

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

ST. ANDREWS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 4, 2022

10:00 AM



GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME

OPENING VOLUNTARY *Bring a Torch, Jeanette Isabella* Laubengayer

†CALL TO WORSHIP AND LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

May this light be a reminder that Christ is coming. God was with generations before,
God is with us today, and God will be with us tomorrow.

Even now, God is on the way. Amen.

†HYMN 93 *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates* TRURO

CONFESSING OUR SIN

Patient God,
you know just how often
we make decisions from a place of fear rather than love.
You know just how often
we allow fear to take the place of logic, fanning unhealthy fires in our lives.
You know just how often
we tuck your words, "Do not be afraid"
on dusty shelves and in the back of closets,
stubbornly holding onto our own point of view.
Forgive us for giving fear the microphone.
Silence the voices of scarcity, shame, and rejection,
which spark and feed so much of our fear, to recenter us in love.
With hope we pray...

Silence is kept for personal prayers of confession.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

†JOYFUL RESPONSE *It Came Upon the Midnight Clear* CAROL

It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old,
from angels bending near the earth, to touch their harps of gold:
"Peace on the earth, good will to all, from heaven's all-gracious King":
the world in solemn stillness lay, to hear the angels sing.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Deanna McFarlan

SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 11:1-10

MUSICAL OFFERING *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming* Michael Praetorius

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 1:26-38

WELCOME

The service begins with the first note of the Opening Voluntary.

Please join in reading or singing those parts of the service printed in **bold**.

† When this symbol precedes an element of the service, please rise in body or spirit, as able.

ADVENT THEME AND LITURGY

This Advent season we are following the theme, "From Generation to Generation..." from A Sanctified Art, LLC. A Sanctified Art believes God speaks to us through many mediums and that creativity is an integral part of worship. They create curriculum and worship resources, including the Advent Devotionals found in the Narthex. The Call to Worship and Candle Lighting Liturgy, Prayer of Confession, and Affirmation of Faith are adapted from prayers written by Rev. Sarah (Are) Speed of A Sanctified Art, sanctifiedart.org.

SILENCE

The time of silence allows you to speak or listen to God as you best need this morning.

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE

After each scripture reading the reader will say, "The Word of the Lord." All are invited to respond, "Thanks be to God."

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

†HYMN 103

Come, Now, O Prince of Peace

O-SO-SO

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in a God who knows our fears.
 We believe in a God who says, "Be not afraid."
 We believe in a God who kicks off her shoes
 and wades into the muck of our lives with us.
 We believe in a God who stitches herself to our heels, and invites us to dance.
 We believe in a God who hemmed stars into the night sky
 so that we can find our way home,
 and who sends us friends with open doors,
 so we can find our way to love.
 We believe in a God who finds us in our fear and does not leave us alone.
 Thanks be to God for a love like that. Amen.

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS OF GOD'S CHURCH, COMMUNITY & WORLD**OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD**

†Offertory Response

TALLIS' CANON

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
 praise God, all creatures here below;
 praise God above, ye heavenly host;
 praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

†Prayer of Dedication

THE CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**Invitation****Prayer of Great Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer**

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.

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.

Breaking of the Bread and Pouring of the Cup**Communion of the People****Prayer After Communion****GOING TO SERVE GOD IN THE WORLD**

†HYMN 87

Comfort, Comfort Now My People

GENEVAN 42

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

In the act of remembering that is the Lord's Supper, we receive and trust the love of Christ present to us and to the world. Through it, we are renewed and empowered to be the church, the body of Christ, in the world.

The invitation to the Lord's Supper is not just for Presbyterians or "members of the church." All who confess Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord are invited to partake of the Lord's Supper. Access to the Table is not a right conferred upon the worthy but a privilege given to the undeserving who come in faith, repentance, and love. Even one who doubts or whose trust is wavering may receive the bread and grape juice (in place of wine) to be assured of God's love and grace in Jesus Christ.

All are invited to the Lord's Table to receive Communion, which is served by intinction. Congregants proceed via the center aisle to receive the bread (gluten-free bread and individual cups of juice are available at the center station), which they then dip into the chalice of nonalcoholic grape juice. Worshipers return to their pews by the side aisles. If you are unable to come forward to receive communion, we will come to you in your seat.

COMFORT, COMFORT NOW MY PEOPLE

Drawing on Isaiah 40:1-5 and Luke 3:4-6, this classic German hymn focuses on the preaching of Christ's forerunner, John, and includes the theme of peace.

†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

†SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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

BENEDICTION IN MUSIC

People Look East

Langlois

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Because we have been forgiven in Christ, we can forgive one another. We demonstrate this by sharing Christ's peace with one another.

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Advent Book Study
Light of the World by Amy-Jill Levine
online Wednesdays, 12:30 pm
or in person Saturdays, 11 am

WORSHIP  SUNDAYS
10 AM

Light of Grace presents
The Christmas Story
December 11, 4 pm

Lessons and Carols
December 18, 6:30 pm

The Longest Night
and Firepit Fellowship
December 21, 6:30 pm

CANDLELIGHT SERVICES  DECEMBER 24
5 PM & 11 PM

December 25, 10 am
Christmas morning Worship will be
online: [YouTube.com/@sapctucker](https://www.youtube.com/@sapctucker)

For more information, please see our website
[sapctucker.org/advent-and-christmas/](https://www.sapctucker.org/advent-and-christmas/)



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.

Approved and adopted by the Session of St. Andrews, August 2019

CALENDAR

Sunday, December 4th

9:00 AM Sunday School
10:00 AM Worship
11:00 AM Chancel Bells
11:15 AM *Remembering Your Story*
Class

Monday, December 5th

8:00 PM AA Meeting

Tuesday, December 6th

Wednesday, December 7th

12:30 PM Advent Study (Zoom)
4:30 PM Light of Grace
7:30 PM Chancel Choir

Thursday, December 8th

Friday, December 9th

8:00 PM AA Meeting

Saturday, December 10th

11:00 AM Advent Study

Sunday, December 11th

9:00 AM Sunday School
10:00 AM Worship
11:00 AM Chancel Bells
11:15 AM Not Carrying it Alone
Class
4:00 PM Light of Grace Presents
The Christmas Story

PRAYER CONCERNS AND

CELEBRATIONS

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

Congratulations to the Brillig family on the birth of Charlie Lee Brillig on November 22nd

Marcia Noble's daughter,
Michelle

Robert Hall

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

Millie Ball at home

Peggy Benedict at home

Elinor Bryan Westminster Village

Henry Tribble The Villages

Ron Weber at home, Betty Weber

Camelia Place

WELCOME

We invite you to join St Andrews, a congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA), in ministry and in worship.

Please note your presence on the list in the narthex so that members of our church family may welcome you. Your presence is a joy for us.

Families are welcome to use the parlor in the narthex during worship. Books, quiet games, and comfy seating are available, and you will be able to view a live stream of the service. For those who wish to stay in the sanctuary, the PRAYground is available, offering educational and interactive materials.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Advent Devotionals are available in the Narthex and in the courtyard by the office door.

Christmas Joy Offering We will take our annual offering in worship today. This offering goes to the support needed by some of our leaders, including supporting leadership development for communities of color, and providing support for Presbyterian church workers in their time of need. Please put Christmas Joy on the memo line of your check, or in the notes if giving online.

Advent Book Study Our study of *Light of the World* by Dr. Amy-Jill Levine has begun. Join us on Zoom on Wednesdays at 12:30 PM or in the Meeting Room Saturdays at 11:00 AM.

Gift Card Collection for NETWorks Today is the last day to bring gift cards for NETWorks to grocery stores and Walmart in the amount of \$10 and \$25 dollars to distribute to families who visit their food pantry. They are also collecting Christmas cards, written out, but not sealed. Please place cards and gift cards in the basket in the Narthex, or in the drop slot in the window of the office.

"Socks & Skivvies" Collection We are collecting new underwear and undershirts for the men of Clifton Sanctuary Ministries through December 18th. Socks are not needed, but they do need men's underwear and white t-shirts in sizes M-XXL. Bring donations to the tree in the narthex, or to the collection bin in the breezeway by the church office door through December 18th.

We Welcome Anna Price as organist morning. Please greet her following this morning's worship with thanks for sharing her talents to God's glory. Ed Weaver is in Annapolis, Maryland as harpsichordist for the performances of Handel's *Messiah* at the United States Naval Academy.

Advent and Christmas at SAPC There are a lot of wonderful events coming up at St. Andrews. We have dedicated a page on our website with details: <http://sapctucker.org/advent-and-christmas/>. There are also postcards in the narthex to use to invite your neighbors.

A Digital Copy of this bulletin is available by scanning this link to our website.



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