

St. Andrews Presbyterian Church



November 27, 2022

1st Sunday of Advent

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10:30 A.M.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

"Comfort, Comfort, Ye My People"

PAUL MANZ

"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 AND LITURGY OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Advent Reader: In Isaiah, chapter 2, the prophet declares that in days to come God will judge between the nations and arbitrate for many peoples. We light this candle because we refuse to let go of Isaiah's hope that swords can be beaten into plowshares and spears into pruning hooks and that nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore.

All: Risen Christ, Light of the word, shine in our lives and shine among us now.

RESPONSE 88 (v. 6)

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

VENI EMMANUEL

O come, Thou Dayspring, 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.

OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN 107

"Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn"

REJOICE, REJOICE

*CONFESSION AND PARDON

You know what time it is: **Now is the time to wake from sleep.**

Salvation is near! **Let us confess our sin:**

O God, we live as if the light had never defeated the night in the world or in us. We confess that we ignore the Christ you sent to be among us, to be in us. We've kept the birth of your Son confined to the Christmas season and do not yearn for his birth each moment in our waiting hearts. Lord, you came to us in the fullness of time. Forgive us for not seeing your dream and opening our eyes to your coming. It's time that we prepare for your unending reign on earth. Hear us, O God, as we come before you in silence, confessing those sins we do not speak aloud, but hold in our hearts . . .

Silent Confession

*KYRIE

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

Even now, God approaches us, mercy transcending anger, hope overcoming despair, life triumphing over death. This is good news, my friends; this is news of great joy for each of us. **Enriched in every grace, blessed with joy and hope, transformed by love, we will live as people of Advent. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

*RESPONSE 113 (Refrain) "Angels We Have Heard on High"

GLORIA

Gloria in excelsis Deo!

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THE WORD

CHILDREN'S TIME

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Traditional) (Page 35, Glory to God Hymnal)

SINGING WITH THE CHILDREN: "Baby's A Comin', Oh Yeah"

Baby's A Comin', Oh Yeah; Baby's A Comin', Oh Yeah;

Baby's A Comin', Baby's A Comin';

Baby's A Comin', Oh Yeah

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE HEBREW TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 2:1-5

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSE 91

"Come, Come Emmanuel"

COME, COME EMMANUEL

THE EPISTLE READING: Romans 13:11-14 (Unison)

But make sure that you don't get so absorbed and exhausted in taking care of all your day-by-day obligations that you lose track of the time and doze off, oblivious to God. The night is about over, dawn is about

to break. Be up and awake to what God is doing! God is putting the finishing touches on the salvation work God began when we first believed. We can't afford to waste a minute, must not squander these precious daylight hours in frivolity and indulgence, in sleeping around and dissipation, in bickering and grabbing everything in sight. Get out of bed and get dressed! Don't loiter and linger, waiting until the very last minute. Dress yourselves in Christ, and be up and about!

The Word of God. The Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

CHORAL ANTHEM

THE GOSPEL READING: Matthew 24:36-44

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

"God's Dream of Shalom"

THE RESPONSE

*HYMN 373

"O Day of Peace"

JERUSALEM

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

"Jordan"

THE SACRED HARP

*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 100

"My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout"

STAR OF THE COUNTY DOWN

*COVENANT OF THE CONGREGATION (Unison)

This Advent, in anticipation of the birth of our Savior, let us mend a quarrel. Build peace. Seek out a forgotten friend. Encourage youth. Keep a promise. Forgo a grudge. Listen. Be kind, be gentle. Laugh a lot. Express our gratitude. Welcome a stranger. Gladden the heart of a child. Take pleasure in the beauty and wonder of the earth. Speak our love. Speak it again. Speak it

still once again!

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"From Heaven Above"

PAUL MANZ

*Those who are able, please stand.

This Week at St. Andrews

<p>Today 9:00 Bible Study– "Incarnation" 10:30 Worship 11:45 Coffee Hour 4:00 A.A./Al-Anon Serenity Group 6:30 Benzie Chorus Rehearsal</p> <p>Wednesday, Nov. 30 1:00 Centering Prayer Group 2:00 Session Mtg 4:30 Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>Thursday, Dec. 1 4:00 Mission Mtg– at BACN</p>	<p>Friday, Dec. 2 9:00 Men's Breakfast 6:00 Advent Gathering and Carol Sing</p>  <p>Sunday, Dec. 4 9:00 Bible Study- "Incarnation" 10:30 Worship– 2nd day of Advent 11:45 Coffee Hour 4:00 A.A./Al-Anon Serenity Group 6:30 Benzie Chorus Rehearsal</p>
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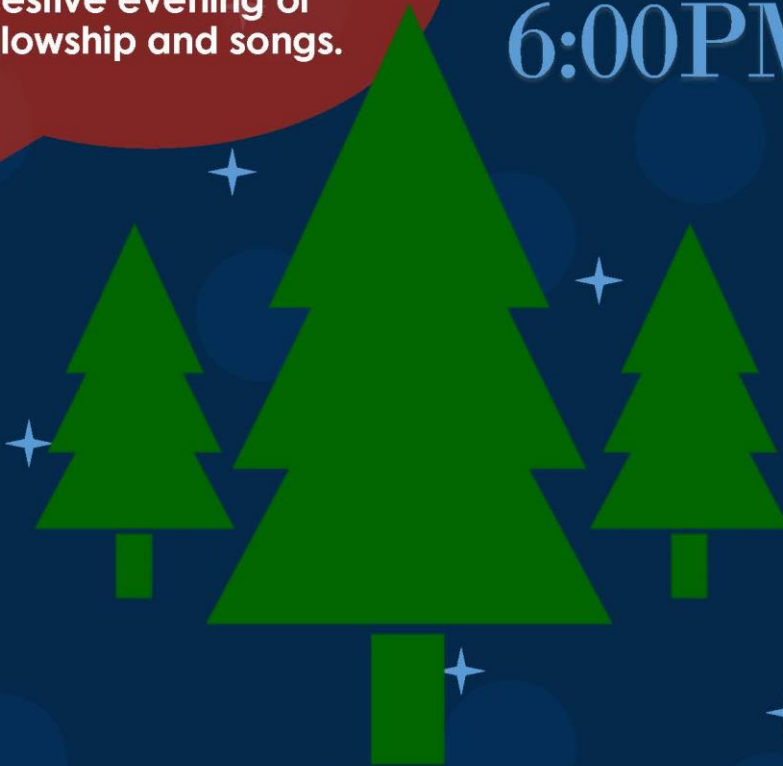
Christmas Open House

@ the home of Rev. Anne & Mary Clifton
770 Lake St. Benzonia
SUNDAY, DEC 18 AFTER WORSHIP

Fellowship
CHRISTMAS GATHERING

Please sign up in the
Gathering Space to
bring an appetizer or
dessert. Join us for a
festive evening of
fellowship and songs.

**FRIDAY
DEC 2
6:00PM**



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