

Worship Participants

Pastor: Rev. Bob W. David

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

Music Participants: Logos Choir; Jon Swearingen, soloist; Patti Benson, Lora Morgan Dunham, Steve Dunham, Eric Goers, Erin + Lucas Moore, Tamera Penning, Lee Rabe + Jon Swearingen, handbells

Ushers: families of Rich + Deb Wretman, Dick + Nancy Perkins

Announcements

- Children are welcome and encouraged to participate in our worship services.
- Children's bulletins and worship bags are available in the Narthex as you enter the Sanctuary.
- Nursery care is provided for 2-year-olds and younger in the East Wing.
- Seating, sound, and worship hymnals are available in the Narthex.
- Large print hymnals and Bibles are available from the ushers.
- Interested in the ministry opportunities of St. Andrew? Our weekly *Mini-Messenger* and monthly *Messenger* newsletters are available online at: 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 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*



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THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

DECEMBER 24, 2009 ♦ 7:30 PM

✚ Gathering

Our music is offered to the glory of God; if you wish to express a response, a spoken "Amen" or "Praise God" is welcomed. May the first note of the prelude be to you a call to silent prayer and preparation for worship. Hymns and songs may be found in The Presbyterian Hymnal (blue) or Sing! A New Creation hymnal (green).

Prelude

Carols of Christmas *settings by Martha Lynn Thompson*

Christmas Eve Ringers

Welcome

*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

O Come, All Ye Faithful *blue, #41*

*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.

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.

Bold print - speak together in unison

**please stand as you are able*

Songs of Promise to All Generations

✝ Word of God _____

Reading

Isaiah 9:2-7

OT Bible, pg. 638

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Carol

Before the Marvel of This Night *by Carl Schalk*

Logos Choir

Before the marvel of this night, adoring, fold your wings and bow, then tear the sky apart with light and with your news the world endow. Proclaim the birth of Christ and peace, that fear and death and sorrow cease: sing peace, sing peace, sing gift of peace, sing peace, sing gift of peace!

Awake the sleeping world with song, this is the day the Lord has made. Assemble here, celestial throng, in royal splendor come arrayed. Give earth a glimpse of heav'nly bliss, a teasing taste of what they miss: sing bliss, sing bliss, sing endless bliss, sing bliss, sing endless bliss!

The love that we have always known, our constant joy and endless light, now to the loveless world be shown, now break upon its deathly night. Into one song compress the love that rules our universe above: sing love, sing love, sing God is love, sing love, sing God is love!

Reading

Psalms 96

OT Bible, pg. 550

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*Carol

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice *blue, #28*

Reading

Luke 2:1-7

NT Bible, pg. 58

Carol

The Glory of the Father *by Egil Hovland*

Logos Choir

The Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us.

We beheld the glory of the Father, full of grace and truth.

In the beginning was the Word. The Word was with God.

In him was life; and the life was the light of all.

He came to his own, and his own received him not. *-John 1*

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

O Holy Night *by Adolphe Adams*

Jon Swearingen, bass

Prayer of Dedication

✝ 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

*Sending Hymn

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing *blue, #31*

*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!

