

St. Andrews Presbyterian Church



December11, 2022

3rd Sunday of Advent

December 11, 2022

10:30 A.M.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

"Mary, Did You Know?"

LARSON

"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 35:5-6, the prophet declares that When God comes among us, the deaf shall hear, the blind shall see, and the tongue of the speechless shall sing for joy. We light this candle as a sign of our hope that God's love in Christ brings healing to us and to the whole world. As we witness to the power of healing love, in ourselves and in others –

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

RESPONSE 88 (v. 5)

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

VENI EMMANUEL

O come, thou Key of David, come, and open wide our heavenly home;

Make safe the way that leads on high and close the path to misery.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN 105

"People, Look East"

BESANÇON

(Verses 1, 2, 4 & 5)

*CONFESSION AND PARDON

Let the desert rejoice, and let the dry land be glad, **for God has come to save us.**

Let us confess our sin:

God of majesty and glory, we are thirsty for your grace. You made a way for us in the wilderness, and still, in our foolishness, we go astray. We hide our eyes from your presence. WE do not listen to your word. We are lifeless when we ought to dance and speechless when we ought to sing. Forgive us, O God. Speak peace to our fearful hearts, strengthen our weak hands, and make firm our feeble knees as we see to follow your holy way. Amen.

Silent Confession

*KYRIE

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

Now return to the Lord with joy and gladness! Sing a song of redemption!

Let sorrow and sighing be no more. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Amen.

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

GLORIA

Gloria in excelsis Deo!

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THE WORD

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

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 35:1-10

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSE 91

"Come, Come Emmanuel"

COME, COME EMMANUEL

THE EPISTLE READING: James 5:7-10 (Unison)

Be patient, therefore, brothers and sisters, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Brothers and sisters, do not grumble against

one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! As an example of suffering and patience, brothers and sisters, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

The Word of God. The Word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

THE GOSPEL READING: Matthew 11:2-11
The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON "Where Hope Resides"

THE RESPONSE

*HYMN 123 "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" CAROL

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

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

*PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

THE SENDING

*HYMN 116 "The Snow Lay on the Ground" VENITE ADOREMUS

*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 "People, Look East" LARSON

*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</p> <p>Tuesday, Dec. 13 2:30 Finance Mtg 5:00 Building and Grounds Mtg</p> <p>Wednesday, Dec. 14 12:30 PEO Mtg 1:00 Centering Prayer 4:00 BACN Mtg 4:30 Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>Thursday, Dec. 15 10:30 Revelation class</p> <p>Friday, Dec. 16 9:00 Men’s Breakfast</p> <p>Sunday, Dec. 18 9:00 Bible Study- “Incarnation” 10:30 Worship– 4th Sunday of Advent 11:45 Coffee Hour 12:00 Christmas Open House at Rev. Anne’s 4:00 A.A./Al-Anon Serenity Group</p>
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