

✠ Sent Out to Spread the Light

*Closing Hymn

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

*Charge & Blessing

Postlude

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel *setting by Robert J. Powell*

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, Erin Moore

Music Participants: (8:30) Joy Club, Cantate Choristers, Alpha + Omega Ringers
(11:00) Logos Choir; Elizabeth Ebot + Katherine Valde, vocalists

Lay Leaders: (8:30) Gail Brummel (11:00) Myrna Farraj

Readers: Patti Benson + Kristen DeGrazia

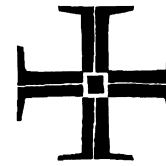
Ushers + Greeters: Deacons

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. Children who wish to participate will be dismissed from worship as noted in the bulletin. This is a time of unstructured play, special activities, and continuing worship, led each week by a Children's Time leader.
- Seating, sound, and worship hymnals are available in the Narthex.
- Large print hymnals and Bibles are available from the ushers.
- Flowers are given in memory of Nicholas John Ceynar by his parents Daniel + Julie, brother Ryan and sister Grace.
- 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 for Christian Education for all ages at 9:45 am:
Children ages 2 - kindergarten meet in the East Wing. Children in grades 1-6 meet in Fellowship Hall.
Adults and Youth in grades 7-12 meet in classrooms in the North Wing.

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THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

DECEMBER 13, 2009 ♦ 8:30 + 11:00 AM

✠ 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).

Meditation

In worship, we will hear the story of Joseph's dream about Mary's pregnancy.

So, what may be the dreams I should heed?

That holy dream - that holy dream,

While all the world were chiding,

Hath cheered me as a lovely beam

A lonely spirit guiding.

-excerpt from A Dream by Edgar Allan Poe (1809-1849)

Welcome + Announcements

Prelude

(8:30) Come, Lord Jesus *by Michael Bedford*

(11:00) O Come, O Come, Emmanuel *setting by John Leavitt*

Joy Club

*Call to Worship

Come, listen, do not despair or give up hope.

The Lord promised a sign to the house of David when it thought itself lost forever.

The Lord said that a young woman would be with child and bear a son.

She would call him Emmanuel - which means "God with us".

Come, listen, rejoice and be glad.

The Lord promised a child who would be the Savior of his people.

He would be conceived by the Holy Spirit.

He would be named Jesus - which means "the Lord saves".

Come, listen, worship and adore our God. For God has kept his promise to the house of David, and to Mary and Joseph, and to the all the world.

Let us gather, let us prepare, let us give thanks and praise.

*Opening Hymn

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel *blue, #9*

Bold print - speak together in unison

**please stand as you are able*

Songs of Promise to All Generations

✝ Voices in Crisis

*Psalm Reading

Psalm 80

*Prayer of Confession

Holy God, you have sent the one true Messiah to us, whose ways are grace and truth.

Please persist with your mercy towards your errant children. We can be slow learners.

In spite of the clear ways you have come to us in days gone by,

we keep looking in all kinds of directions for happiness.

We are attracted by shallowness, by counterfeit values, by short-term gains.

God of Messiah Jesus, bring us to a sharp stop.

Turn us around from the wrong directions we have taken.

And return us to the truth, mercy and peace of your healing grace.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

time for silent prayers of personal confession

*Kyrie *Lord, have mercy*

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✝ Signs of God's Promises

Prayer for Illumination

New Testament Reading

Philippians 4:4-7

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

- NT Bible, pg. 198

Song of Promise

(8:30) Rejoice in the Lord (Phil. 4:4-7) *by James Brighton* Cantate Choristers; Avery Kout, soloist

(11:00) Surely It Is God Who Saves Me *green, #74* congregation: refrain choir: verses

✝ Light in the Midst of Darkness

Words of Assurance

Isaiah 9:2-4

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Sung:

The Lord is my light and my salvation, of whom should I be afraid, of whom should I be afraid?

The Lord is my light and my salvation, of whom should I be afraid, of whom should I be afraid?

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 during the singing of the Song of Light.

Song of Light

He Came Down *green, #92*

1: hope

2: light

3: peace

Gospel Reading - songs of God's salvation

Matthew 1:18-25

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

- NT Bible, pg. 1

Sermon

Joseph - Songs of Promise *Rev. Bob David*

Sung Response

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

✝ Offering Ourselves for God's Purpose

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) The Friendly Beasts *setting by Sandra Eithun*

Alpha + Omega Ringers

(11:00) Immanuel *by Michael Card* (see insert) Elizabeth Ebot + Katherine Valde, vocalists

*Offering Response *Take, O Take Me As I Am green, #215*

Take, O take me as I am; summon out what I shall be;

Set your seal upon my heart and live in me.

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*Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of God's People + 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.