeking the Christ.

And we too, come to worship.

OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN OF GATHERING 143 "Angels From the Realms of Glory"

REGENT SQUARE

*CONFESSION AND PARDON

In these first weeks of this new year, we journey in faith, confessing our need of God's grace in our lives:

O God of all Creation, the light of the star led the Magi on their way through a troubled world. Today we live in a world that is still covered with darkness, still in need of a Savior. Hear our prayers confessing the darkness in our own lives as we seek to be people of light, for the sake of the world Christ came to save. Amen.

Silent Confession

*KYRIE

**Lord, have mercy,
Christ, have mercy,
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

Words of Assurance: The God who comes to us in Jesus Christ is a God of unending mercy and unfailing love. **In the name of the Christ, we are forgiven. Alleluia. Amen.**

THE WORD

CHILDREN'S TIME

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Traditional) (Page 35, Glory to God Hymnal)
SINGING WITH THE CHILDREN: "Jesus loves me this I know; for the bible tells me so. Little ones to him belong. They are weak but he is strong. Yes, Jesus loves me. Yes, Jesus loves me. Yes, Jesus loves me. The Bible tells me so.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 60:1-6
The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

THE EPISTLE READING: I Peter 1:1-9
The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

CHORAL ANTHEM

THE GOSPEL READING: Matthew 2:1-18
The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON "Keeping Herod and Rachael in Christmas"

THE RESPONSE

*HYMN OF ASSURANCE AND HOPE 463 "How Firm a Foundation"
FOUNDATION Verses 1, 2, 3 and 5

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

"Be Still and Know"

FINDLANDIA

DOXOLOGY/Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow (Hymn 607)

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Christ, all people here below; praise
Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God,
whom we adore. Amen.**

*PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

THE SENDING

*HYMN OF SENDING 150 "As With Gladness Men of Old"

DIX

*THE SENDING OF THE CONGREGATION (Unison)

**Like those travelers of old, we have gathered to worship and to offer our
gifts of love and praise. Now like them, we go "home by a different way", as
different people. We go on our way to be witness
for the Christ Child in the world. We go on our journey following the star
wherever it may lead. We go in joy and peace.**

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Go Tell It on the Mountain"

arr. UNKE

*Those who are able, please stand.

This week at St. Andrews:

<p>Today 9:00 Bible Study 10:30 Worship 11:45 Coffee Hour 4:00 A.A./Al-Anon Serenity Group</p> <p>Tuesday, Jan. 10 2:00 BSR Mtg 5:00 Building & Grounds Mtg</p> <p>Wednesday, Jan. 11 1:00 Centering Prayer Group 4:00 BACN Mtg NO Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>Friday, Jan. 6 9:00 Men's Breakfast</p> <p>Sunday, Jan. 8 10:30 Worship 11:45 Coffee Hour 4:00 A.A./Al-Anon Serenity Group</p>
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