

# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

## ST. ANDREWS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

EPIPHANY

JANUARY 1, 2023

10:00 AM



### GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

#### WELCOME

#### OPENING VOLUNTARY

*What Child Is This?*

Corinna Papotto, Flute

Traditional English Carol

Arranged by Wayne Fritchie

#### †CALL TO WORSHIP

Calling all seekers, all dreamers, all believers...

Calling all glass-half-full optimists and lighthouse keepers...

Calling all star-chasers and bedtime prayer speakers...

Bring your questions, your hope, your faith and your fear into this space.

*God is here.*

#### †HYMN 151

*We Three Kings of Orient Are*

KINGS OF ORIENT

#### CONFESSING OUR SIN

*God of starlight, we know that faith isn't a vending machine.*

*Good news can't be bought or manufactured.*

*It does not arrive with a push of a button.*

*Instead, in this noisy world, we have to look for you in our midst.*

*We have to walk toward you, just as the Magi did.*

*We have to believe that love really can change the world.*

*We have to seek the stars beyond the city lights.*

*Forgive us for forgetting that.*

*Forgive us for seeking you with only part of our hearts.*

*We long to be more like the Magi; may we walk your way every single day.*

*Silence is kept for personal prayers of confession.*

#### DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

†JOYFUL RESPONSE 152 *What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright* PUER NOBIS NACITUR

### HEARING GOD'S WORD

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Cindy Weimer

#### SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 2:1-12

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Matthew 2:13-23

#### CHILDREN'S LESSON

#### SERMON

*We Keep Seeking*

Rev. Camille LeBron Powell

#### 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.

[sanctifiedart.org](http://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 154

*Jesus Entered Egypt*

KING'S WESTON

### †AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*We believe that faith is active,  
found on long walks,  
and in long talks,  
in future days,  
and down memory lane.*

*We believe that those who seek  
will find, although it may not be what they expected.*

*We believe that God finds us first.*

*We believe that God drops breadcrumbs along our way  
in the shape of people,  
invitations,  
and even starlight.*

*We believe that being a seeker—  
of God, of justice, of community—  
is a holy thing.*

*So we strive to live with an open spirit,  
with soft hearts,  
and with room to grow.*

*May it be so.*

*This we believe. Amen.*

### *JESUS ENTERED EGYPT*

In Matthew's gospel account the visit of the Magi is followed by the story of Jesus and his family fleeing to Egypt to escape a massacre. It is a horrible part of the Christmas story that we prefer to avoid. This hymn tells that story and tells the truth about the divisions humans create. God is not bound by any walls we build. Jesus taught us to look for and respect the image of God that can be found in every human being, and to care for "the least of these."

## SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS OF GOD'S CHURCH, COMMUNITY & 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 TO GOD

#### †Offertory Response

LASST UNS ERFREUERN

*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!*

#### †Prayer of Dedication

## GOING TO SERVE GOD IN THE WORLD

†HYMN 150

*As With Gladness Men of Old*

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### †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

*In dulci jubilo*  
(Nun singet und seid froh)

Friedrich Zachau

### 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.

*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, January 1<sup>st</sup>*

9:00 AM Sunday School  
10:00 AM Worship

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

8:00 PM AA Meeting

### *Tuesday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>*

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

7:30 PM Chancel Choir

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

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

8:00 PM AA Meeting

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

10:00 AM Removal of the Greens  
11:00 AM Advent Study

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

9:00 AM Sunday School  
10:00 AM Worship

## 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.

*Marcia Noble's daughter,  
Michelle*

*Robert Hall*

*Congratulations to Maria Mackas  
on receiving her PhD*

*The Kubik family on the death of  
Craig's step-father, Chuck Hud-  
son*

*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

*Removal of the Greens* Join us Saturday, January 7th at 10:00 am, for the removal of the greens, food provided.

*Advent Study* The final session of the Light of the World book study will take place on Saturday, January 7th, at 11:00 am in the meeting room. We will discuss the fourth chapter of the book.

*A Congregational Meeting* will be held in worship on Sunday, January 29th for the purposes of receiving the 2022 SAPC Annual Report, voting on pastoral terms of call, and the election of officers for 2023.

## CHURCH STAFF

The Rev. Camille LeBron Powell, Pastor

Ashley Lewis, Coordinator of Congregational Vitality

David Lukens, Director of Music

Edward Weaver, Associate Director of Music and Organist

Pat Baker, Director of Older Adult and Caregiver Ministries

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