

## ✧ WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS \_\_\_\_\_

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

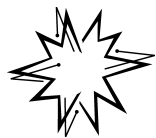
**Lay Leaders:** (8:30) Gail Brummel (11:00) Ruth Dane

**Directors of Music:** Matthew Penning, Lee Rabe

**Ushers + Greeters:** Deacons

## ✧ 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 during both worship services.
- Children's Time is for ages 3 years through kindergarten and meets in the Castle Room in the East Wing. This is a time of unstructured play, special activities, and continuing worship.
- Flowers this morning are given by  
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 Narthex.
- Christian Education for All Ages begins at 9:45 am:  
Children ages 2 - kindergarten meet in the East Wing  
Children in grades 1-6 meet in Sanctuary  
Adults meet in Fellowship Hall  
Youth in grades 7-12 meet in classrooms in the North Wing



### Sing Gloria! *An Advent + Christmas Hymn Sing*

Today, December 12 9:45 am St. Andrew Fellowship Hall

Join us as we sing and learn about new and old Advent and Christmas hymns and songs being considered for the new St. Andrew Songbook, *I Will Sing of My Redeemer*.



## ADVENT 3: MICAH'S HOPE

DECEMBER 12, 2010 ✧ 8:30 + 11:00 AM

*Hymns and songs may be found in The Presbyterian Hymnal (blue) or Sing! A New Creation (green).*

## ✧ WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD \_\_\_\_\_

WELCOME + ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Awake! Awake and Greet the New Morn *setting by Mark Sedio*

*Our music is offered to the glory of God; if you wish to express a response, a spoken "Amen" or "Praise God" is welcomed.*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather in preparation

**for good news is about to be proclaimed.**

We gather in expectations

**for joy is about to explode in our midst.**

We gather in celebration

**for we are those people who have said**

**yes to the manger, yes to love enfleshed,**

**yes to the one incarnate for others, yes to the wholeness of God.**

\*GATHERING HYMN

Awake! Awake and Greet the New Morn *green, #91*

## ✧ WE ARE RENEWED IN GOD'S GRACE \_\_\_\_\_

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

Prepare the way of the Lord! Let us make our confessions to God.

\*OUR PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**While we ask, Lord, for the most meaningful Advent season ever,  
we sadly confess having done so little with so much.**

**Forgive us, Lord, for not bending the knee, for not reading your Word,  
for not searching our hearts, for not facing our sins.**

**Forgive us according to your tender mercies, O God!**

**Grant that when Christmas morning breaks for us this year, we may have a fresh sense  
of your presence and a renewed resolve to live as Christ's hands and hearts in the world. Amen.**

*Time for silent confession*

**Bold print** - speak or sing together in unison

**\*please stand as you are able**

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\*THE ASSURANCE OF GOD'S PARDON *based on Isaiah 40*

"Comfort, comfort my people," says your God.  
Your sins are pardoned. The glory of God has been revealed.  
**Thanks be to God.**

\*SUNG RESPONSE

He Came Down *green, #92*

**He came down that we may have life, he came down that we may have life,  
He came down that we may have life. Hallelujah forevermore.**

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLES

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world;  
the one who follows me will not walk in darkness but have the light of life."  
**We light this candle as a sign of the coming light of Christ.**

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;  
those who lived in a land of deep darkness - on them light has shined. (Isaiah 9:2)

I will lead the blind by a road they do not know, by the paths they have not known I will guide them.  
I will turn the darkness before them into light, the rough places into level ground.  
These are the things I will do and I will not forsake them. (Isaiah 42:16)

The LORD says to his servant,  
"It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob  
and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations,  
that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth." (Isaiah 49:6)

Come, Lord Jesus, our light and our salvation.  
**Let us walk in the light of the Lord.**

SUNG RESPONSE

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light *green, #77* stanza 1 only

**I want to walk as a child of the Light; I want to follow Jesus.  
God set the stars to give light to the world; the star of my life is Jesus.  
In him there is no darkness at all; the night and the day are both alike.  
The Lamb is the light of the city of God; shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.**

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LET US HEAR GOD'S CALL TO LIVE IN THE LIGHT - *Ephesians 5:8-10, 15-17*

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

 GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH HIS WORD \_\_\_\_\_

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Micah 4:6-5:5a

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

OT Bible, pg. 864

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*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 following the Children's Message.*

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN

O Little Town of Bethlehem *blue, #44*

EPISTLE READING

I Corinthians 1:26-31

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

NT Bible, pg. 166

SCRIPTURE IN SONG

Gabriel's Message (Luke 1:26-45) *setting by Matthew Penning*

Logos Choir

GOSPEL READING

Luke 1:46-55

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

NT Bible, pg. 57

MESSAGE

The Poor Man's Ruler *Rev. Bob David*

 WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD \_\_\_\_\_

WORSHIP IN TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*If you have a prayer request, please fill out a prayer card from the pew rack and place it in the offering plate.*

OFFERTORY

8:30: People, Look East *setting by Karen Roth*

Matins Ringers

11:00: *setting by*

Brass Ensemble


CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow *blue, #592*

**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. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE + THE LORD'S PRAYER

*blue, pg. 16 - traditional*

 SENDING \_\_\_\_\_

\*CLOSING HYMN

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus *blue, #2*

\*CHARGE + BLESSING

POSTLUDE

*setting by*

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