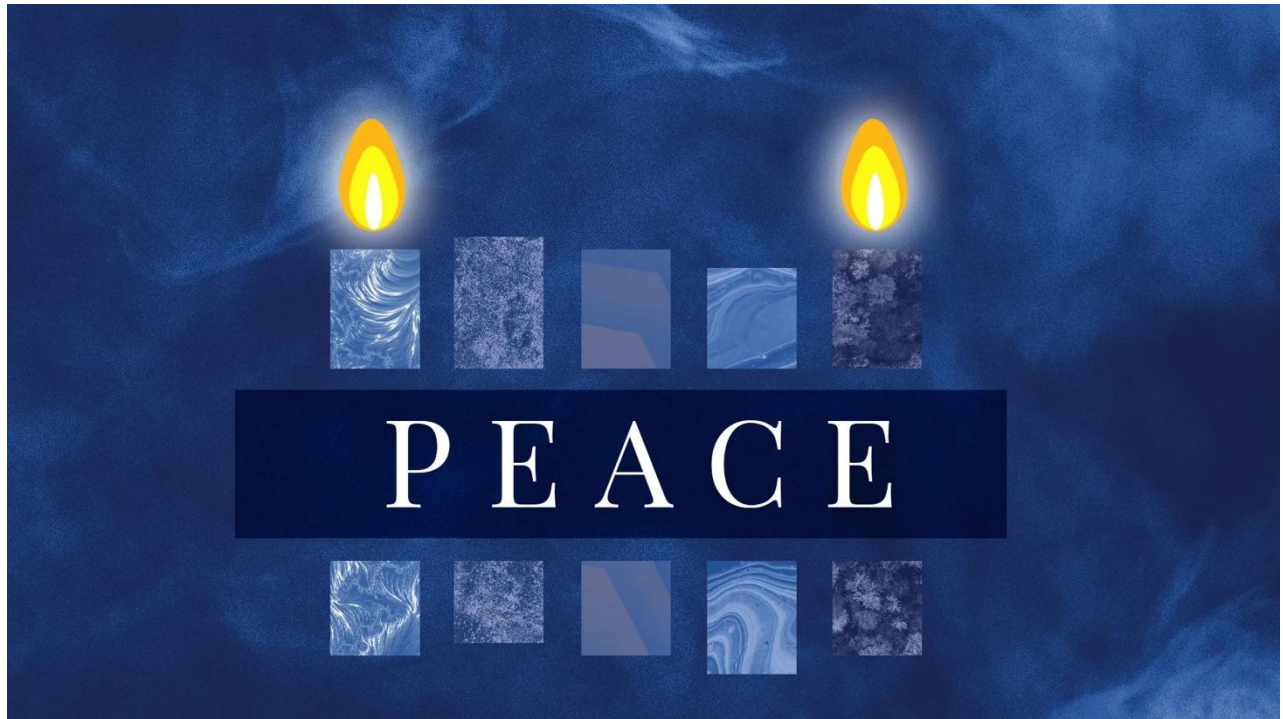


St. Andrews Presbyterian Church



December 7, 2025

2nd Sunday of Advent

December 7, 2025

10:30 A.M.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

"Come, Savior of the Gentiles"

Vetter

"Prepare the Royal Highway"

Cherwein

"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

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: (Hymn 83 – "Come Thou Long Expected Jesus")

Israel's strength and consolation,

Hope of all the earth thou art;

Dear desire of every nation,

Joy of every longing heart.

Reader. Children of God, what are we waiting for? ...Together they shine as signs of God's faithfulness.

Let us pray:

O God of still waters and quiet strength, you breathe calm into confusion.

You steady our steps on uneven ground. Grant us your peace, O Christ,

not as the world gives, but as you alone provide. Amen.

Hear the song of the angels:

"Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors."

We long for your peace to flow like water, quenching our thirst.

Teach us to live as peacemakers, agents of your reconciling love.

Come, Lord Jesus, and make peace our way.

OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN 106

"Prepare the Way, O Zion"

BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN

*CONFESSION AND PARDON

John the Baptist's cry echoes through the ages: Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near! Let us go to God in humility and faith, confessing our sins. Let us pray:

God of all creation, your vision of peace is beyond our knowing. We have been

hurt and we have seen destruction, so we turn around and hurt others, destroying what you have called good. Forgive us, and fill us with your knowledge, so we may help bring forth your peaceful kingdom. Amen.

Silent Confession

*KYRIE

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

Blessed be the Lord our God, who does wondrous things. The most wondrous of all being God's entry into our world in Jesus Christ, "not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him." **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and reconciled to God. 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 (Page 35, *Glory to God Hymnal*)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Liturgist

THE HEBREW TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 11:1-10
The Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

THE EPISTLE READING: Romans 15:7-9 & 13 (Unison)

So welcome each other, in the same way that Christ also welcomed you, for God's glory. I'm saying that Christ became a servant of those who are circumcised for the sake of God's truth, in order to confirm the promises given to the ancestors, and so that the Gentiles could glorify God for God's mercy.

As it is written...Isaiah says,

**There will be a root of Jesse,
who will also rise to rule the Gentiles.**

The Gentiles will place their hope in him.

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in faith so that you overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

The Word of God. The Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

CHORAL ANTHEM

THE GOSPEL READING: Matthew 3:1-12
The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON "God's Perspective"

THE RESPONSE

*HYMN 129 "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming" EST IST EIN' ROS'

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

"Lo, How a Rose"

Brahms

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

*PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

THE EUCHARIST

THE INVITATION TO THE TABLE

THE PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING

(Responsive, Congregation please read **bold** print.)

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,...who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

You are holy, O God of majesty... Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Gracious God pour out your Holy Spirit on us...Amen.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE SHARING OF THE MEAL

(To receive communion when you come forward, please open your hands and a portion of bread will be given to you to partake.

If you prefer gluten free, please tell the server. Then pick up a small cup from the tray and partake. As you return to your seat, there will be a basket in which you can place your cup. If you would like a server to come to you, please raise your hand.)

COMMUNION HYMN 92

"While We Are Waiting, Come"

WAITING (Cason)

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (Unison)

Eternal God, we thank you for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Send us into the world in peace for we have seen, have heard, and been fed by your grace. Keep us faithful and alert for signs of Christ's coming and lead us to live lives marked by truth and light, so that we may eat and drink together in your eternal dominion of hope, peace, joy and love. Amen.

THE SENDING

*HYMN 87

"Comfort, Comfort Now My People"

GENEVAN 42

*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

"O Thou of God the Father"

J.S. Bach



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<p>Today 9:00 Adult Ed Bible Study 10:30 Worship 11:30 Advent Carol Sing and Potluck 4:00 A.A./Al-Anon Serenity Group</p> <p>Monday, December 8 2:00 Grief Group 2:30 Readers Theater Mtg</p> <p>Tuesday, December 9 5:00 Building & Grounds Mtg</p> <p>Wednesday, December 10 12:30 Centering Prayer Group 2:00 Arts on the Hill Mtg 4:00 Choir Rehearsal 6:00 Readers Theater Dress Rehearsal</p>	<p>Thursday, December 11 4:30 Peace & Justice Mtg via Zoom 6:00 Benzie Chorus Dress Rehearsal</p> <p>Friday, December 12 9:00 Men's Breakfast - Platte River Inn 7:00 Benzie Chorus Concert</p> <p>Sunday, December 14 9:00 Advent Bible Study 10:30 Worship—3rd Sunday of Advent 11:30 Congregational Mtg 12:00 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></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		Family of Terry Bard
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PARTICIPANTS IN WORSHIP

The Rev. Dr. Anne Hébert, Pastor
Rev. Margie Osborn, Liturgist
Jim and Elaine Trent, Ushers
Jerry Heiman, Susie Hammer, Judy McQuilkin, Greeters
Cheryl and Bob Ortwein, Advent Readers
Lara Bramer, Cheryl Taylor, Communion Preparers
Diane Pharr, Online Digital Greeter
Michael Beery, Music Director
Laurence Smith, Organist

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
Sue Sheffield and Marley Navin — In memory of Cathy Moser
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Reader's Theatre



**Join us for the next Reader's Theater on
Sunday, December 14 at 7pm**

"All on a Winter's Night"

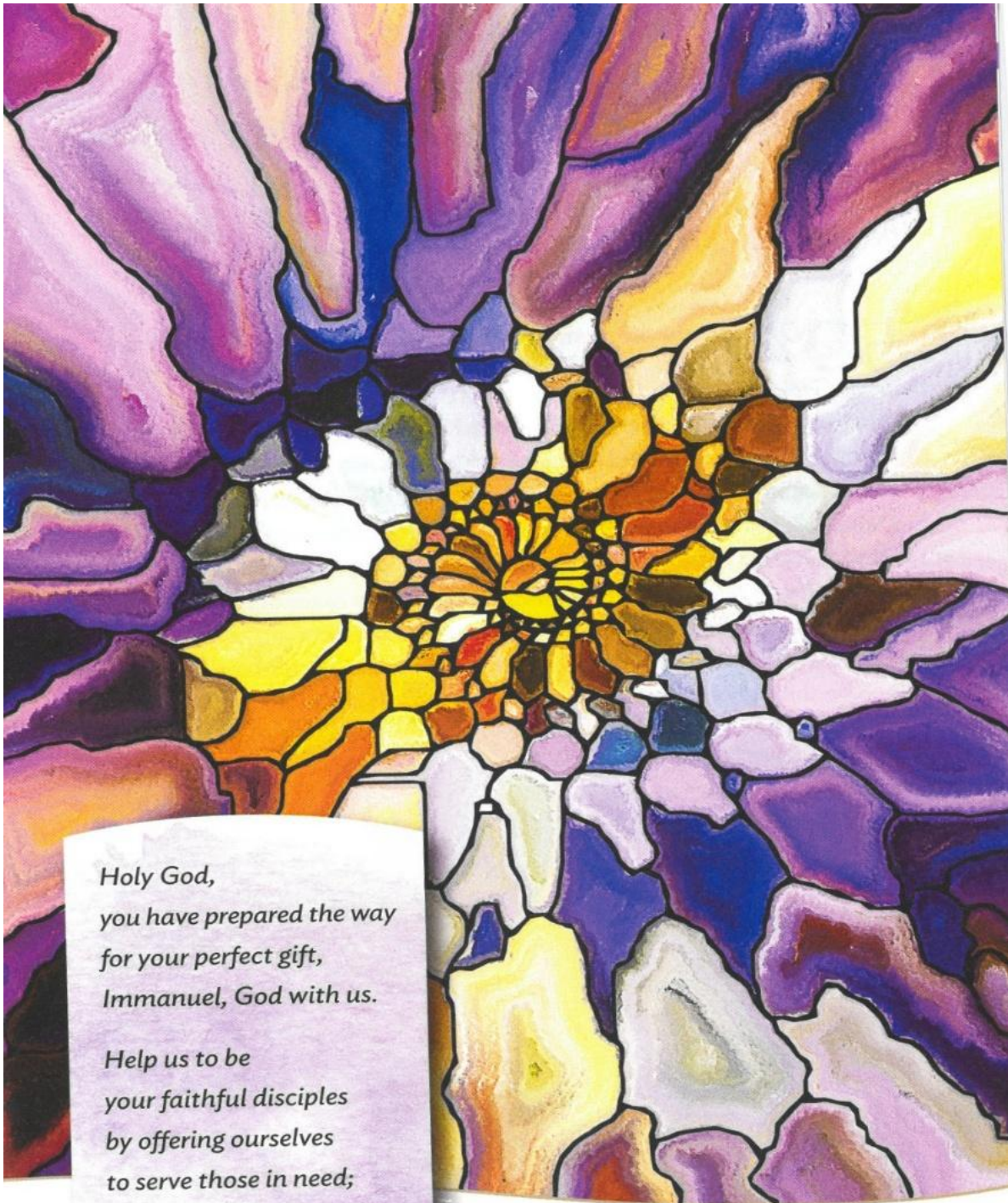
Christmas Eve WORSHIP

Music begins
4:30 P.M.
Worship begins
5:00 P.M.



Wednesday, December 24, 2025

Christmas Joy



*Holy God,
you have prepared the way
for your perfect gift,
Immanuel, God with us.*

*Help us to be
your faithful disciples
by offering ourselves
to serve those in need;
through Jesus Christ,
your Word made flesh.*

Amen.



CHRISTMAS JOY
SPECIAL OFFERINGS

LEADERSHIP: PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE