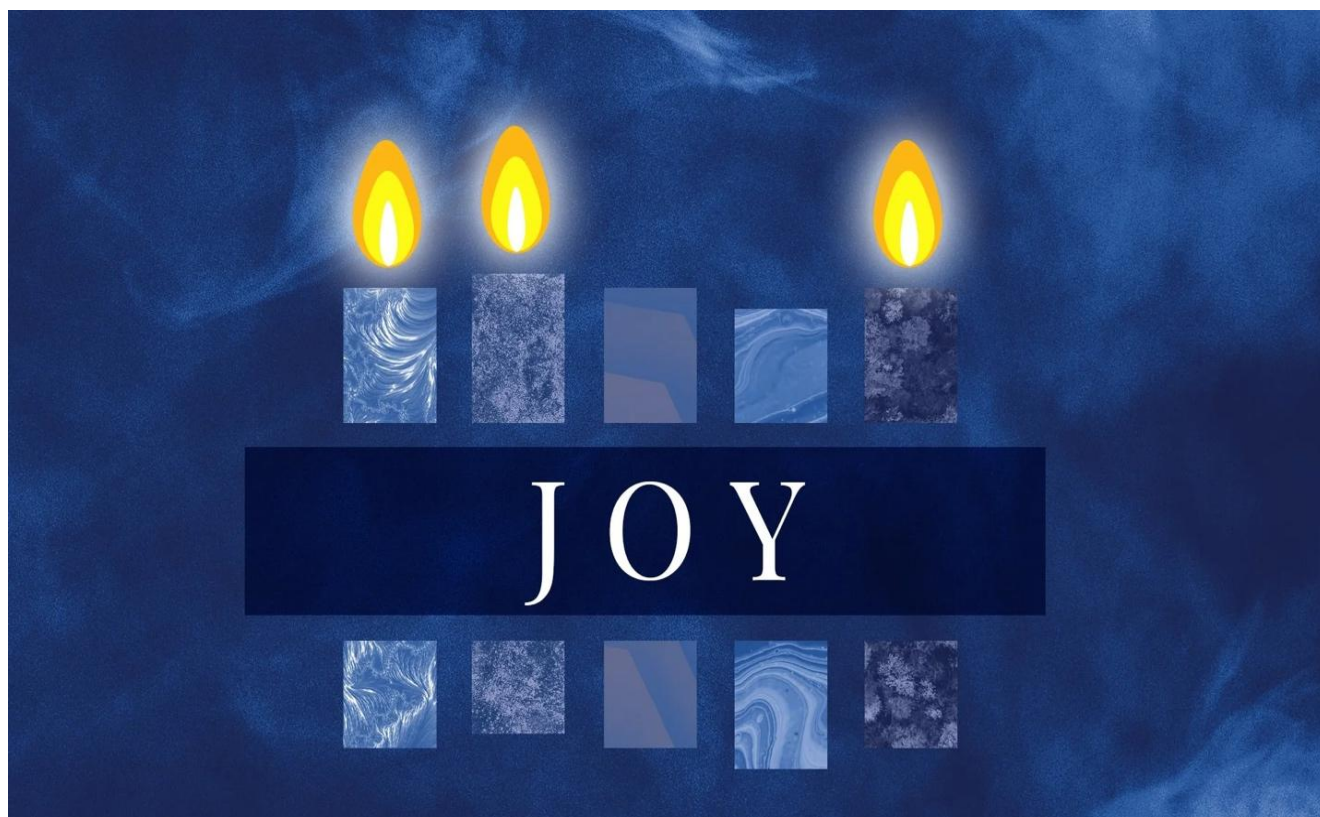


St. Andrews Presbyterian Church



A Festival Service of Lessons and Carols

December 14, 2025

3rd Sunday of Advent

December 14, 2025

10:30 A.M.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Two settings of "Veni Emmanuel"

Wagner/Peeters

"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

MINUTE FOR MISSION – Christmas Joy Offering

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.)

CHORAL INTROIT

“Prepare the Way of the Lord”

PREPARE THE WAY

CALL TO WORSHIP AND LITURGY OF THE ADVENT WREATH

All sing: (Hymn 83 – “Come Thou Long Expected Jesus”)

**Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a king,
Born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.**

Reader: Children of God, what are we waiting for? We wait for joy . . .

Let us pray:

O Giver of life, you turn mourning into dancing. You surprise us with beauty. Joy is your gift and our invitation to rejoice always, to pray without ceasing, and to give thanks in all things. May we carry your joy like a lantern, shining steadily as we wait. Amen.

Hear the witness of the apostle Paul:

"Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.

Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near."

We delight in the joy of your presence, which no hardship can steal away.

Come, Lord Jesus, and make joy our strength.

*HYMN 140

"Once in Royal David's City"

IRBY

(Verse 1 sung by a soloist & congregation joins in verse 2.)

CHILDREN'S TIME

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Traditional)

(Page 188, *Glory to God Hymnal*)

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 9:2-7

Christ's birth and kingdom are foretold by Isaiah.

CAROL 112

"On Christmas Night All Christians Sing"

SUSSEX CAROL

(Verses 1 & 2)

SECOND LESSON: Isaiah 11:1-9

The prophet foretells of the Peaceful Kingdom.

CHORAL ANTHEM "Isaiah the Prophet Has Written of Old"

SAMANTHRA

THIRD LESSON: Luke 1:26-38

The angel Gabriel salutes the blessed Virgin Mary.

CHORAL ANTHEM

"Myn Lyking"

Terry

(Words: Traditional, 15th Century/Music: Richard Ruciman Terry)

1.

I saw a fair mayden sytten and sing
She lulled a little childe, a sweete Lording.

Chorus:

Lullay mye lyking, my dere sonne, my sweeting.
Lully my dere herte, myn own dere derling.

2.

That same Lord is he that made alle thing,
Of alle lord is his is lord, of alle kynges King.

3.

There was mickle melody at that chylde's birth
All that were in heav'nly bliss, they made mickle myrth.

4.

Angels bright sang their song to that chylde;
Blyssid be thou, and so be she, so meek and so mild.

FOURTH LESSON: Luke 2:1-7

Luke tells of the birth of Jesus.

CHORAL ANTHEM

"Unexpected and Mysterious"

Hampton

(Words and Music: Jeannette Lindholm)

Unexpected and mysterious is the gentle word of grace.
Ever-loving and sustaining is the peace of God's embrace.
If we falter in our courage and we doubt what we have known,
God is faithful to console us as a mother tends her own.

Of a momentary meeting of eternity and time,
Many learned that she would carry both the mortal and divine.
Then she learned of God's compassion, of Elizabeth's great joy,
And she ran to greet the woman who would recognize her boy.
We are called to ponder mystery and awaiting the coming Christ,
To embody God's compassion for each fragile human life.
God is with us in our longing, to bring healing to the earth,
While we watch with joy and wonder for the promised Savior's birth.

FIFTH LESSON: Luke 2:8-20

The shepherds go to the manger.

CAROL 128

"Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"

W ŻŁOBIE LEŻY

SOLO

"There's a Star in the East"

FOLLOW

SIXTH LESSON: Matthew 2:1-11

The wise men are led by the star to Jesus.

CAROL 123	"It Came Upon a Midnight Clear" (Verses 1, 2 & 5)	CAROL CMD
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CAROL 108 "Of the Father's Love Begotten" DIVINUM MYSTERIUM
(Verses 1, 3, & 4)

OFFERTORY Variations on "Puer nobis" Barkhardt
*DOXOLOGY/Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow (606)
*PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

*BENEDICTION (Responsive)
 This Advent and Christmas season, may light dispel darkness;
May the love of Christ pull us closer together;
 May the peace the angels sang reign among us;
May we promise to keep hope alive;
 May Jesus Christ be born again as the light of the world!



The Rev. Dr. Anne Hébert, Pastor
Jim Trent, Liturgist
Al and Bonnie Garbrecht, Ushers
Mac and Marilyn Whisner, Martha Garber, Greeters
Susan Eldred, Cynthia Blanchard, Advent Candle Lighters
Jim Trent, Scott Gravelie, Readers
Diane Pharr, Online Digital Greeter
Michael Beery, Soloist and Music Director
Laurence Smith, Organist

OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY																											
<p>Today 9:00 Adult Ed Bible Study 10:30 Worship 11:30 Congregational Meeting 11:45 Coffee Hour 4:00 A.A./Al-Anon Serenity Group 7:00 Readers Theater— “All on a Winter’s Night”</p> <p>Monday, December 15 2:00 Grief Group</p> <p>Tuesday, December 16 10:30 Class-”Finding Resilience in Jesus” 1:00 PW– Christmas Auction at Havlin’s 2:00 Finance Mtg</p>	<p>Wednesday, December 17 10:00 Prayer Shawl Knitting Group 12:30 Centering Prayer Group 1:00 Arts on the Hill Mtg 3:00 Choir Rehearsal Note time change</p> <p>Friday, December 19 9:00 Men’s Breakfast - Platte River Inn</p> <p>Sunday, December 21 9:00 Advent Bible Study 10:30 Worship 11:30 Coffee Hour 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> <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>Linda Koch</td></tr> <tr> <td>Joel Hough</td><td>Evelyn Sengelaub</td></tr> <tr> <td>John Warren Robey</td><td>Laura and Bryan Sheffield</td></tr> <tr> <td>Kristin Lehoullier</td><td>Martha Campbell</td></tr> <tr> <td>Joan Wathern</td><td>Gwen Baarstad</td></tr> <tr> <td>Suzie Anderson</td><td>Dottie Patterson</td></tr> <tr> <td>Tamara Cas</td><td>Andrew Heglin</td></tr> <tr> <td>Paul Olin</td><td>Bobbie Edwards</td></tr> <tr> <td>Cathy Lane</td><td>John Sappington</td></tr> <tr> <td>Tim Quist</td><td>Joyce Kirshner</td></tr> <tr> <td>Kristin Lehoullier</td><td>Family of Terry Bard</td></tr> </table>	Bob Nelson	The Navin Family	Tim Bergstrom	Tim, Sarah, Tilly and Family	Britta Baarstad	Linda Koch	Joel Hough	Evelyn Sengelaub	John Warren Robey	Laura and Bryan Sheffield	Kristin Lehoullier	Martha Campbell	Joan Wathern	Gwen Baarstad	Suzie Anderson	Dottie Patterson	Tamara Cas	Andrew Heglin	Paul Olin	Bobbie Edwards	Cathy Lane	John Sappington	Tim Quist	Joyce Kirshner	Kristin Lehoullier	Family of Terry Bard
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Reader's Theatre



Join us for the next Reader's Theater
TONIGHT!! 7PM
"All on a Winter's Night"

Poinsettias are given by:



Gloria Boyd — In memory of Gretchen and Al Amstutz
Judy McQuilkin — In memory of Bob McQuilkin
Judy McQuilkin — In memory of Drew Trahan
Diane Pharr — In memory of Patricia Pharr Velnetske
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Virginia Gardner — In memory of Loved Ones
Sue Sheffield and Marley Navin — In memory of Cathy Moser
Sue Sheffield and Marley Navin — In loving honor of the Navin Family
Jeannine Chapman — In memory of Steve Chapman
Beth and Paul Olin — In memory of their son, David
Mary Heglin — In memory of George Marsh
Jill Claybour — In memory of Richard Claybour
Jennifer and Ernie Abel — In memory of their mothers





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Watch for signup information in the coming weeks.