

St. Andrews Presbyterian Church



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December 29, 2024

First Sunday of Christmas

December 29, 2024

10:30 A.M.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

"Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"
"Be still and know that I am God."
(Please use this time to prepare for worship in silence.)

Psalm 46:10

WORDS OF WELCOME AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISCIPLESHIP

PASSING THE PEACE

"...I was a stranger and you welcomed me."
The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
(The people may greet each other in the spirit of Christ.)

Matthew 25:35b

And also with you.

CALL TO WORSHIP

We give thanks today for Love being born among us.

We give thanks today for the Christmas stories that inspire us.

We give thanks today for Jesus, the hope of the world.

We give thanks today for life without fear through him

Liturgist

*HYMN 113

"Angels We Have Heard on High"

GLORIA

*THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Great God our Father: You have given us Jesus, light of the world, but we choose darkness and act in ways that hide the brightness of your love. Like the shepherds, we are frightened disciples who are slow to speak your good news. Immersed in ourselves, we have not risen to new life. Fill us with Holy Spirit, so that, forgiven and renewed, we may understand the meaning of Christmas for our lives, and do those things that bring life and light to this dark world. Amen.

Silent Confession

*KYRIE

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

THE WORD

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Traditional)

(Page 35, *Glory to God Hymnal*)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Liturgist

READING FROM THE EPISTLE: Colossians 3:12-17

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Gentle Mary Laid Her Child"

Wilbur Held

THE GOSPEL READING: Luke 2:41-52
The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON "The Christmas Stories Are About YOU"

THE RESPONSE

*HYMN 142 "Twas in the Moon of Wintertime" UNE JEUNE PUCELLE

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*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 "In Bethlehem Born" Helmut Walcha

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

*PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

THE SENDING

*HYMN 132 "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice" IN DULCI JUBILO

*COVENANT OF THE CONGREGATION (Unison) (*From Colossians 3*)

As God's chosen ones, may we be clothed with compassion, kindness, humility and patience. Above all, may we be clothed with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts. And let us be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in us richly. And whatever we do, in word or deed, let us do it in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Noel Grand Jeu et Duo" Louis-Claude Daquin



PARTICIPANTS IN WORSHIP

The Rev. Dr. Ned Edwards, Pastor Emeritus
Hilda Quist, Liturgist
Mark and Julie Walton, Ushers
John and Barb Lund, Greeters
Michael Beery, Music Director
Tim Quist, Organist