

## ✝ Service of Light

Candlelighters will light candles from the Christ Candle, symbolic of Jesus Christ, the Light of the World, and begin to send the light around the congregation. To avoid wax dripping on the floor, tilt only the unlit candle when lighting your candle from the person sitting next to you.

### Carol

Silent Night, Holy Night *blue*, #60 Please raise your candles on the final stanza.  
You may extinguish your candles following the Benediction.

## ✝ Sending

### \*Benediction

### \*Closing Hymn

The First Nowell *blue*, #56 stanzas 1, 2, 6

### \*Postlude

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice! *setting by J.S. Bach*  
You are invited to be seated for the postlude. *Soli Deo Gloria! Glory to God Alone!*

## Worship Participants

**Pastors:** Rev. Bob W. David + Rev. Kyle R. Otterbein

**Music Directors:** Matthew Penning, Laura Kastens, Lee Rabe, Erin Moore

**Music Participants:** Agape Singers, kingsringers, Jon Swearingen,  
Anna Egeland + Stephanie Engelhardt

**Ushers:** families of Bruce + Lori Hudson, Bruce Alexander

## Announcements

- Interested in the ministry opportunities of St. Andrew? Our weekly *Mini-Messenger* and monthly *Messenger* newsletters are available online at: [www.saintandrew-ic.org](http://www.saintandrew-ic.org) (under the "News" heading) or in paper version in the rack near the Welcome Table and on the table outside the main office.
- Join us on Sunday, January 17, 2010 for Christian Education for all ages at 9:45 am.

## Songs of Promise for All Generations



Join us again for worship on Sundays at 8:30 + 11:00 am:

Sunday, December 27: *The Song of Simeon*

Sunday, January 3: *The Song of Creation*

Sunday, January 10: *Epiphany Sunday with music by the St. Andrew Jazz Band*

## Saint Andrew Presbyterian Church

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## THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

DECEMBER 24, 2009 ♦ 11:00 PM

## ✝ Gathering

### Prelude

Of the Father's Love Begotten *setting by Wilbur Held*

### Welcome

### Introit

Welcome to Our World *by Chris Rice* Anna Egeland + Stephanie Engelhardt, vocalists

Tears are falling, hearts are breaking; how we need to hear from God.  
You've been promised, we've been waiting; welcome, Holy Child.

Hope that you don't mind our manger, how I wish we would have known.  
But long-awaited holy stranger, make yourself at home.  
Bring your peace into our violence, bid our hungry souls be filled.  
Word now breaking heaven's silence, welcome to our world.

Fragile finger sent to heal us, tender brow prepared for thorn.  
Tiny heart whose blood will save us, unto us is born.

So wrap our injured flesh around you, breathe our air and walk our sod.  
Rob our sin and make us holy, perfect Son of God. Welcome to our world.

### \*Call to Worship/Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Fear not, for behold I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

**For unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Savior, Christ the Lord.**

And this shall be a sign for you.

**You will find the baby wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.**

And suddenly there was, with the angel, a multitude of the heavenly host, singing  
**Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace to all people!**

### \*Entrance Carol

Once in Royal David's City *blue*, #49

### \*Prayer of Approach

Holy God, you come to us as a child cradled in a borrowed bed of straw.  
Open our hearts to the needs of those without a place of their own.

**God of love grant our prayer.**

Angels proclaim the peace inaugurated by your Son.

Make us bearers of this holy peace to those in conflict.

**God of love grant our prayer.**

*Bold print - speak together in unison*

*\*please stand as you are able*

Songs of Promise to All Generations

Shepherds in the countryside hear your good news.  
Grant us grace to spread your gospel of joy and life.

**God of love grant our prayer.**

This evening, the faithful throughout the world celebrate Christ's birth.  
Unite us as one. And align us with your common purpose of love.

**God of love grant our prayer.**

Your living Word sheds light on all who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death.  
Give strength and peace to all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit.

**God of love grant our prayer.**

And Merciful God, hear the dreams, the fears, the hopes, the prayers of your people.  
**For we worship and adore you. Amen.**

## ✝ Word of God

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### Reading

Isaiah 9:2-7 *OT Bible, pg. 638*  
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### Carol

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming *setting by Hal H. Hopson* Agape Singers men

### Reading

Psalms 96 *OT Bible, pg. 550*  
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### Carol

Tomorrow Shall Be My Dancing Day *setting by John Rutter* Agape Singers women  
Tomorrow shall be my dancing day;  
I would my true love did so chance  
To see the legend of my play,  
To call my true love to my dance;  
*Sing, oh! my love, oh! my love, my love, my love,  
This have I done for my true love.*  
Then was I born of a virgin pure,  
Of her I took fleshly substance  
Thus was I knit to man's nature  
To call my true love to my dance.  
  
In a manger laid, and wrapped I was  
So very poor, this was my chance  
Betwixt an ox and a silly poor ass  
To call my true love to my dance.

### Reading

Luke 2:1-7 *NT Bible, pg. 58*

### Carol

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing *setting by Taylor Davis* Agape Singers

### Reading

Luke 2:8-20 *NT Bible, pg. 58*  
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### \*Carol

Angels We Have Heard On High *blue, #23*  
*You will be invited to place your prayer star on a window during the singing of the hymn.*

### Message

A Song of Promise to All Generations *Pastor Bob David*

### Worship in Tithes and Offerings

#### Offertory

God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen *setting by Cynthia Dobrinski* kingsringers

#### Prayer of Dedication

## ✝ The Word Made Flesh - The Eucharist

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### The Invitation to the Lord's Table

#### Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

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.**

### Words of Institution

#### 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.**

### Distribution of the Elements

O Holy Night *by Adolphe Adams* Jon Swearingen, bass  
What Child Is This *blue, #53*