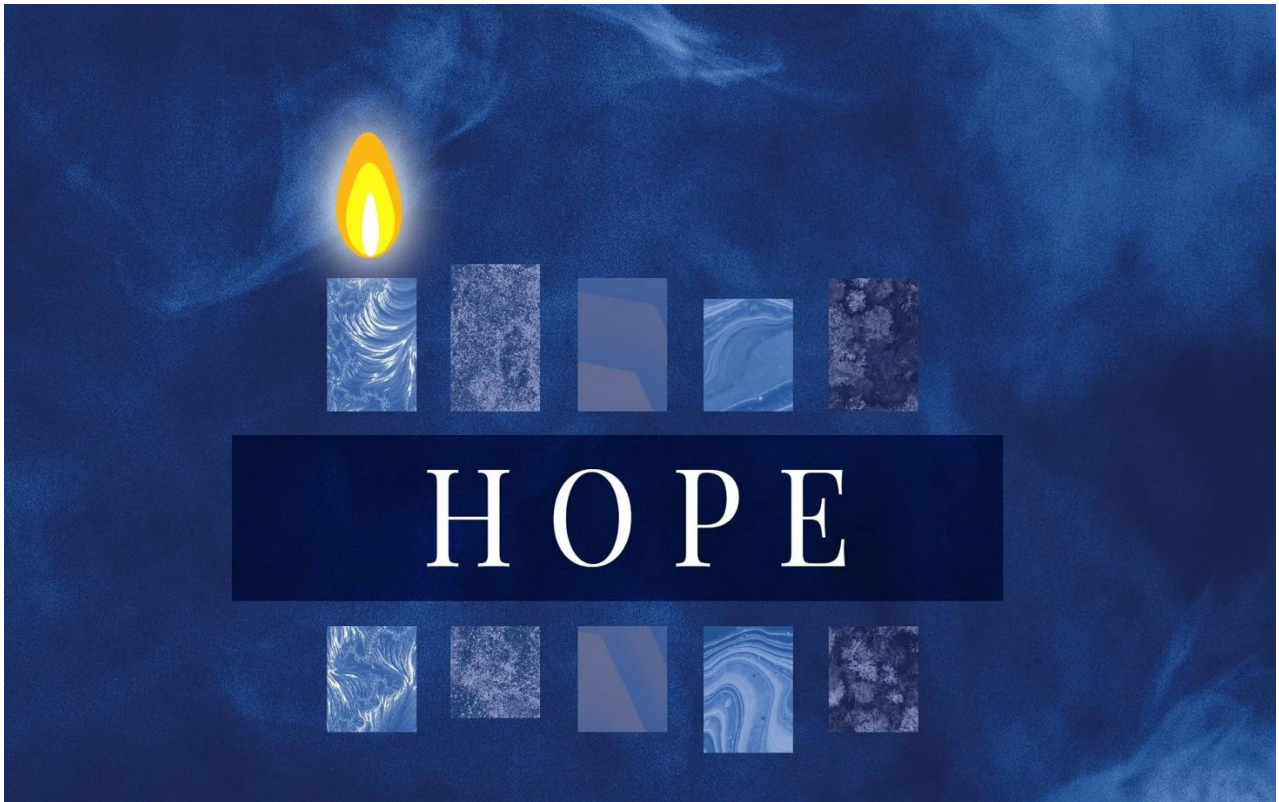


St. Andrews Presbyterian Church



November 30, 2025

1st Sunday of Advent

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10:30 A.M.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

"Hope"

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 AND LITURGY OF THE ADVENT WREATH

All sing:

**"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."**

Reader: Children of God, what are we waiting for? We wait for dawn when night feels endless. We wait for the breaking of chains that bind. We wait with prophets whose words still echo, with ancestors who held hope close in exile, with weary souls who dare to believe again. We wait, not with empty hands, but with open hearts, trusting the One whose promise is faithful still.

Today we light one candle, fragile and small, yet enough to pierce the heavy dark. We call this candle Hope. This flame is a witness that hope is alive, though hidden, though quiet, though not yet full. We set our faces toward the light, learning to see what God is already doing, bearing together the sign of things to come.

Let us pray together:

**Holy One, waiting wears us down. Our patience thins and sometimes
our hope is only a faint ember. Yet you do not despise small beginnings;
you lift us in our weakness by your Spirit, kindling the flame of faith
we thought was gone. Renew us, O Lord, as we learn to wait for you.
Come, Lord Jesus, and make hope our song.**

Let us join in the words of the promise of Isaiah:

**"Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength,
they shall mount up with wings like eagles,
they shall run and not be weary,
they shall walk and not faint."**

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

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

Even now, God approaches us, mercy transcending anger, hope overcoming despair, life triumphing over death. This is good news! 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. Alleluia! Amen.

*RESPONSE 113 (Refrain)

"Angels We Have Heard on High"
Gloria in excelsis Deo!
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GLORIA

THE WORD

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Traditional)

(Page 35, *Glory to God Hymnal*)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Liturgist

THE HEBREW TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 2:1-5

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"

Hayes

Let all mortal flesh keep silence,
and with fear and trembling stand;
ponder nothing earthly 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 vesture,
in the body and the blood.
He will give to all the faithful
His own self for heav'nly food.

THE GOSPEL READING: Matthew 24:36-44
The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON "Watchful Hearts in a Waiting World"

THE RESPONSE

*HYMN 104 "O Lord, How Shall I Meet You" VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Adapted from the *Confession of 1967*, 9.19)
Out of Israel, God in due time raised up Jesus. His faith and obedience were the response of the perfect child of God. He was the fulfillment of God's promise to Israel, the beginning of the new creation, and the pioneer of the new humanity. He gave history its meaning and direction and called the church to be his servant for the reconciliation of the world. Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI (Hymn 581)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY "Whimsical Angels"
*THE DOXOLOGY/Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow (606)
*PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

THE SENDING

*HYMN 93 "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates" TRURO

*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 "All Earth is Hopeful" Oliver

PARTICIPANTS IN WORSHIP

The Rev. Dr. Anne Hébert, Pastor
Cheryl Taylor, Liturgist
Sally and Dennis Keeney, Ushers
Jim and Elaine Trent, Joyce Kirshner, Greeters
Bonnie and Al Garbrecht, Advent Readers
Diane Pharr, Online Digital Greeter
Michael Beery, Music Director
Polly Mauer, Pianist

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, December 1 2:00 Grief Group</p> <p>Tuesday, December 2 11:30 Prayer Vigil for Gaza 1:00 Worship Mtg</p> <p>Wednesday, December 3 10:00 Knitting Group 12:30 Centering Prayer Group 4:00 Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>Thursday, December 4 2:00 Congregational Care Mtg</p> <p>Friday, December 5 9:00 Men's Breakfast - Platte River Inn 7:30 Manitou Winds Concert</p> <p>Saturday, December 6 9:30 Hanging of the Greens</p> <p>Sunday, December 7 9:00 Advent Bible Study 10:30 Worship—2nd Sunday of Advent 11:30 Carol Sing and Advent Potluck 4:00 A.A./Al-Anon Serenity Group</p>
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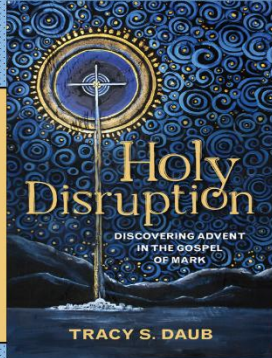
PRAYER LIST

<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 style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="vertical-align: top;"> Bob Nelson Tim Bergstrom Britta Baarstad Joel Hough John Warren Robey Kristin Lehoullier Joan Wathern Suzie Anderson Tamara Cas Paul Olin Pete Brager Cathy Lane </td> <td style="vertical-align: top;"> The Navin Family Tim, Sarah, Tilly and Family Linda Koch Evelyn Sengelaub Laura and Bryan Sheffield Martha Campbell Gwen Baarstad Dottie Patterson Andrew Heglin Bobbie Edwards John Sappington </td> </tr> </table>	Bob Nelson Tim Bergstrom Britta Baarstad Joel Hough John Warren Robey Kristin Lehoullier Joan Wathern Suzie Anderson Tamara Cas Paul Olin Pete Brager Cathy Lane	The Navin Family Tim, Sarah, Tilly and Family Linda Koch Evelyn Sengelaub Laura and Bryan Sheffield Martha Campbell Gwen Baarstad Dottie Patterson Andrew Heglin Bobbie Edwards John Sappington
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Holy Disruption

DISCOVERING ADVENT IN THE GOSPEL
OF MARK

by Tracy S. Daub



Join us at **9AM** on **Sundays** during Advent

(Nov. 30, Dec. 7, Dec. 14, Dec. 21)

Watch for sign-up information!

Books \$10 with Adult Ed paying remaining cost.



Manitou Winds

with their newest talented musician,
our own Michael Beery.


Friday, December 5th at 7:30 p.m.

Hanging of the Greens

DEC 6
9:30 AM

Come help decorate St Andrews for the Advent and Christmas season! Everyone is welcome to participate in this happy tradition. Mark your calendars to be part of the fun!

Reader's Theatre



**Join us for the next Reader's Theater on
Sunday, December 14 at 7pm
"All on a Winter's Night"**

Poinsettias are given by:

Gloria Boyd — In memory of Gretchen Amstutz

Judy McQuilkin — In memory of Bob McQuilkin

Judy McQuilkin — In memory of Drew Trahan

Diane Pharr — In memory of Patricia Pharr Velnetske

Diane Pharr — In memory of Richard and Barbara Pharr

Virginia Gardner — In memory of Loved Ones



Polly Mauer will be playing the piano at St. Ambrose on Friday, December 5, from 5–8pm. It's a "ladies evening out", filled with Holiday and Christmas music. She would LOVE to see some familiar faces.