

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY  
ST. ANDREWS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

EPIPHANY

JANUARY 2, 2022 10:00 AM



GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME

OPENING VOLUNTARY

*O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright*  
Chancel Bells

Philipp Nicoli  
Arranged by Barbara Kinyon

*O Morning Star, how fair and bright!  
You shine with God's own truth and light, aglow with grace and mercy!  
Of Jacob's line, King David's Son; our Lord and Savior,  
You have won our hearts to serve you solely! Lonly, holy!  
Great and glorious, all victorious, rich in blessing!  
Rule and might o'er all possessing*

†CALL TO WORSHIP

We come to this place—  
**each of us on our own path.**

The path is winding,  
**and the path is not always clear,**  
and the path changes,  
**but we are here.**

God is walking us home.  
**What a gift it is to not walk alone.**  
Let us worship Holy God.

†HYMN 150

*As with Gladness Men of Old*

DIX

CONFESSING OUR SIN

**God of changed plans,  
The Magi heard in a dream that they were to take a new way home- a different path, an untraveled road. And to our amazement, they did just that. The Magi packed their bags and went home by another way.**

**We wish that change could be easy for us, but more often than not, when whispers of change come, we tend to clench our fists and hold on tighter.**

**Forgive us for resisting change that might be holy.**

**Forgive us for ignoring that there is more than one road home.**

**Forgive us for failing to hear your invitation.**

**Guide our steps to unfamiliar places.**

**Gratefully we pray...**

*Silence is kept for personal prayers of confession*

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

No matter which roads we take in this one wild and precious life, God walks with us. God never leaves our side. When the road changes and we find ourselves on a new path home, God is always there.

So hear and believe this good news:

**No matter where we go, no matter what we do, we are claimed, loved, and held by God.**

**Thanks be to God for a love like that.**

Raise a song of gladness, peoples of the earth,  
Christ has come, bringing peace, joy to every heart.  
Alleluia, Alleluia, joy to every heart! (2x)

**HEARING GOD’S WORD**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Phyllis Bearden

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Ephesians 3:1-12

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Matthew 2:1-12

**CHILDREN’S LESSON**

**SERMON**

*Home By Another Way*

Rev. Camille LeBron Powell

**RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD**

**†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Who came to this earth as a child,  
Was born to unmarried teenage parents,  
And was quickly made a refugee.  
We believe that this child grew up to heal the sick,  
See the poor,  
Dine with outcasts,  
Welcome foreigners,  
Wash the feet of sinners,  
Offer second chances,  
And bless the children.  
And so we believe that Christmas is only the beginning.  
The dream does not end with a manger.  
The dream ends with God’s promised day.  
So until all God’s children are home,  
We will follow the Magi’s lead—  
Walking, seeking, and looking up.  
May it be so, for this we believe. Amen.

**JOYS AND CONCERNS OF GOD’S CHURCH, COMMUNITY AND WORLD**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

**OFFERING OUR GIFTS**

†Offertory

*Puer Nobis Nascitur*  
A Boy is Born for Us

Jean François Dandrieu

†Offertory Response

*Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow*  
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God all creatures here below; Alleluia, Alleluia!  
Praise God above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.  
Alleluia, Alleluia! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Prayer of Dedication**

## GOING TO SERVE GOD IN THE WORLD

†HYMN

*Home By Another Way*

Music: John Henry Hopkins

Text: Anna Strickland

1. Magi from a far away place  
Radiant starlight setting their pace  
Fording wadi, risking body,  
seeking the king's birthplace  
  
REFRAIN: O We have traveled night and day  
Meeting God where-e'er we stay  
Paths are changing, rearranging  
As we find another way
2. Threatened by the good news they bring  
Herod plots to kill the new king  
Angels warning in the morning:  
"Avoid Jerusalem." REFRAIN
3. Plans that change and storms that delay  
Dreams and hopes left in disarray  
Make us tremble, but remember  
There is another way. REFRAIN

†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

†THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

BENEDICTION IN MUSIC

*Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern*

Johann Pachelbel

Call to Worship, Prayer of Confession, and Affirmation of Faith  
by Rev. Sarah Are Speed | A Sanctified Art, LLC | sanctifiedart.org

Notes on this week's Music:

The **Opening Voluntary** is based on a chorale, both text and music of which were composed by Philipp Nicolai (1556-1608), a Lutheran pastor. It is often associated with Epiphany because of the star imagery, but the text is really addressed to Christ as the Morning Star (Revelation 22:16). Barbara Kinyon (b. 1929) is a well-known American pianist, organist, teacher, composer, and clinician. She has composed over 225 works for handbells.

The text of *As with Gladness Men of Old* was authored by William Chatterton Dix (1837-1898), an English writer of hymns and carols. It first appeared in *Hymns Ancient and Modern* (London, 1859). The music is by Conrad Kocher (1786-1872), a German organist, choir director, composer and teacher. The music which was composed specifically for the text, first appeared in the above-referenced publication, and has been associated with it ever since.

The text of the **Joyful Response** is from the Taizé community and the music from the pen of Jacques Berthier (1923-1994) which appeared in a number of small booklets in the early 1970s; these were not accessible in North America until 1981.

The composer of the music for the **Offertory** is unknown. The earliest known copy of the melody, *Puer Nobis Nascitur (A Boy Is Born for Us)*, is found in a manuscript volume dated to the mid-14th century. This setting is from a collection of organ noëls by Jean François Dandrieu (1682-1739), a highly regarded French Baroque composer, harpsichordist and organist.

*Home By Another Way* is an original hymn written by Rev. Anna Strickland in 2021 specifically for the "Close to Home" series by Sanctified Art. It is set to the music of John H. Hopkins, Jr. (1820-1891), an American Anglican clergyman and hymnodist.

The **Benediction in Music** is a setting of the aforementioned chorale (titled in the original German) set by Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706), a German composer, organist, and teacher who brought the south German organ school to its peak. He composed a large body of sacred and secular music, and his contributions to the development of the chorale prelude and fugue have earned him a place among the most important composers of the middle Baroque era.

*As one part of the church of Jesus Christ, we are inspired and guided by Christ's vision of God's realm – one that includes all who seek to love God and neighbor.*

*St. Andrews Presbyterian Church welcomes all people, regardless of age, race,*

*ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, economic situation, family status, mental or physical abilities to become part of the membership and ministry of the church. We welcome all of each of you.*

## CALENDAR

### **Sunday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>**

9:00 AM Sunday School (Zoom)

10:00 AM Worship

### **Monday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>**

8:00 PM AA/ALAnon

### **Tuesday, January 4<sup>th</sup>**

### **Wednesday, January 5<sup>th</sup>**

12:30 PM Lunch and Learn

7:30 PM Chancel Choir

### **Thursday, January 6<sup>th</sup>**

### **Friday, January 7<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 PM Church at Prayer

8:00 PM AA/ALAnon

### **Saturday, January 8<sup>th</sup>**

### **Sunday, January 9<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 AM Sunday School (Zoom)

10:00 AM Worship

7:00 PM Fellowship Hour (Zoom)

## PRAYER CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

If you have a prayer concern, please complete a Prayer Request Card, and place it in the offering plate. Please update the office about any changes in the condition of your loved ones.

**Paul Ellingson**

**Lynn Kozlosky**

### In the Nursing Home, Home Care, or Assisted Living:

**Peggy Benedict** at home

**Elinor Bryan** - Westminster Village

**Del Rey Humphreys**-Sunrise

**Sue Puckett**-Camelia Place

**Evelyn Wallace**-at home

**Ron Weber** at home, **Betty Weber**

Camelia Place

## WELCOME

Welcome to St. Andrews. Your presence is a joy for us. We invite you to join St Andrews, a congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA), in ministry and in worship.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Lunch and Learn** will meet on Wednesday, January 5th at 12:30 PM on Zoom. We will be studying Luke 3:15-17, 21-22 and Isaiah 43:1-7.

**Church at Prayer** will meet on Friday, January 7th at 9:00 AM on Zoom. If one of your goals for 2022 is to connect with your church family, this is a great time to do just that. All are welcome.

**The Presbyterian Disaster Agency** has many active disaster responses to assist those effected by disaster at home and around the world. Here are some ways we can help:

- ◆ Pray: 1 Thessalonians 5:17 encourages us to pray continually. Following a disaster, our best response is first to seek God's presence on behalf of those in need.
- ◆ Give: By check. Presbyterian Church (USA) P.O. Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700, By telephone: (800) 728-7228, to give by credit card.

**Fellowship Hour** Narthex Fellowship time has moved from after worship Sunday mornings to the second Sunday of the month from 7:00-8:00 PM. Our next one will be on Sunday, January 9th. Click the link in your email to join on a computer, tablet, or smart phone. To join by telephone, call: +1-312-626-6799, and enter the meeting ID: 219 872 595.

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