

O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL

1. O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant! O
2. The high - est, most ho - ly, Light of light e - ter - nal,
3. Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,
4. Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing;

come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem!
born of a vir - gin, a mor - tal he comes;
sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav'n a - bove:
Je - sus, to thee be all glo - ry giv'n;

Come and be - hold him, born the King of an - gels;
Son of the Fa - ther now in flesh ap - pear - ing!
Glo - ry to God in the high - est;
Word of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing;

Refrain O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him,

O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord!



THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

December 11, 2011 8:30 + 11:00 am

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear:

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to you, O Israel.*

O come, Desire of nations, bind
all peoples in one heart and mind;
bid thou our sad divisions cease
and be thyself our King of Peace.

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to you, O Israel.*

-Psalterium Contionum Catholicarum, Köln, 1710

WE GATHER TO MEET GOD

Prelude | O Come, O Come, Emmanuel *setting by David Marlatt*

Welcome + Announcements

***Call to Worship + Lighting of the Advent Candle** | Climb to the Top of the Highest Mountain *by Carolyn Jennings*

Climb to the top of the highest mountain,
Joyous tidings proclaim to the world,
Lift up your voice,
Shout the good news:
Behold, your Lord comes to you.

He who made the stars in the heaven,
He who fashioned the earth and the sea,
From time eternal, he was Alpha and Omega.
Behold, your Lord!

He will feed his flock like a shepherd,
He will carry the lambs in his arms,
He will ever keep them safe from harm.
Behold, your Lord comes to you.

He will come in power and glory,
He will rule with mercy and truth,
Hope of all the nations, Light of all.

He will love the little children,
He will hold them in his arms.
Love him and trust him as a child,
Behold, your Lord comes to you.
-adapted from Isaiah 40

***Gathering Hymn** | O Come, All Ye Faithful *see back of bulletin* Text: attr. John Francis Wade (1711-1786); tr. Frederick Oakley (1802-1880)

WE SEEK RENEWAL IN GOD'S GRACE

***Call to Confession** | 1 John 1:5-10

This is the message we have heard from Jesus the Christ and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

***Prayer of Confession**

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.



Words of Assurance | Behold the Lamb of God by Andrew Peterson + Laura Story

Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away our sin;
Behold, the Lamb of God, the life and light of men.
Behold, the Lamb of God who died and rose again.
Behold, the Lamb of God who comes to take away our sin.

Broken hearts - behold our broken hearts.
Fallen far - we need you.
Behold, the Lamb of God.

Son of God - Emmanuel. Son of Man - we need you.
Behold, the Lamb: the hope of man.
Behold, the Lamb of God.

***The Peace** | time of greeting

Grace, mercy and peace be to you in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.
And also with you.

GOD SPEAKS THROUGH HIS WORD

Old Testament Reading | Isaiah 7:14, Matthew 1:23, Isaiah 40:9, 60:1 set to music by G.F. Handel

Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Emmanuel, GOD WITH US.

O Thou that tellest good tidings to Zion, get thee up into the high mountain,
O thou that tellest good tidings to Jerusalem, lift up thy voice with strength;
lift it up, be not afraid; say unto the cities of Judah, "Behold your God!"
Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Time for Young Disciples | Heather Woodin, Director of Christian Education

Parents who would like to have their children participate in Children's Time in the Castle Room are welcome to accompany their children to the East Wing during the Musical Offering.

Musical Offering | Salvation Is Created by Pavel Tchesnokoff

Salvation is created, in midst of the earth,
O God, O our God. Alleluia.

New Testament Reading | 1 John 4:7-21

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

NT Bible, pg. 241

Message | Risky Business Rev. Matt Paul

Choral Response | Tomorrow Shall Be My Dancing Day

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 O my love;
This have I one 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:
Sing O my love;
This have I one for my true love.

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:
Sing O my love;
This have I one for my true love.
-traditional English carol

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

A 28.16 Story | Marcia Murphy

Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "Surely the Lord is in this place - and I did not know it!" -Genesis 28.16

Worship with Tithes and Offerings

Prayer requests may be written on a prayer card from the pew rack and placed in the offering plate.

Offertory | The Word Was God by Rosephanye Powell

In the beginning was the Word,
and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
The same was in the beginning with God.
All things were made that have been made.
Nothing was made, he has not made.
All things were made by him.
In the beginning was the Word,
and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
-John 1:1-3

Prayer of Dedication

Growing Givers' Hearts | Stewardship Presentation

Prayers of the People + The Lord's Prayer

blue hymnal, pg. 16 - traditional

WE GO OUT TO SERVE THE LORD

***Sending Hymn** | Hark! The Herald Angels Sing *blue hymnal*, #31

***Charge + Blessing**

***Postlude** | Carillon-Sortie by Henri Mulet

You are invited to be seated for the postlude. Soli Deo Gloria! Glory to God Alone!

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Pastors | Rev. Matt Paul, Rev. Kyle Otterbein

Lay Leader | Madgetta Dungy

Musicians | Logos Choir, Matthew Penning (director, organ/piano), Danelle Essing (soloist), Tamera Penning (soloist), Erin Moore (piano/organ), David Bloesch (violin), Don Gentzsch (violin), GaeEllyn Gentzsch (viola), Kate Vos (cello), Lisa Goodfellow-Mertens (bass), St. Andrew Brass Ensemble, Lee Rabe (director)

Ushers + Greeters | Deacons

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Children in Worship | All are welcome!

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 during worship services.

Children's Time, for ages 3 years through kindergarten, meets in the Castle Room in the East Wing.

This is a time of unstructured play, special activities, and continuing worship.

Chancel Flowers are given by Skip + Pat Wells for Christmas blessings to St. Andrew family + friends.

Christian Education for All Ages | today at 9:45 am in various parts of the building:

Ages 2 - kindergarten (East Wing) • Grades 1-6 (Sanctuary) • Grades 7-12 (North Wing)

Adults: *Incarnational Discipleship II* with Pastor Matt Paul (Fellowship Hall)

Christian Prayer Practices with Mary Beth Ross (North Wing)

Join us for our Sunday School Christmas Pageant | today at 2:00 pm followed by a cookie reception in Fellowship Hall.

Interested in the ministry opportunities of St. Andrew? | Our weekly *Mini-Messenger* and monthly *Messenger* newsletters are available online at: www.saintandrew-ic.org or in paper version in the Narthex.